

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle and Tawanna Lloyd
Preacher: Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Air in G Major Herbert Howells

Prelude on *Beach Spring* David Cherwien

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

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

Let It Be Known That God is in This Place

Let it be known that God is in this place.
We will rejoice! Alleluia!

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 476
HANOVER

Rejoice in God's Saints

✠OPENING PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Tawanna Lloyd
No. 768

Psalm 150

SCRIPTURE READING

Tawanna Lloyd
NT p. 3

Matthew 4:12-23

ANTHEM

Knut Nystedt

Cry Out and Shout
Cry out and shout ye people of God.
The Lord is strength and song.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.
(adapted from Isaiah 12)

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

Steven Moore

Is That God Calling?

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Stephen Gentle

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. 342
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY SOLO

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Patricia Simmons, mezzo soprano

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure.
Flee the world, which would deceive us, and to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps trading, body here yet souls above,
full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead, I follow thee.

✠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

Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Shana Pereira

Leader: Strengthen us, O God, to heed the calling you have placed in our lives.
People: Encourage us to trust the voices and instructions that make us who we are as disciples of your Son.

Leader: As we gather at this table, let your unending love, and constant faithfulness, shine through us,

People: that we may truly be your people on this earth.

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. 452 (3)
HERE I AM, LORD

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord, of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 453
BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Frederick Swann

Trumpet Tune in D

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 honor of Anita Drew and Alia Waheed.

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 to Worship! This Sunday we recognize our community service volunteers who give selflessly of their time and other resources to proclaim the Gospel and share God's love to our world. Our sermon will focus around God's call in our lives. What does it mean to be called by God? Who is called by God? How will we know if we have been called?

Don't forget about the reception honoring our community service volunteers in the Atrium following the services.

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 the 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

Sarah Birdsong; Jane Campbell; James Green; Roy Hatton; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland; Eva Moore; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Lynn Parrish; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver; and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Aspen Hill Christian Church, Aspen Hill, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Christian Pathways – Small group on the Koran, led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center.

Pastor's Class – If you are interested in learning about baptism and church membership this class is for you! Classes will meet on Sundays, February 13, 20, and 27 at 9:50 a.m. 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, FEBRUARY 15

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults continues the series "Christians and Poverty" 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 study or providing snacks, contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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 Koran, led by Kathleen Simpson at 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Gift Shop.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series featuring Todd Davis from York, Pennsylvania, at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

IN SYMPATHY

This week National City lost two of our long-time members. Our prayers go out to the families of **Judith Bolton** and **Hilton Vaughn**.

Ms. Bolton died on Sunday morning, February 6. A memorial service for Judith Bolton will be on Sunday, March 27 at 1 p.m. at National City Christian Church. She will be interred at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Judith has been a member of National City since December, 1981, and was 93 years old. We give thanks to God in Christ Jesus for her life redeemed which is now whole and complete. Primary caregivers were Maryn and Leon Goodson and Gretchen Hakola. For their care, and the care of many others for dear Judith, we give thanks to God.

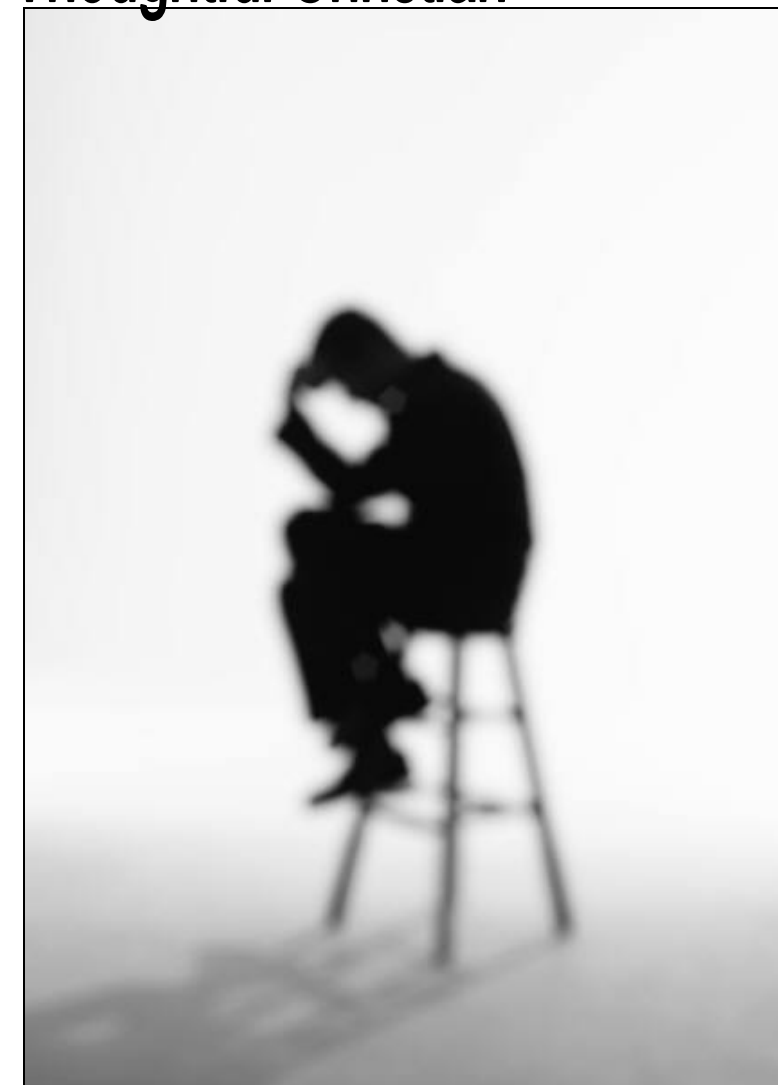
Mr. Vaughn died on Monday, February 7. A funeral service for Mr. Vaughn will be on Friday, February 18, at 9:30 a.m. at National City Christian Church. A graveside service will follow in the afternoon at a VA cemetery in Maryland. We give thanks for our Deacon Emeritus, Mr. Vaughn, for his years of service at National City since 1997 and his life redeemed in Christ Jesus.

Our prayers also go out to **Dick and Mindy Hamm** during this time of the loss of her mother, Edna Fishbaugh, who passed away February 2 at the age of 99 in Bluffton, Indiana. Notes of sympathy and support may be sent to: Dick and Mindy Hamm, 8162 Winterset Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46214.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ecumenical Advocacy Days – Ecumenical Advocacy Days will take place this year March 25-28 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia. For more information, visit www.advocacydays.org. There will be a special free event for Disciples on Saturday, March 26, at 7 p.m. More information will soon be available at www.dawnccca.org.

The Thoughtful Christian



**February 13, 2011
11 a.m.**



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