

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines 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 No. 112

Holy Ground

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.
(repeat)

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord

I will bless Thee, O Lord! I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise,
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 272 (1-4)

The Church's One Foundation

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

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.

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 180 (1)

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.

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

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

I Will Do a New Thing

"I will do a new thing in you; I will do a new thing in you;
Whatever you ask for, whatever you pray for,
Nothing shall be denied," saith the Lord; saith the Lord!
(repeat)

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

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 Glenn Burleigh

Anoint Us (Let God Arise)

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 518 (1, 4)

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
In faith we gathered round the table to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Can A Broken Relationship Be Healed?

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 Jane Parker Huber

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship, joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole,
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

God, your will is still creating, calling us to life made new,
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion, fashion us with loving care,
Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Steven Moore

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Ann Neeriemer
Bill Knight

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. White 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. 204

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE No. 445

Go in Peace

Go in peace and peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

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 by the Leslie's
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 richard-bahr@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.

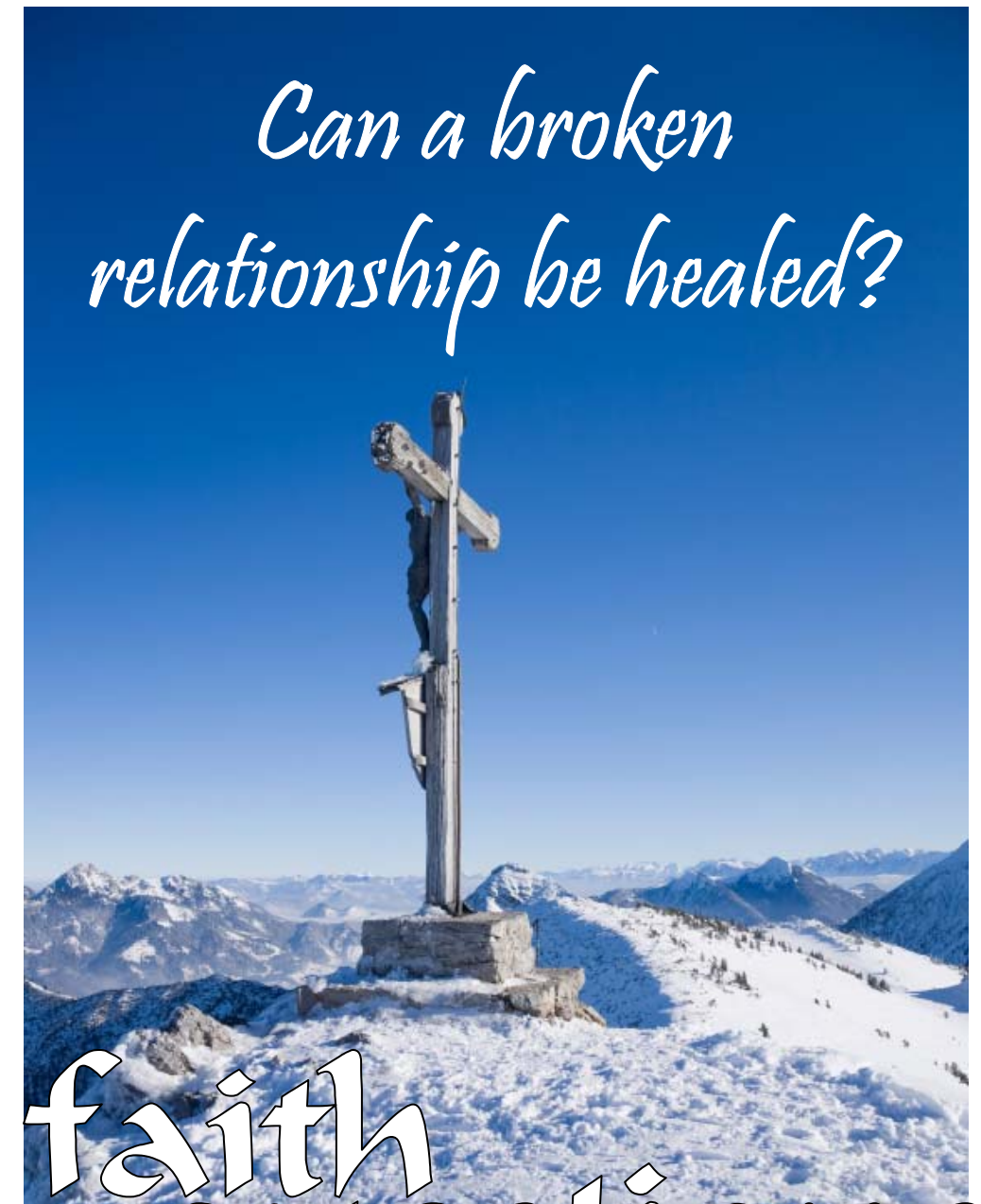
Bach Pipe Organ Marathon – Noon - 6 p.m. Come and enjoy 30 minutes or the whole marathon as National City once again celebrates J.S. Bach's Birthday! Charles Miller and Christopher Keenan will be playing 6 different hour-long programs.

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.



March 14, 2010

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)