



# National City Christian Church World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017, at 11 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

202-232-0323

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Welcome to National City Christian Church, national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open to and affirming of all people. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please fill out the Connect with Us card, and place it in the offering tray. Today's service is approximately 75 minutes.

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Aixa Diaz, Beverly Goines, Kenneth Lowenberg, and Michael McMahon

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Suite Brève: Cantilène

Jean Langlais

(1907-1991)

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

INTROIT

Plainsong

*Be Know to Us, Lord Jesus*

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

✠ OPENING HYMN

*What Is This Place*

No. 289

KOMT NU MET ZANG

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: The world belongs to God, the earth and all its people.

**People: How good and lovely it is to live together in unity.**

Leader: Love and justice come together, justice and peace join hands.

**People: If the Lord's disciples keep silent the very stones themselves would shout aloud that our world belongs to God, and God is building a global hope.**

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

**People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

No. 233 (3)

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay.

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

*Acts 10:11-23*

[Peter] saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them." So Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?" They answered, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

PSALM

Jean Berger

*The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee (Psalm 145:15-16)*

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

*What Kind of Church?*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

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 RESPONDS TO 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. 518

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

BEGINNINGS

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Bread of Life from Heaven*

David Ashley White

O Bread of Life from heaven, to saints and angels given; O Manna from above!

The souls that hunger, feed thou.

The hearts that seek thee, lead thou, With thy sweet tender love.

Text: Latin hymn, 17<sup>th</sup> cent., tr. Philip Schaff, 1819-1893

✠ PRESENTATION HYMN

No. 382 (1)

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Ben Moore  
Willie Alexander

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Beverly Goines

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle. If you prefer to remain seated, communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 425 (1)

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jean Langlais

*Suite Brève: Plainte*

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

✠ GOING FORTH

No. 431

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Jean Langlais

*Suite Brève: Dialogue sur les Mixtures*

Following the worship service, pastors and elders are at the back and side doors of the Sanctuary to greet you. All are invited to the Atrium for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.

## **CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR**

Garfield Memorial Christian Church, McLean, Virginia

## **GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS**

Tom Liddle, East Timor

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY**

Willie Alexander; Fay Arrington; Dorothy Davis;  
Eddie Franklin; Sue Frost; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;  
Courtney & Betty Jones; Shirley Kruse; Tawanna Lloyd;  
Robin Schacht; Lily Stewart; Jessica Sylvester;  
David Williams; persons in military and civil service  
around the world.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hurricane Relief** - Those interested in giving may note on their check or offering envelope "Week of Compassion." You can also visit [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org). Thank you for your thoughtful gifts and prayers.

**Reconciliation Offering** - Today we will be collecting for our denomination's special offering for reconciliation. The funds collected are used in the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism work of the church.

**Sunday's Message:** Today we celebrate Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. On this day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. On this beautiful Sunday that the Lord has prepared, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

**World Communion Sunday** seeks to enhance the oneness of the church through an awareness that all Christians are seated at the Lord's Table, within our separate faith communities. Observed on the first Sunday in October, we pray for all members of the church universal, that we may be bound together by spiritual ties, and labor together for the coming of God's reign.

**Gospel Choir 15th Anniversary - Sunday, October 8.** We hope you can join us as we include some favorite selections and praise God, in concert at 3 p.m.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9 a.m., Music Suite.  
**Christian Pathways** - 10 a.m., Large Atrium.  
**Toddler Class** - 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room.  
Barbara Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders  
**Sanctuary Tour** - 12:15 p.m. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary, near the President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour of National City.  
**National Children's Chorus** - 1:30 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center, Women's Robing Room

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**Prayer call at 6 a.m.** - All are invited to join the weekly conference prayer line for National City. Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter access code 371015. For more information, contact Loretta Tate at 202-489-2020.

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**National Children's Chorus** - 4 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center, Community Room  
**Gospel Choir Rehearsal** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9:30 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**DC Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall  
**Book Group Meeting** - 7 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**Music at Midday** - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary, **free**. Piedmont College President James F. Mellichamp will present a recital of beautiful organ works by Ernest Tomlinson, Gabriel Pierné, Joseph Bonnet, Craig Phillips, and Louis Vierne.  
**Bible Study in Gaithersburg** - 7 p.m., Contact: Stephen Gentle at [sgentle@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:sgentle@nationalcitycc.org)

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9 a.m., Music Suite.

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## **FOR OUR GUESTS**

**EN ESPAÑOL** - Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

**Membership at National City Christian Church** - 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 memberships are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email [sgentle@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:sgentle@nationalcitycc.org)

**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.

**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 202-232-0323 during office hours.

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# Workshops to Enhance Community to Uplift Worship to Inspire

This event is open to laity and clergy alike!

For more information and registration forms:

Online: [www.cccadisciples.org/salt-light](http://www.cccadisciples.org/salt-light)

Email: [mail@cccadisciples.org](mailto:mail@cccadisciples.org)

Call: 301-942-8266

A TRAINING DAY FOR  
CHURCH LEADERS

salt & light

**Saturday, October 14**  
**@ National City Christian Church**  
**9 am - 5 pm**

***Gospel Choir 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***  
**Sunday, October 8, at 3 p.m.**

We hope you can join us as we include some favorite selections and praise God! **If you have a favorite song in the Gospel Choir's repertoire, let us know! Yours might make the list as we travel down memory lane.** Several former choir members will join us, along with featured guests **Alia Waheed Ky** and saxophonist **Lenair Williams**.

