

Last 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 *Holy Ground* No. 112

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Awesome God Rich Mullins
Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome God.
repeat

He reigns! He reigns! He reigns!
Our God is an awesome God!
repeat

✠OPENING HYMN No. 709
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena
Leader: God of constant care and compassion, grace us this day with your presence.
People: Help us lay aside our burdens and trust in your love, that we may be led by your guiding hand and clarifying light.
Leader: Aid us as we seek your heavenly hopes for this earth, that we may be your children...
People: ...and reflections of your light and life.

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING Dave Moody
All Hail, King Jesus
All hail, King Jesus, all hail, Emmanuel:
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I'm going to praise him,
And forevermore I will reign with him.

✠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. 595 (1)
Be Thou My Vision
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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 Richard Smallwood
The Glory of the Lord

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines
OT p. 69
Exodus 24:12-18

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 182 (1, 3)
Transform Us
Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.
Left us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay with in a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation - time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

SERMON Stephen Gentle
How To Have A Meaningful Lent

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. 348 (1, 2)
More About Jesus Would I Know

More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show;
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

Refrain:
More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn, more of his holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Steven Moore

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Cecil Talbott
Eric Woodard

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. 422
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE
This Little Light of Mine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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 Loretta Tate and Michelle Jezycki.

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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.

From March 9 until April 29, **Dr. Gentle** will be serving as a grand juror for the D.C. Superior Court, Wednesday through Friday. On those days please contact Rev. Moore or Ms. Swihart or leave a message at (202) 642-1356.

The family of the late Hilton Vaughn wish to express our heartfelt thanks, sincere appreciation and deep gratitude for all the many prayers, comforting words, sympathy cards, telephone calls, and other acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement.

- Doris Ward and Family

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; Gary Lewis; 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

English Consul Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Gospel Worship Service Meeting – Sunday, March 6, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary. All interested persons are invited to a discussion concerning the 8:30 a.m. Gospel Worship Service, sharing ideas on how we can help provide a greater witness to our community.

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

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, MARCH 8

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults are meeting for a special discussion this Tuesday led by Mark Caldwell. Disciples Space is 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.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

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

Ash Wednesday Service – As we begin the Lenten journey, join us for a special Ash Wednesday service. We will begin with a soup supper. The soup will be available from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the service will begin at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series featuring Christopher Gage from Rochester, New York, at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE YOU GO TO BED!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool Lenten Class - The class will begin on March 13 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!

Lenten studies begin March 13 - Plan on joining one of the many Lenten study groups: at church on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. with Christian Pathways or with parents of young children; at the home of Barbara Collins on Sunday evenings; at Yada on Tuesday evenings; on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at church.

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 Sunday, March 13, 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. Join us for a (free) light lunch. Please RSVP to prodemocracy@verizon.net, or 301-229-2142, so we have enough loaves and fishes for all!

Yada Service – Feeling Crafty? In this year's Lenten study, titled "Who do you say that I am?," we will explore a different "I am" statement that Jesus makes each week. 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.



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preparing for Lent

March 6, 2011

8:30 a.m.



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(Disciples of Christ)