



National City Christian Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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, Beverly Goines, and C.J. Rodriguez

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

Welcome into This Place

Orlando Juarez

Welcome into this place. Welcome into this broken vessel.

You desire to abide in the praises of your people,

So we lift our hands and we lift our hearts

As we offer up this praise unto your name.

repeat

You're Worthy of My Praise

David Ruis

I will worship (I will worship) with all of my heart (with all of my heart).

I will praise you (I will praise you) with all of my strength (with all my strength).

I will seek you (I will seek you) in all of my days (in all of my days).

I will follow (I will follow) in all of your ways (all your ways).

Refrain

I will give you all my worship,

I will give you all my praise.

You alone I long to worship,

You alone are worthy of my praise.

✠ OPENING HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

No. 606

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:

Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;

Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;

Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.

Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,

Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

C.J. Rodriguez

Leader: We are what God has made us,

People: Prepared in Christ Jesus for good works.

Leader: This is not our own doing,

People: Grace is the gift of God.

Leader: Come, join in this time of worship:

People: May we prepare for the good work God has given us; may we prepare to follow Jesus.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Wait on the Lord

They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up on wings like an eagle;
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
repeat

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No. 585

PASTORAL PRAYER

C.J. Rodriguez

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

Keep Your Lamps

André Thomas

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

C.J. Rodriguez

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus answered his disciples,] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Take Time to Be Holy

No. 572 (1, 3)

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide;
in joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord.
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Be Prepared

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 *More About Jesus Would I Know* No. 348 (1-3)
- More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show;
More of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.
- Refrain
- More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;
More of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.
- More about Jesus let me learn, more of his holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me.
- Refrain*
- More about Jesus; in his word, holding communion with my Lord;
Hearing his voice in every line, making each faithful saying mine.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

- INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines
- PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Mary Paradise
James Ferguson
- WORDS OF INSTITUTION Beverly Goines

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 *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* No. 424

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

- ✘ BENEDICTION Stephen Gentle
- ✘ CLOSING HYMN *As We Go* Jeremy Johnson
- As we go, may your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned,
share the message we have heard,
And be a light unto the world as we go.
(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; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;
Courtney & Betty Jones; Tawanna Lloyd; Robin Schacht;
Lily Stewart; Jessica Sylvester; David Williams;
persons in military and civil service around the world.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Bethany House Senior Housing
Rockville, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Nishan Bakalian, Lebanon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by family in memory of Sue Frost whose funeral is on Monday, November 13 at 11 a.m. And by Tom and Barbara Kelley in memory of Mary S. Kelley

Thanksgiving Special Offering - Today and November 19, we will be collecting the Thanksgiving Offering. This offering goes directly for the support of Disciples universities, colleges, and theological institutions. These gifts help in continuing the tradition of developing leaders for the Disciples churches and community.

Thanksgiving Luncheon - Sunday, November 19, the church family comes together for special food and church business, as we give thanks to God for all of God's blessings. Sign up today at the Front Desk in the Atrium. Donation is \$12.

2018 Financial Pledge - If you have not made an estimate of giving yet, please fill out a pledge card located at the front desk in the Atrium, or email Treasurer, Gentry Alexander at gentry.alexander@gmail.com

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

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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.
Congregational Board Meeting - 12:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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.
Sue Frost Funeral Service - 11 a.m., Sanctuary. Please uphold Sue's family in your prayers as we give thanks for her life redeemed in Christ Jesus.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Capital Pride Board Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Free Organ Concert - Our Organist, Ken Lowenberg, will play a brief noontime organ concert at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA (just off the Beltway at the Georgetown Pike exit). The concert will include music by Mendelssohn, Langlais, Garry Cornell, and Billy Nalle (a former Alexandria Roller Skating Rink organist).
Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite
ANC 2f Meeting - Community Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

LGBTQ Happy Hour - 6 p.m., at Uproar, 639 Florida Avenue, NW. This month your \$10 suggested minimum donation will benefit Casa Ruby.
DC Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Music at Midday - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary, **free**. Derrick Ian Meador (Laurel, Mississippi) will present an organ recital that includes works of Max Reger, Dan Locklair, Bjarne Sløgedal, Derek Bourgeois, and William Walton.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 10 a.m., Music Suite

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.
Thanksgiving Luncheon - 12:30 p.m., Howland Center

FOR OUR GUESTS

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

Nursery - Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is 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.