



# National City Christian Church

Let Your Light Shine!

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www.nationalcitycc.org

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, Beverly Goines, and C. J. Rodriguez

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

Laurie Klein

*I Love You, Lord*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship you, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear:  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.  
(repeat)

We exalt you; we exalt you;  
We exalt you, O Lord.  
(repeat)

*O Magnify the Lord*

Traditional

O magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised!  
O magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised!  
Hosanna! Blessed be the rock; blessed be the rock of my salvation!  
Hosanna! Blessed be the rock; blessed be the rock of my salvation!  
(repeat)

✠ OPENING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

No. 272 (1, 2, 4, 5)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them,  
the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: Turn your hearts to Christ, follow the way of Jesus;

**People: For in Christ you are loved and forgiven.**

Leader: Love and serve God, by keeping God first in your life;

**People: Love Jesus, and know Christ's love is with you.**

Leader: Do not want what others have, and love your neighbor as yourself;

**People: When God is first in your life, all other desires fall away.**

Leader: In this time of worship, focus your mind on Christ;

**Unison: For the way of Christ leads us to eternal life.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *In the Beauty of Holiness* Nettie L.S. Lester  
*Refrain*  
Worship him, worship him,  
Give my God the glory, give my God the praise.  
Worship him, worship him.  
Come, let us worship the Lord; let's give him the praise.  
(repeat)

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER *I Don't Feel No Ways Tired* Curtis Burrell  
I don't feel no ways tired. I've come too far from where I've started from.  
Nobody told me that the road would be easy.  
I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me.  
(repeat)  
I don't believe he brought me this far, I don't believe he brought me this far...  
to leave me.

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 *Alpha and Omega* Erasmus Mutanbira

*Jesus Is the Cornerstone* Carlton Burgess

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *My Hope Is Built* No. 537 (1, 4)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!  
*refrain*

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

*Heart of the Gospel*

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

*The Earth is Yours*

Lavon Bayler  
DENNIS

The earth is yours, O God, and we are tenants here.  
May we be ready every day, with joy, when you appear.  
You judge our stewardship, our losses and our gains.  
You know when we are filled with zeal and when our passion wanes.  
Increase our faith in Christ, that resurrection power  
May waken us from selfish pride, transforming us this hour.  
We seek to be the church, Christ's body on this earth,  
Continuing the work of One whose love proclaims our worth.  
Come, reign among us here, equipping us to serve,  
That we may bear the fruit of love and give without reserve.

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

C.J. Rodriguez

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Loretta Tate  
Charles Hickman

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

C.J. Rodriguez

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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

No. 195

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✠ CLOSING HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*

Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

United Christian Parish  
Reston, Virginia

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda James  
Democratic Republic of Congo

## 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

**The flowers** were given by Steven Karsteter in memory of Lee and Dorothy Karsteter.

**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.

**Sunday's Message:** At the heart of the Gospel is a message of love. Some of the Jewish leaders in Jesus' time had difficulty accepting this message, as demonstrated in Matthew 21:33-46. On this Sunday when we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Gospel service, let us consider what is at the very heart of the Gospel message.

**A special thank you** to everyone that has helped to clean out the Campbell Building and move our ministries over the last few weeks. We have reached another milestone in the sale process. The developer will begin exploratory demolition in October to determine what work needs to be done to build to their specifications.

## CONNECT WITH US

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

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

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

#### **-NCCC OFFICES CLOSED-**

**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 10**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9:30 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**LGBTQ Bible Study** - 7 p.m., Music Suite. Third in a series on what the Bible says—and doesn't say—about LGBTQ people and how they are to live.

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

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

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**Music at Midday** - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary, **free**. Milwaukee cathedral organist Michael Batcho will perform works of Felix Mendelssohn, Louis Vierne, Theophane Hytrek, Richard Proulx, and Henri Mulet.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**Salt & Light Conference** - 9 a.m. Visit [www.cccadisciples.org/salt-light](http://www.cccadisciples.org/salt-light) for more information

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**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.