

First Sunday of Lent

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, Sara Imhulse
Preacher: Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision Paul Manz

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ Johann Sebastian Bach

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

John Bell

Lord, Have Mercy
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠HYMN OF GATHERING

No. 56
DIX

For the Beauty of the Earth

✠OPENING PRAYER

Beverly Goines

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Sara Imhulse
No. 739

Psalm 32

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-21

ANTHEM

Franz Schubert

Kyrie from Mass in G Major
Alia Waheed, soprano soloist

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

The Devil Made Me Do It

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 COMMITMENT

No. 546
NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace!

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO

Charles Gounod

O Divine Redeemer
Patricia Simmons, mezzo soprano

Ah! Turn me not away, receive me, though unworthy.
Hear my cry, hear thou my cry. Behold, Lord, my distress.
Answer me from thy throne. Haste thee, Lord, to mine aid.
Thy pity show in my deep anguish. Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
though righteous thine anger, O Lord. Shield me in danger, o regard me.
On thee alone will I call. O divine Redeemer. I pray thee grant me pardon
and remember not, remember not, O Lord, my sins.

Night gathers round my soul. Fearful, I cry to thee. Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste thee, Lord, haste to help me. Hear my cry. Save me Lord in thy mercy.
Come and save me, O Lord.

Save in the day of retribution, from death shield thou me, O my God!
O divine Redeemer, have mercy. Help me, my Savior!

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 382 (1)
SCHUMANN

We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

John Scott Williams

Leader: God of infinite patience and love, we embark on this Lenten journey not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip.

People: It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great "want," and we need to become a people of great "faith."

Leader: As we gather at this table, stop us and remove us from the self-destructive journey on which we were living.

People: Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness, and heal our souls. For we ask this praying:

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

Teresa Swihart

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. 595 (1)
SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, safe as thou art;
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 179
HEINLEIN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Praeludium in E minor

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.

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

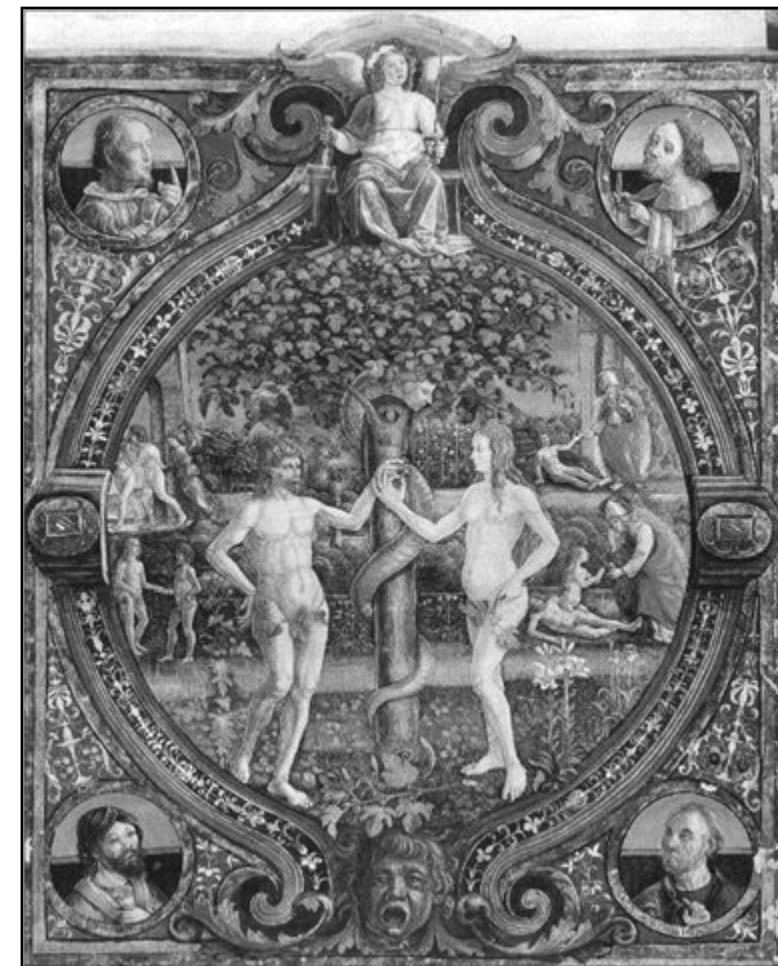
Lenten Study Group – 10 a.m. Hilda's Gift Shop, led by Bill Knight. We will be using National City's 2011 Lenten Devotional that can be downloaded at www.nationalcitycc.org.

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
11 a.m.



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