



National City Christian Church

Anniversary Sunday

October 22, 2017, at 8:30 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.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster and Beverly Goines

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

Step by Step

Beaker

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.
repeat

Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus

Traditional

Can't nobody do me like Jesus,
Can't nobody do me like the Lord.
Can't nobody do me like Jesus;
He's my friend.

Healed my body, told me to run on;
Healed my body, told me to run on;
Healed my body, told me to run on;
He's my friend.

Picked me up and turned me around;
Picked me up and turned me around;
Picked me up and turned me around;
He's my friend.

✠ OPENING HYMN

O How I Love Jesus

No. 99

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,

People: "I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

Leader: Lord, you have promised us,

People: "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Leader: Lord, you have blessed us, saying,

People: "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

Leader: Lord, you have humbled us, saying,

People: "I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

Unison: Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

✠ Please stand as you are able.

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord,
Singing, "Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!"
(repeat)

Don Moen

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER

Thank You, Lord
Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

No. 531 (1, 2)

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.

CHORAL PRAISE

Taste and See
Lolita Neal, soloist

Kenneth W. Louis

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Baited, the Question Rose
Baited, the question rose from somewhere in the crowd:
"Teacher, you truly know God's way. Is paying tax allowed?"

Jesus perceived their trap: "Why do you test me so?
Bring here the coin the tax requires, and see what it will show."

"Whose image does it bear? Whose name and titles tell?"
"Caesar's, of course," they smugly said, and thought they answered well.

"Give Caesar what is his; God, what is God's alone."
Strong words, convincing and profound, like truth already known.

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1-4)

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

In Whose Image?

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

Baited, the Question Rose

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (5, 6)

May we discern, O God, your daily gifts of grace.
Show us your image freshly coined in every heart and face.
Help us fit tribute yield through prayers and hymns we raise,
But most of all by deeds of love to give you thanks and praise.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Jane Campbell
Loretta Tate

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Stephen Gentle

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

The Lord's Supper is for all believers in Christ Jesus. Please come forward down the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Baskets are available at the front for your offering and "Connect With Us" cards. When receiving communion, take a piece of bread or wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

No. 425

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

Hold Out Your Light!

Spiritual, arr. Valeria Foster

Hold out your light, you heav'n-bound soldier;
Hold out your light, you heav'n-bound soldier;
Hold out your light, you heav'n-bound soldier,
Let your light shine around the world.
(repeat)

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 fellowship immediately following the service.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Second Washington Chapel Church of Christ
Disciples of Christ, Hyattsville, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Bosela Eale, Democratic Republic of Congo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Steven Baines and Rick Mohn in memory of James C. Baines, Jr., who would have turned 85 today.

Commitment Sunday: On this Sunday, members and friends of National City Christian Church are invited to prayerfully make an estimate-of-giving for 2018. Sharing your plans to give help our leaders to faithfully prepare for the ministries and mission for next year. Simply fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering tray this morning. Offering envelopes are provided in the pew backs for your use.

Hurricane Relief: We continue to remember those who are recovering from the hurricanes, including our friends in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and other affected islands as well as the Gulf Coast. Your special offering marked "Week of Compassion" goes to our church's efforts to provide relief.

Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available in the marked paper cup on the bread tray.

Next Sunday Christians throughout the world will observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Both 8:30 and 11 a.m. services will include special readings and music to mark this important day. We pray that God will guide and reform the church of today and help us to overcome the divisions that prevent us from giving credible witness to the mission of Christ in the world.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.
Christian Pathways - 10 a.m., Large Atrium.
Toddler Class - 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Work 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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

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 24

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

DC Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Music at Midday - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary, **free**. Nicholas Will (Steubenville, Ohio) will perform works of Nicolaus Bruhns, Richard Purvis, Marcel Dupré, Gabriel Fauré, and Charles-Marie Widor.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Memorial Service for Bill Knight - Sanctuary, Visitation at 2 p.m., Memorial Service at 3 p.m. Reception will follow.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.
Congregational Board Meeting - 12:30 p.m. 3rd Floor Conference Room.

FOR OUR GUESTS

EN ESPAÑOL - Community Room, 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 or through profession of faith and baptism. Full and associate memberships are available. Please talk with any minister or email 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 the 2nd Floor Conference Room. 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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