

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Katherine Blaisdell, Beverly Goines, and Steven Moore
Preachers: Stephen Gentle and Terri Malone

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Pastorale *Sonata #1* Alexander Guilmant

I Love to Tell The Story 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

Charles Miller

Come Before His Presence With Thanksgiving
Come before his presence with thanksgiving.
Let us praise him with a joyful song.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 100
LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Katherine Blaisdell

Leader: Look around. What wonders we behold!

People: We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.

Leader: Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.

People: Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.

Leader: We thank you, God, for those souls who have gone before us.

People: And celebrate the good works they did here on the earth.

Leader: Come, let all saints here on earth and above worship the God who has blessed us so mightily.

People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Insert

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Katherine Blaisdell
NT p. 43

Mark 10:13-16

CHILD DEDICATION

Ibitari Brielle Wilcox

DEDICATION RESPONSE

Insert

Jesus Loves the Little Children

ANTHEM

G.F. Handel

O Sing Unto the Lord

O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord a new song. Halleluiah!

Sing unto the Lord all the whole earth. Halleluiah!

[Psalm 96:1]

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
Terri Malone

Sharing God's Love

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. 480
HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO

Maurice Duruflé

Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus)

Patricia Simmons, mezzo soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Blessed Jesus, O Lord, grant them rest everlasting.

✠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

Steven Baines

Elder: God of wind and fire, blow through our lives, and release us from all that clings to us and holds us back from You.

People: Lay waste the burdens that impede us. Wash away all that weighs us down. Free us to follow your Way – to be gracious and generous people. That we might be a refuge to the poor, a deliverer to the captives, and a friend to those who are alone. In hope of your mercy we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying

All: 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

Eddie Franklin

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. 475 (4)
WAREHAM

The Church of Christ in Every Age

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 482
TIDINGS

O Christians, Haste

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Leon Boellmann

Toccata from *Suite Gothique*

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 by Darrell Ertzberger in memory of Dewey Childs.

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.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome! This unique facility is held in trust for all Disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. On this blessed day, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

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.

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

James Green; Xiao 'Polly' He; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Al Weaver; and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Wilson Boulevard Christian Church
Arlington, Virginia

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 9:30 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Loretta Tate and Bill Travis.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 10 a.m., in the Howland Center, led by NCCC pastors.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 12:30 p.m., in the Howland Center, led by John Scott Williams and Theresa Beaton.

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

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.

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

YADA D-Space – YADA (Young Adults) gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. This week, we'll continue our discussion on "Five Practices of Fruitful Living."

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Service of Remembrance and Healing – 7 p.m. in the Howland Center. Grief comes to all of us, and the holidays can be especially difficult when mourning the loss of a loved one. Yet, God is found even in the midst of our grief. Join us in this service to be encouraged and to perceive God's presence and direction even through your pain. **Everyone** is welcome to attend whether your loss is recent or occurred long ago. Come and light a candle in honor of your loved one. Come to strengthen others and to be strengthened! **Bring a picture of your loved one with you.** Please contact Rev. Beverly J. Goines to confirm your participation at 202.232.0323 or bgoines@nationalcitycc.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Magical Mystical Musical Machine from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Edward Landin from Morristown, New Jersey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

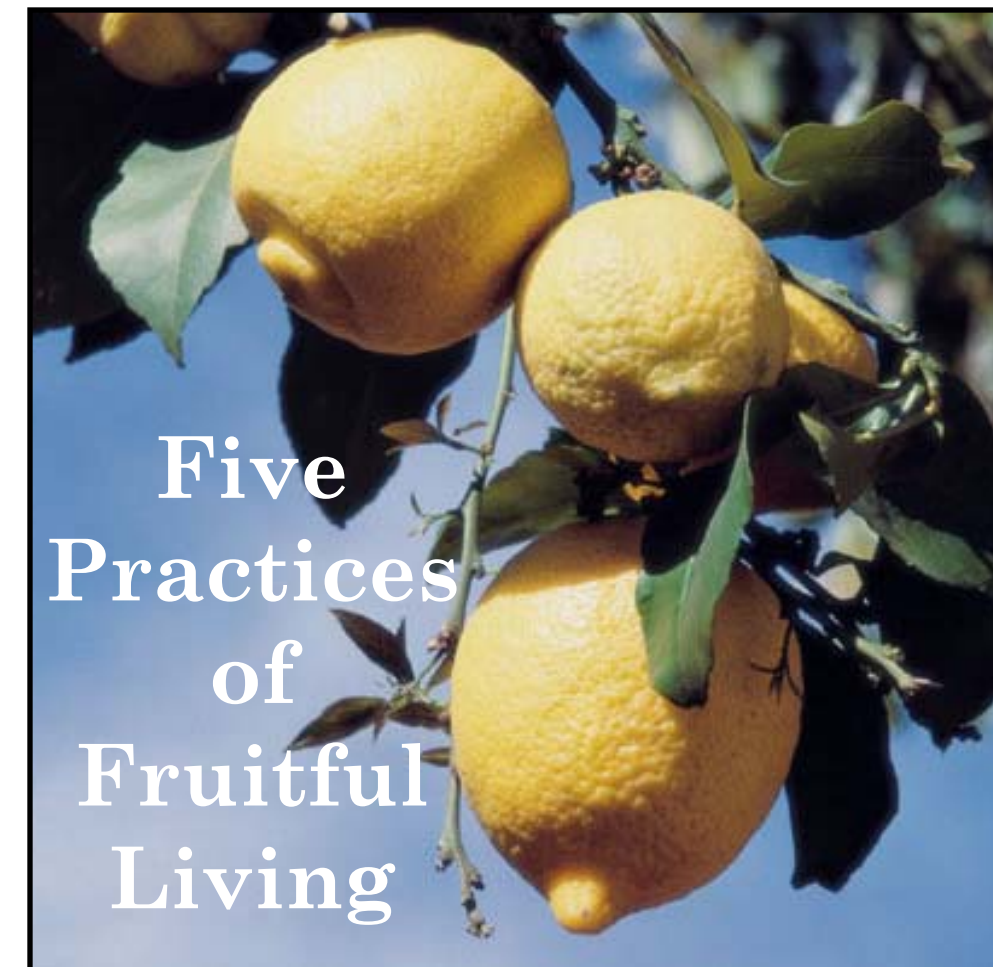
Music on the Steps – Sunday, November 7, after the 11 a.m. service. The contemporary Christian music band Eleventh Hour featuring Patrick Malone, Dale Rowland, and Stewart Yeany will perform on the front steps of NCCC on Thomas Circle.

Daylight Light Saving Time Ends – If you'd like to be on time for church on Sunday, November 7, you might want to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time officially ends at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Interfaith Service for Freedom of Conscience – November 11 at 7 p.m., Sanctuary. Speakers include the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr., preaching, and Rev. Mpho Tutu, International Representative.

General Board Meeting and Luncheon – Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Howland Center. Agenda for the quarterly meeting includes receiving from the nominating committee the proposed slate of officers, chairs, and board members for 2011.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 21, 12:30 p.m., Scott Hall. The agenda includes voting for the 2011 slate of officers, chairs, and board members for elders, deacons, deaconesses, and local trustees.



October 31, 2010
11 a.m.



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