

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Chrys Lemon, and Steven Moore
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Aria Charles Callahan
Improvisation on *St. Denio*

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

Agingourt Hymn

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
O wondrous sight, O vision fair, of glory that the church may share;
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows.
With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above who dwell with God in perfect love.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 66
ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

✠OPENING PRAYER

Beverly Goines

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Chrys Lemon
No. 749

Psalms 97

SCRIPTURE READING

Chrys Lemon
OT p. 69

Exodus 24:12-18

ANTHEM

Bob Burroughs

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
day-spring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.
Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen
[Charles Wesley]

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

Stephen Gentle

How To Have A Meaningful Lent

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. 557
CLOSER WALK

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Steven Moore

OFFERTORY SOLO

arr. Edward Boatner

Oh, What a Beautiful City
Sterling Washington, tenor

Oh, what a beautiful city! Twelve gates to the city, Halleluiah!
Three gates in the east, three gates in the west,
three gates in the north, three gates in the south
Makin' it to twelve gates to the city, Halleluiah.
My Lord built that city and he said it was just four-square,
and he said he wanted you sinners to meet him in the air.
'Cause he done built twelve gates to the city. Halleluiah.

✠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

Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Teresa Swihart

Elder: Majestic God, shine upon us with your glorious love; shine through us with your brilliant grace. As we share in Holy communion this day, reveal your truth to us, that we might see and live the paths of discipleship you set before us.

People: Forgive us, O God, when we stumble in the darkness and turn away from your face. Strengthen us to walk in your brightness and live in your ways. Enlighten the shadows that keep us from growing in your love and light. Shower us with your grace, that we might shine as your people upon this earth.

Elder: We are all God's beloved children. Through the grace of Christ, we are forgiven!

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

Deloris Ruddock

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. 416 (2)
CONSOLATION

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load;
here taste a-fresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 622
CWM RHONDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Healey Willan

Festival

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 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.

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 aneerieme@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
11 a.m.



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