

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Steven Moore

Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

We prepare for worship with the gathering music. Join in the singing of the gathering music with the choir, and please turn off all cellular phones, pagers, and watch alarms.

CALL TO WORSHIP Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC William Hubbard

I Love You, Lord, Today

I love you. I love you. I love you, Lord, today
Because you care for me in such a special way.
And yes, I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.
And yes I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

In the Name of Jesus

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we have the victory.
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, Satan, you have to flee.
Oh, tell me who can stand before us when we call on that great name?
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, we have the victory!

Victory, oh, victory, we have the victory!
Victory, oh, victory, we have the victory!

✠ OPENING HYMN South African Spiritual

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
Give to all who thirst and hunger.

Now he sends us all out,
Strong in faith, free of doubt,
Strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful Gospel.

Refrain

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

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: Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.

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

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 41

Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

Welcome to National City Christian Church. We greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
We request that everyone - both members and visitors - sign the Connect With Us cards in your bulletin. If you are a visitor, please indicate your address and telephone number. There is space on the back of the cards for prayer concerns.

CALL TO PRAYER No. 227 (1, 3)

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.
refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

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.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

MISSION MOMENT Terri Malone

CHORAL PRAISE V. Michael McKay

Welcome to My Father's House

Anticipation

V. Michael McKay

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

Matthew 28:16-20

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HYMN OF PREPARATION

Go

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, go, go, go;
Go ye therefore and teach all nations, go, go, go;
Baptizing them in the name of the Father and Son, and Holy Ghost.
Go, go, go.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Sharing God's Love

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

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.

✠ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP No. 344 (1, 2, 4)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me,
the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me - no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Steven Moore

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Cecil Talbott
Eric Woodard

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. White baskets are available at the first pew for your offerings. When receiving communion, take a wafer from the plate and dip it in the cup. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seats by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 422

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE James McGranaham

Go Ye into All the World



"All power is giv-en un-to Me, All power is giv-en un-to Me,



Go ye in-to all the world and preach the gos-pel, and lo, I am with you al-way."

Following the worship service, our pastors are at the front 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 gentle@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

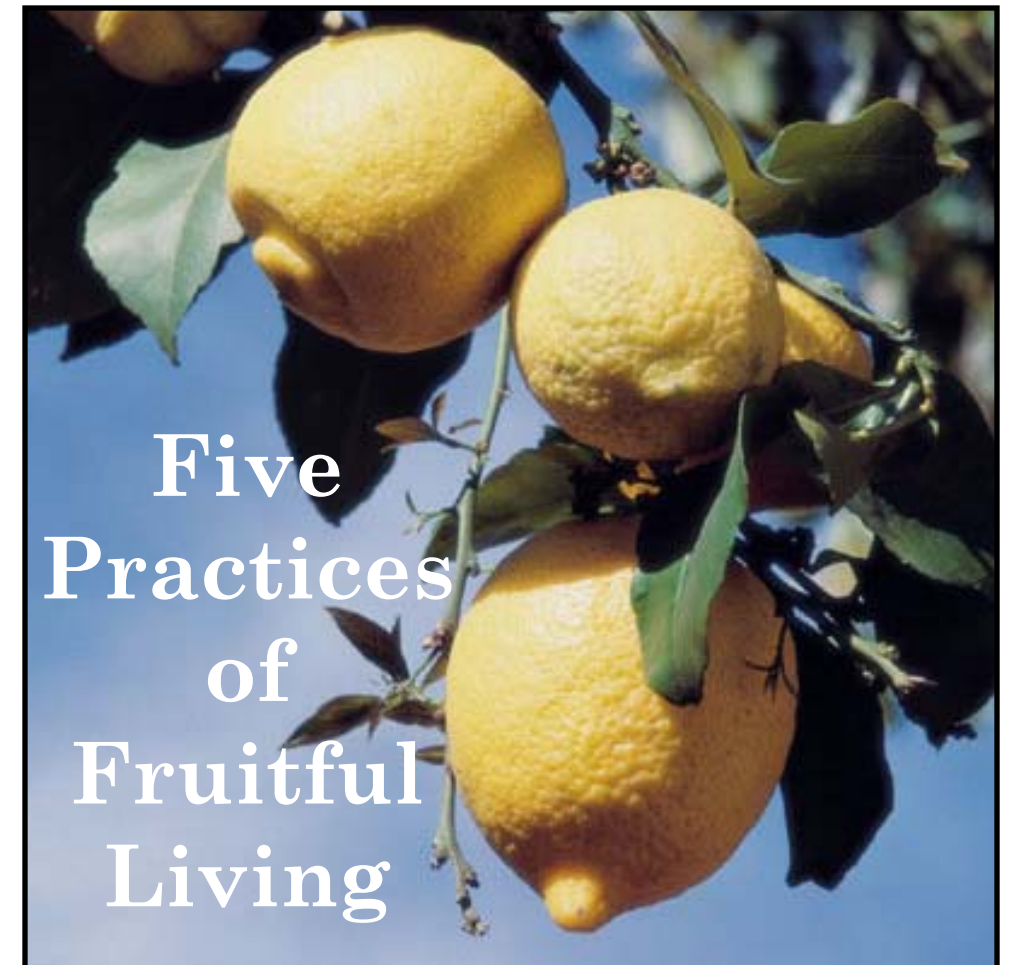
Music on the Steps – Sunday, November 7, after the 11 a.m. service. The contemporary Christian music band Eleventh Hour featuring Patrick Malone, Dale Rowland, and Stewart Yeany will perform on the front steps of NCCC on Thomas Circle.

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

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)