

# Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Barbara Collins, Beverly Goines, and Steven Moore  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace* arr. Frederick Swann  
Charles Miller, organist

### MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Steven Moore

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

*Ave Maria* Franz Biebl  
A Cafella – Select Men's Choir, Hall High School, West Hartford, Connecticut  
Emmett Drake, director  
Soloists: Adam Holtzberg, Matt Kampe, Nick Kwas,  
Keeani Munoz, Mike Patterson

The angel of God visited Mary and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Mary said: see the servant of the Lord. May it happen to me according to your word.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, Holy Mary, pray for us now  
and in the hour of our death. Amen. (sung in Latin)

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 6  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

### ✠OPENING PRAYER

Barbara Collins

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### RESPONSIVE PSALM

Barbara Collins  
No. 525

*Song of Love*

The organ will introduce the sung response  
and then the congregation is invited to sing the response.  
The reader will read the unbolded text and the congregation will read the bolded text and  
sing the response wherever indicated by an **R**.

### ANTHEM

*Esto Les Digo* Kinley Lange  
Voce di Coeli – Select Women's Choir,  
Hall High School, West Hartford, Connecticut  
Dan Campolieta, director  
Corinne Harney, soprano

This I tell you, where two are gathered on the earth in accord,  
to ask anything in prayer, my Father, who is in heaven, will give it to you.  
Because where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I, in the midst of them.  
(sung in Spanish)

### 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 dis-  
missed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

### SERMON

Stephen Gentle

*For Better, For Worse*

## 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. 499 (1, 2, 5)  
O WALY WALY

*When Love is Found*

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Steven Moore

### OFFERTORY SOLO

Dan Campolieta (2010)

*Will There Really Be a "Morning?"*

Voce di Coeli

Will there really be a "Morning?" Is there such a thing as "Day?"  
Could I hear it from mountains, if I were as tall as they? Has it feet like water lilies?  
Has it feathers like a bird? Is it brought from famous countries of which I have never heard?  
Oh some scholar! O some sailor! Oh some wise man from the skies!  
Please to tell a little pilgrim where the place called "Morning" lies!  
(Text by Emily Dickinson)

### ✠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

Beverly Goines

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

David McKinney

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

**People: Transforming God, sometimes we do not welcome what is  
new. Broken, we do not want an in-breaking. We want to shut our  
doors against the world when you would have us throw them  
open and make the world our home. We want to clutch our  
treasures to our breasts when you would have us go on a pilgrimage  
to place them in another's hands. Forgive us, Lord.**

Elder: This is the good news in Jesus Christ: God loves us more than we love  
ourselves. God forgives us, encourages us, and frees us to love others.  
Thanks be to God.

**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

Shana Pereira

### 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. 527 (1)  
MORE LOVE TO THEE

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make, on bended knee;  
this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 683  
AZMON

*O For a World*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Carillon*

Leon Boellmann

*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 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.

This morning we welcome the choirs of Hall High School, West Hartford, CT and their directors Emmett Drake and Dan Campolietta. The choirs are on a week-long tour which included a stop in New York City. The Hall High School music program has produced numerous award and festival winning ensembles, including its choirs and jazz ensemble. We are indeed grateful for the gift of music these students share with us this morning!

### 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

## 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.

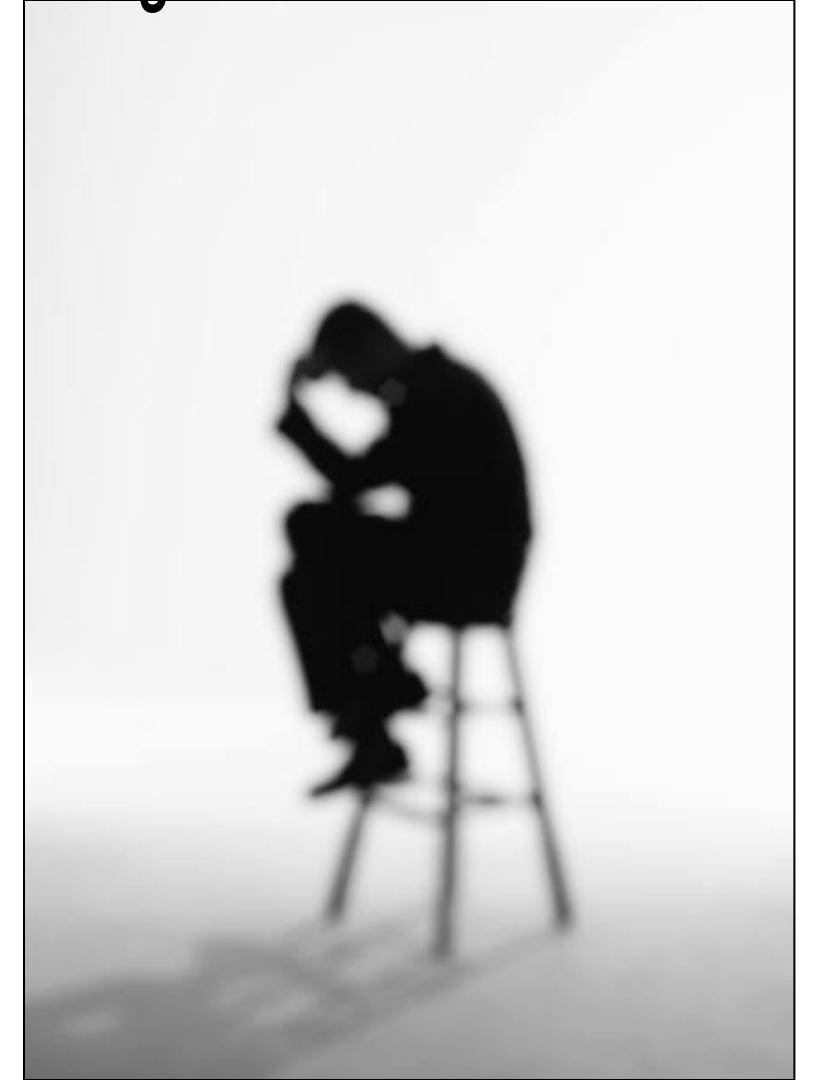
**Yada Social** – The Young Adults are going ice skating at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden followed by dinner and drinks at Dubliner Irish Pub at 6 p.m. We hope all young adults can join us for our annual ice skating outing, smack in the middle of some great modern art. So DC! If you plan 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).

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