

# Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Noemi Mena, 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

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,  
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

*Hallelujah: You're Worthy*

Hallelujah! You're worthy to be praised!  
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I lift my hands; I praise you, Lord.  
I bow my head; I honor you, Lord.  
I lift my hands; I praise you, Lord.  
I bow my head; I honor you, Lord.

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 72

*To God Be the Glory*

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: When God's word comes upon the world, the world is never again the same. An old age ends – a new age begins.

**People: God calls us to speak the word of tolerance and inclusion in an increasingly intolerant and exclusive world.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to take the risk of total commitment; to follow Christ throughout the world.

**People: God's word has come again to the world. Let the old age end. Let the new day begin!**

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 555

*Through It All*

Through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;  
through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

✠ 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. 527 (1)

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the pray'r I make, on bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee.

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

*Because of Who You Are* Martha Munizzi  
Kathy Mosley, soloist

*I Love to Praise Him* Traditional Gospel

Response:

I love to praise his name.  
I love to praise his name.  
I love to praise his name.  
I love to praise his holy name.

He's my rock; my rock, my sword and shield;  
He's a wheel in the middle of a wheel;  
I know he'll never, ever let me down;  
He's just a jewel that I have found.

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

NT p. 165

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 526

*The Gift of Love*

SERMON Stephen Gentle

*For Better, For Worse*

## 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. 339 (1-3)

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Steven Moore

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP William Travis  
Ann Neereimer

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. 206

*The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE

*God Be with You*

God be with you; God be with you;  
God be with you until we meet again.  
God be with you; God be with you;  
God be with you until we meet again.

*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 Leta Rose Rowland and Melissa Wilson.

*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!** Your presence in worship today fills us with joy. Let us worship the one, eternal God who has created us and all of life and give thanks for Christ who binds us together in Christian love.

### 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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

Christian Temple, Baltimore, Maryland

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH**

AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**Food Pantry Sunday** – Please bring your donations, either monetary or food, to church on the third Sunday of every month. Your donations will be used by our Food Pantry team to provide food and other needed items to the homeless in our area. For more information please see the insert in the bulletin or contact Barbara Boward at [bbow75@hotmail.com](mailto:bbow75@hotmail.com).

### 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 same gender marriage, led by Bill Travis in Scott Hall.

**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 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.

**Gospel Concert** – National City Gospel Choir members Laurenda Carter, Phyllis Chesley, Lawrence Footman, and Annice Majette will perform at the Kennedy Center as the Washington Performing Arts Society's Men, Women, and Children of the Gospel combine with the Washington Choral Arts Society in concert "Living the Dream...Singing the Dream."

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**Yada D-Space** – The Young Adults continues the series "Christians and Poverty" this Tuesday. This week's topic is "What role should government play?" 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](mailto:aneeriemer@gmail.com).

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**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 same gender marriage, led by Kathleen Simpson at 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Gift Shop.

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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**Magical Mystical Musical Machine** – Free organ recital and demonstration series featuring Jeffrey Alban from Front Royal, Virginia, at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

**Yada Social** – The Young Adults are going ice skating at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden followed by dinner and drinks at Dubliner Irish Pub at 6 p.m. We hope all young adults can join us for our annual ice skating outing, smack in the middle of some great modern art. So DC! If you plan to skate, you might want to arrive a few minutes early to get in line. If you don't skate, don't worry! You can join the Southern coalition of Yada in the cafe and enjoy hot beverages and watch your friends [hopefully] whirling gracefully around on the ice.

## 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](http://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](http://www.dawnccca.org).

# The Thoughtful Christian



February 20, 2011

8:30 a.m.



**National City Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)