

First Sunday of Lent

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, and Noemi Mena
Preacher: Steven Moore

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

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
(repeat)

This Is the Day/He Has Made Me Glad

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise;
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

✠OPENING HYMN No. 17 (1, 4, 5)
O Worship the King

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: Today the journey begins. Are you ready?

People: There is so much I still have to do. I am not sure I'll ever be ready.

Leader: Let go of those things THAT chain you to despair.

People: Lord, help me look and see the ways in which I have abandoned you.

Leader: Come, let us worship and feel the power of freedom in God.

People: Open our hearts today to receive your freeing love, O Lord. AMEN.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 180 (1, 3)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Day

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

And thro' these days of penitence, and thro' your passiontide,
Forevermore, in life and death, O Christ with us abide.

✠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. 554

You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.
I will trust in you; let the weak say,
"I am strong in the strength of my God."
You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.

PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

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

CHORAL PRAISE Donnie McClurkin

Create in Me a Clean Heart

SCRIPTURE READING Steve Moore

Genesis 2:15-3:21

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 696 (2, 3)

For Beauty of Meadows

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,
As creatures who hear your most urgent command,
We turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
Confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace;
All nature around us is ours but on lease;
Your name we would hallow in all that we do,
Fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

SERMON Steven Moore

The Devil Made Me Do It

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. 546

Amazing Grace!

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Barbara Boward
Cecil Talbott

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. 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. 384

Here at Thy Table, Lord

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE No. 422 (3)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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 in honor of Michelle Jezycki,
Phillip Gentle and Peter Morgan.

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! We begin Lent by exploring the Adam and Eve creation story with the sermon titled: "The Devil Made Me Do It!" A creative twist during the services will be a reader's theater presentation of the Scripture.

Don't forget to bring in items for the Food Pantry Drive next Sunday - Please bring in protein items such as canned tuna, boxed macaroni & cheese, or other canned meat items. Items will be collected at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. 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.

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.

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.; Ruth Lee; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Lynn Parrish; Hilda Reynolds;
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center

Preschool Lenten Class - The class will begin this morning and run through Palm Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Nursery. At the same time, parents are invited to attend a Lenten study being kicked off by Rev. Steven Moore. The parent group will meet in Fellers Foyer, just outside the nursery. Please let Teresa Swihart know if your preschooler will attend so we can plan appropriately!

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.

Looking Beyond Ourselves and Our Borders: World Outreach – Its Importance, Our Imperative. Our own Shana Pereira will share with us her personal commitment to World Outreach through her experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador and her current work at the International Center for Research on Women. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center. In addition to her presentation, we will be discussing why World Outreach is so important, how Jesus exemplified this mandate, the D.O.C. denomination and National City's contribution, Ecumenical Advocacy Days, and what each of us can do individually or together to push this movement forward. Lunch will be provided.

Lenten Study Group – Starts this week at 5 p.m., at the home of Barbara Collins and led by John Scott Williams. We will be using the *2011 Lenten Bible Study* that can be downloaded at <http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org>. Please call Barbara at 703-323-1187 for directions.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Yada Lenten Studies – Yada welcomes the entire church to join in a small group study for the Lenten season. We will be studying Jesus' seven "I am" statements, found in the Gospel of John. Each week we'll explore one of the statements through scripture, discussion, and prayer. We meet in Hilda's gift shop at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. Come a bit earlier for snacks and socializing. For more information, or if you would like to help out, please contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series featuring Charles Miller and a recital of all Bach organ works, at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

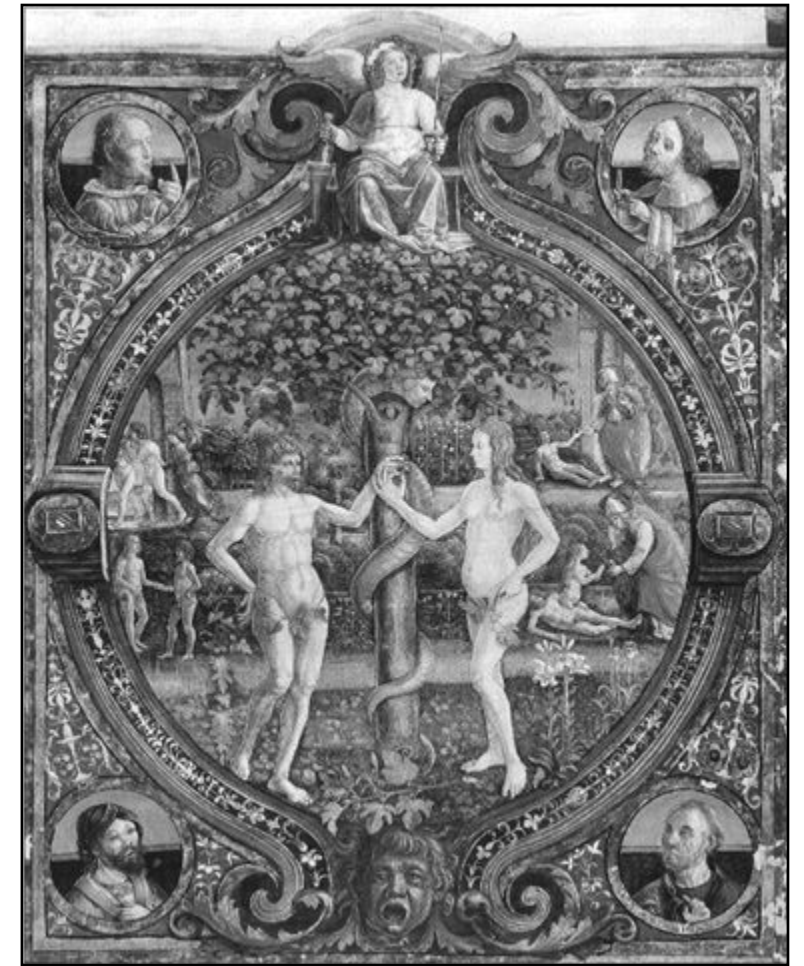
Lenten Study Group – 10 a.m. Hilda's Gift Shop, led by Bill Knight. We will be using National City's 2011 Lenten Devotional that can be downloaded at www.nationalcitycc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Sympathy – Our prayers go out to the family of Howard Sears. Howard passed away on Saturday, February 26. A memorial service will be held at National City on Sunday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m.

Yada Service – We're looking for volunteers to help prepare the lesson and materials each week. If you think you might be interested in gathering craft supplies or preparing small items for our study each week, please contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

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 devil made me do it

March 13, 2011

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)