

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Sue Frost, Beverly Goines and Steven Moore
Preachers: Steven Baines and Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Andantino

Frank Bridge

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Dale Wood

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Steven Moore

Welcome! National City Christian Church is the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open and affirming of all people. We pray that today's worship will please God and edify God's people.

Please sign the Connect With Us card in the bulletin. If you are a first-time guest, please indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cellular telephones, pagers, and watch alarms. The service is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

INTROIT

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

William Skeat

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN



1.O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land, re - deem your whole cre -
2.From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right, for trust in bombs that
3.Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease, when ha - tred and di -



a - tion with your Al - migh - ty hand; where hate and fear di - vide us, and
show - er de - struc - tion through the night, from pride of race and sta - tion that
vi - sion give way to love and peace, 'til dawns the mor - ning glo - rious when



bit - ter threats are hurled, in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife torn world.
lures us from your way, de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray,
truth and jus - tice reign, and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

OPENING PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

✠RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 96

Sue Frost
No. 748

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:16-22

Sue Frost
NT p. 23

ANTHEM

C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways,
re clothe us in our rightful mind,

In purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.
In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord;

Let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.
Drop thy still dews of quietness 'til all our strivings cease:
take from our souls the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.
Breathe through the heats of our desires thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb,

Let flesh retire, speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Elementary school children will be invited by the pastor to leave the Sanctuary just before the sermon to attend a creative arts program in the Music Suite. Children will be dismissed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

SERMON

Stephen Gentle
Steven Baines

The Wall of Separation

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD AND CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

Those desiring to become members of the community of National City Christian Church, either by transfer of membership, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✠HYMN OF INVITATION

No. 558
BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

G.F. Handel

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing Alleluia. Praise
His name forever more. Shout, sing, come dance and celebrate.
Rejoice! Let all within us praise his name. Shout, sing, let songs of joy
break forth. O praise His name forever more.

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Will Lang

Elder: O God, at the Table, as we encounter you in the still, small voice of
compassion, in the voice of understanding, in the voice of caring, we
sense you communicating with us and with your world.

**People: O God, you have called us to be disciples of Jesus, to be faithful to
dialogue with you, even as Jesus did with the Twelve. And we would
answer by making an offering of our lives and our resources for
your saving purposes, that your realm may be furthered and your
people cared for.**

Elder: May we continue in conversation at the Lord's Table, by praying the
Lord's prayer.

**Unison: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Kristi Dane

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please eat the bread as it is passed and hold
the cup so that we may share it together.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 414
BERTHIER

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not thirst.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 722
FINLANDIA

This is My Song

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March

Frank Bridge

*As the organ postlude is played, please feel free to depart the sanctuary and greet those
around you. For those who wish to stay and enjoy the postlude, you are invited to come
forward, gather near the organ console, and let the full splendor of this instrument and
the glorious music played upon it fill your soul.*

*Following the worship service, our pastors are at the back and side doors of the sanctuary
to greet you. All are invited to come down to the Atrium for a time of fellowship.*

The flowers were given in memory of Bruce Bone and Willis Davis.

Worship and preaching resources: Chalice Worship, Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999), Seasons of the Spirit, Craig Schaub, et. al., (British Columbia, Canada: Wood Lake Publishing, Inc., 2007), and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001). The texts for the hymns sung during this morning service are reprinted with permission given under CCLI #2266475.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship! Two important principles in the U.S. are the free exercise of religion and the separation of church and state. Does that mean all political life should be secular in orientation? Or does free exercise of religion involve the right to apply one's religious commitments to public as well as private affairs? These are some of the questions we will encounter this week in our small groups as thoughtful Christians. Rev. Steven Baines, vice moderator of National City and director of religious outreach for Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, shares the pulpit with Dr. Gentle as we consider "The Wall of Separation." Welcome!

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! – We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship at National City Christian Church. Please take a moment and sign the *Connect With Us* card in the bulletin. Indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. Please place it in the offering tray.

Membership at NCCC – It would be our joy to welcome you into the membership of this congregation. You may join through transfer of membership from another congregation or through a profession of faith and baptism. Full and associate membership are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or e-mail sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

Sanctuary Tour – Tours of our historic sanctuary are available following the 11 a.m. worship service. If you are interested, please meet at the Garfield Window in the rear of the sanctuary (pulpit side).

Coffee and Fellowship – Come to the Atrium for a warm cup of coffee and meet some of the warm people of National City. The Atrium is located on the first floor of the building through the front, right door.

Nursery – Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is located in Fellers Foyer. Speak with a greeter or any member for directions.

Accessibility – Elevator access to the sanctuary is available via the 14th Street courtyard entrance. If you would like to request a handicapped parking space for Sunday, please call the church office by 12 noon on Friday. In addition, the sanctuary has an assisted listening system; please request a receiver from an usher.

EN ESPAÑOL – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

Parking – Complimentary parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel parking garage. Simply ask for a voucher at the church front desk at the 14th street entrance. Street parking is available every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on west ramp off Thomas Circle, which leads to Massachusetts Avenue. As you enter the circle heading south on 14th St. take the 2nd exit toward Massachusetts Ave.; street parking is on the right.

Audio Recording – Tapes of the sermon from the 11 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. Tapes may be ordered by completing the form at the reception desk in the Atrium or by calling the church office. Please add \$2 per tape for mailing. Messages are also available for download at www.nationalcitycc.org

Pastoral Needs – If you would like to speak with a pastor, please feel free to meet with one of the pastors at the door after the worship service or call during business hours, 202-232-0323.

National City Online – Visit online at www.nationalcitycc.org and Facebook members are encouraged to sign up as fans of National City's Facebook page. Also members and guests are encouraged to sign up for our e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Warren Brooks; James Green; Polly He; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Enid Maitland; Eva Moore; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Twelfth Street Christian Church, Washington, DC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

New Church Directory – The new church directory is available for pick up in the Atrium.

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth, and adults

Classes for elementary students will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

Classes for middle and high school students will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Christian Pathways – Small group focusing on the topic *Separation of Church and State*, led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center.

Children's Time – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program that takes place during the 11 a.m. service. Children can meet their parents in the Music Suite or in the Atrium at the end of the worship service.

Fair Trade Gifts, Crafts, and Coffee – Hilda's International Gift Shop is open today from 10 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

Congregational Luncheon and Annual Meeting – Members and guests alike are invited to church luncheon and annual meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Lunch donation is \$12 for adult and \$6 for children under the age of 12. Sign up using Connect Card or at the Atrium front desk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults concludes the four week series "Christians and Immigration: Welcoming the Stranger" this Tuesday. It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. Gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). If you are interested in leading a week of the study or providing snacks, contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Food Pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Atrium.

The Thoughtful Christian Small Group – This week's discussion will be on the topic *The Separation of Church and State*, led by Kathleen Simpson at 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Gift Shop.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – The free organ recital and demonstration series starts up again at 12:15 - 1 p.m.. This week features our own Charles Miller and Jacqueline Pallauf, harp.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The Thoughtful Christian Small Group – This week's discussion will be on the topic *The Separation of Church and State*, led by Bill Knight at 10-11:30 a.m. in the Gift Shop.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Nursery Open House – Parents of children and children from infancy to kindergarten are invited to meet our childcare provider, the preschool Sunday school teachers and visit the nursery in Fellers Foyer on Sunday, February 6, from 9:45-10:45. A short Sunday school lesson will be provided for preschoolers around 10. Snacks will be provided.

Pastor's Class – If you are interested in learning about baptism and church membership this class is for you! Beginning this Sunday at 9:50 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Classes will meet on Sundays, Feb 13, 20, and 27. Please reserve your place today with Kathleen Swihart, kswihart62@yahoo.com or 202.232.0323.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strategic Five-Year Plan – National City Christian Church's plan is available online at www.nationalcitycc.org or by e-mail request to cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact Colleen Walsh at 202.232.0323.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

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The Thoughtful Christian



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