

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship Leaders: Tawanna Lloyd and Steven Moore
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE J.S. Bach

Chorale Prelude on *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Chorale Prelude on *Llanfair* McNeil Robinson

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.

CHORAL INTROIT Richard Farrant

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and ever more.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 518
BEGINNINGS

This is a Day of New Beginnings

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Tawanna Lloyd

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures for all time.

Leader: Come all who need justice,

People: God weaves in us the path of life.

Leader: Come all who need peace,

People: God weaves in us the way of truth.

Leader: Come all who need comfort,

People: God weaves in us a sure hope.

Leader: Come all who need healing,

People: God weaves in us the promise of wholeness.

Leader: Come all who need community,

People: God weaves in us the love of Christ.

Leader: Come all who need God,

People: God weaves in us the heart of the Divine.

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures for all time.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 180 (1)
ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Tawanna Lloyd
NT p. 171

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

ANTHEM Carl F. Mueller

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit.
Restore unto my the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

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

Can A Broken Relationship Be Healed?

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 INVITATION MARTYRDOM

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1. A - las! and did my Sa - vior bleed, and did my sov - reign
2. Was it for sins that I have done he suf - fered on the
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut its glo - ries
4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I



die! Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
tree? A - maz - ing pi - ty! Grace un - known, and love be - yond de - cree!
in, when Christ, the great Re - deem - er died, for hu - man crea - tures' sin.
owe; Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Steven Moore

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Gabriel Fauré

Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus)

Terri Malone, mezzo soprano

Blessed Jesus, Lord and God, grant them rest; grant them eternal rest

✠DOXOLOGY No. 48
TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Kent Woods

Elder: Eternal Spirit, source of all that is and ever shall be, we acknowledge your holiness and offer you thanksgiving.

People: May your commonweath of peace and freedom flourish on earth, until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion. May we find the bread that we need for today. And for the hurts we cause one another, may we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive. In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong; when life seems overwhelming, help us to endure; and from the yoke of sin, deliver us. May you reign in the power of human love, now and forever.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE Kathy Mosley

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. 340 (1)
THOMPSON

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, (come home), come home, (come home),
ye who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly,
Jesus is calling - calling, "O sinner, come home!"

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 272
AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Johann Sebastian Bach

Praeludium in G Major, BWV 541

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 by the Leslies
in honor of Tommie Faulkner, Annavee Leslie's mother,
who was a member of the Crusader Class and National City for 30 years.

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! – This is the fourth Sunday in our 40 days of Lent as we continue our spiritual pilgrimage to Easter. On this day we consider the difficult task of reconciliation. Can a broken relationship be healed? As Paul writes in his second letter to the church in Corinth, “All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:16-21) How may we participate in this ministry of reconciliation, when we experience brokenness in a relationship? This is the question we will ponder through scripture, music, and prayer on Sunday, March 14. Come, and worship with the people of God at National City Christian Church.

Bunkhouse Ministry – National City looks forward to a busy March in our bunkhouse ministry. First Christian Church, Edmond, Oklahoma, brings a youth group March 13 - 16. The Kansas Disciples join us again for the International Affairs Seminar March 17 - 19. And First Christian Church, Rogers, Arizona, comes right afterwards for the seminar on March 20 - 23.

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 11:00 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.

Parking – Parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel garage on Vermont Avenue. Coupons are available for discounted price of \$4 at the 14th Street entrance desk in the Atrium.

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. 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.

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

Bill Fellers; Paul Fitzgerald; Frances Howard; Ann Howland;
Adele Miller; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Dick Taylor; Martha Thompkins;
all those who have lost their jobs due to the economy;
and all those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church
Baltimore, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR AT cajwalsh@gmail.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

“Blanket Sunday” – Disciples Women will be collecting funds again this week to purchase blankets for disaster relief efforts around the world. The funds are channeled through Church World Service. The cost of each blanket is \$5.

Yada Lunch after Church – 12:15 p.m. after the worship service. This is a great time to invite friends or meet young adults you haven't had time to get to know! We are going to check out Las Villa up the street from the church. Join us for some food and fellowship.

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth and adults.

A class for 3-, 4-, and 5-year olds meets in the Nursery Area off of Fellers' Foyer. To get there go through the doors on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary.

Elementary School children meet in the library in the Campbell Building.

High School and Middle School classes meet in Wells Parlor in the Campbell Building.

Christian Pathways – an adult class for all ages meets 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.

Memorial Service – A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary for Frances E. Smith, a member and aunt of Diana Morse. Miss Smith would have been 98 on March 24.

Lenten Studies - John Scott Williams is leading a Sunday evening group in Virginia at the home of Barbara Collins, starting with a gathering at 5 p.m., followed by a light dinner, with the lesson at 6 p.m. Barbara lives at 4910 N Centaurs Ct., Annandale.

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Community Action – The Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is holding an accountability action with DC Mayor Fenty and DC Council members at 7 p.m. at Covenant Baptist Church, 3845 South Capitol Street, SW. Everyone is invited For further information, contact Rick Bahr at richardbahr@verizon.net or 703-525-2907.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Employment Support Group at 6:30 p.m. – Anyone who is seeking employment support is invited to meet in the Visitors' Center. For inquiries, contact Douglas Cook at 301-229-2141.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

An Evening with Yada – 7 p.m. Yada invites the whole church to D-Space to help us kick off our next series on the Christianity's Family Tree. We will share dinner, watch the short video on the Orthodoxy, and explore the themes with a rousing discussion on what we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith. We would love for all of National City to come check out what Yada's D-Space is all about!

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Magical Mystical Musical Machine! – Sanctuary from 12:15 - 1 p.m. A hands-on display in the Narthex and a post-recital demonstration will provide an up-close-and-personal look at the magical mystical musical machine that is the pipe organ.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Lenten Studies – 10 a.m. in Hilda's Gift Shop. Bill Knight will lead the group.

Inside/Outside Workday – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. National City needs some sprucing up in time for Easter. Every little bit helps! Please contact Rick Mohn or Wes Strotman if you are able to help.

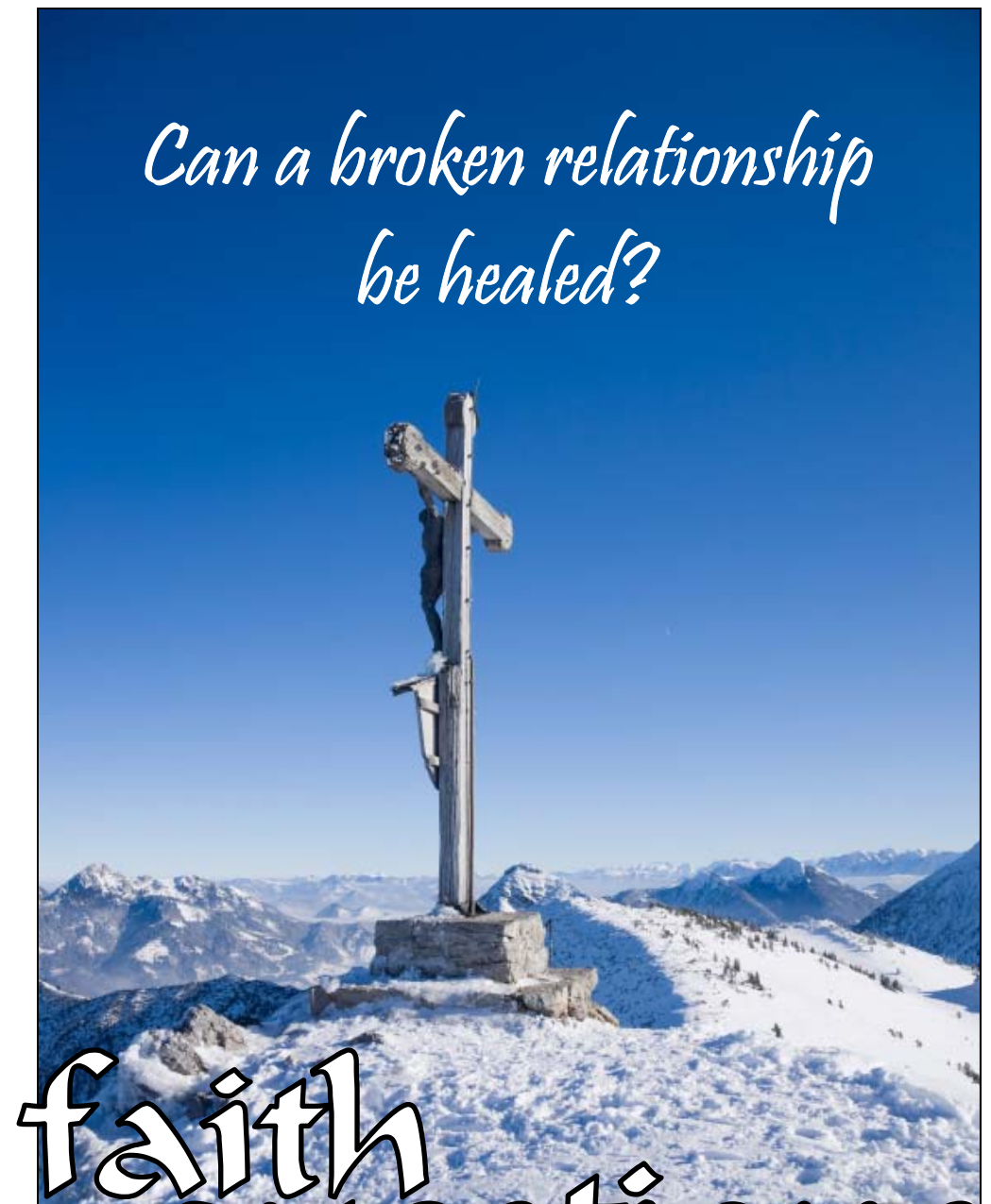
Bach Pipe Organ Marathon – Noon - 6 p.m. Come and enjoy 30 minutes or the whole marathon as National City once again celebrates J.S. Bach's Birthday! Charles Miller and Christopher Keenan will be playing 6 different hour-long programs.

All Church Wedding Shower – 2:30- 5:30 p.m. Yada would like to invite all of National City to a wedding shower for Trevor Dane and Kristi Beckwith. Please RSVP to Shana Pereira at 314-238-6093 or shanita77@gmail.com if you are planning to attend and for directions to her house.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days - All Disciples are invited to hear Dr. Sharon Watkins speak at 7 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City. Gathering and snacks will begin at 6:30 p.m. An offering will be taken. Please RSVP to DAWN at dawncca@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Write the Next Chapter in National City's Story – New dates for the Envisioning Sessions: March 27-28. These sessions will help National City discern our calling for the decade ahead. Please sign up for these sessions at the front desk in the Atrium.



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March 14, 2010
11 a.m.



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