



# National City Christian Church Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

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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, Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, and CJ Rodriguez

Guest Preacher: Bernard "Chris" Dorsey, President  
Higher Education and Leadership Ministries

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

*Oh, the Glory of Your Presence*  
Oh, the glory of your presence;  
We, your temple, give you rev'rence.  
Come and rise to your rest,  
And be blest by our praise  
As we glory in your embrace,  
As your presence now fills this place.  
(repeat)

Steve Fry

### *At the Table*

Richard Smallwood

Come on in where the table is spread, and the feast of the Lord is going on.  
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Joy is here where the table is spread, and the feast of the Lord is going on.  
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Love is here where the table is spread, and the feast of the Lord is going on.  
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Peace is here where the table is spread, and the feast of the Lord is going on.  
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✠ OPENING HYMN

### *I Have a Dream*

Diane Owen Jordan

I have a dream - a dream that God has given,  
a dream of hope where all the world is free,  
where every child can share the blessed vision  
and taste the fruits of life abundantly.

I have a dream! O ring the bells of freedom!  
God has a dream of hope and liberty.

I have a dream: that we shall keep before us  
the call of Christ, who daily leads us on;  
who bids us come to join the mighty chorus—  
his song of joy, proclaiming fear is gone!

I have a dream—a dream where God restores us,  
where love shall reign, and hearts be joined as one.

I have a dream—a vision of the nations  
where racial strife shall end and hatreds cease;  
where ancient foes become a new creation,  
and those in pain and bondage find release.

I have a dream! O join in celebration!  
Instead of war, I see a world at peace.

You have a dream! O God, help us to listen  
that we may learn what you would have us do.  
We pray for strength; we need your grace and wisdom.  
May we commit ourselves to live for you!

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

You have a dream, and as we sense your vision,  
help us, O God, to make your dream come true.

- ✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines  
 Leader: Spirit of Justice, we are grateful to be together this morning on the weekend when we remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
**People: We remember not only him, but also the thousands of unnamed women and men who put their bodies and lives on the line so that all may be free.**  
 Leader: May the work of Dr. King and those who follow continue to eradicate injustice wherever and whenever we encounter it.  
**People: Dr. King went to the mountaintop; he saw the Promised Land, and he reassured us we will get there one day.**  
 Leader: May that be no paradisaal dream, but a reality in our own time.  
**Unison: We worship you, O Lord our God, as we honor you with praise, prayers and our very lives.**

- ✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING Nettie L.S. Lester  
*In the Beauty of Holiness*  
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)  
 Come, let us worship the Lord;  
 Come, let us worship the Lord; let's give him the praise.

- ✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

- ✘ CALL TO PRAYER Curtis Burrell  
*I Don't Feel No Ways Tired*  
 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...

- PASTORAL PRAYER CJ 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 Moses Hogan  
*His Light Still Shines*  
 Stephen Gentle, narrator

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

- SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

*John 1:43-51*

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

- HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 595  
*Be Thou My Vision*

*Call and Response*

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

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

No. 601 (1-3)

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in thine.

*Refrain*

O the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Loretta Tate  
Mary Paradise

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

COMMUNION HYMN

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

No. 424

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

## ✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

## ✘ CLOSING HYMN

*Keep Hope Alive*

Donald Vails

Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!  
Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!  
Don't let the dream die! Got to keep hope alive!  
(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; Cyril Jones; Tawanna Lloyd;  
Robin Schacht; Lily Stewart; David Williams;  
persons in military and civil service around the world.

## **CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR**

Aspen Hill Christian Church  
Aspen Hill, Maryland

## **GLOBAL MINISTRIES**

Lindley Kinerk and Andy Jepson, Sri Lanka

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pulpit Guest - The Reverend Bernard "Chris" Dorsey** is President of Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada. HELM works with higher education partners to develop and nurture Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and world. HELM focuses its mission into three areas: Leadership Programs, Colleges and Universities, and Theological Education. Rev. Dorsey, an ordained Disciples minister, received a BS from the University of Texas at Austin, a M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and is a PhD. Candidate at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He has served as a congregational pastor, university chaplain, seminary vice president of development and marketing, and assistant professor of theology and preaching. Rev. Dorsey resides in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is the father of 13-year-old daughter, Alanis.

**Our Daily Prayer** - I give you thanks for today's breath and life, O God, for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends, and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity. Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings and show me sides of life that I have not known. Urge me to follow you today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Sympathy** - Our condolences to Ms. Lolita King Neal and her family on the passing of her father on January 4, and Chaplain John Von Almen and his family on the passing of his mother on January 2. We give thanks to God for each of their lives and for life eternal promised by Christ.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

**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.  
**MLK Commemoration Service** - Sunday, January 14, at 2 p.m., at United Christian Parish in Reston, Virginia. Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, our General Minister and President, will preach at this event sponsored by the Christian Church Capital Area's Commission for Congregational Life.

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY - 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, JANUARY 16**

**Disciples Women Bible Study** - Music Suite, 11 a.m.  
**National Children's Chorus** - 3:30 p.m., Community Room, Visitors Center, Music Suite, Howland Center, Robing Room

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9:30 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Fortissima Choir** - 7 p.m., Music Suite  
**ANC 2f Meeting** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

**Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite  
**LGBTQ Happy Hour** - 8 p.m., at Uproar Lounge and Restaurant, 639 Florida Ave., NW. \$10 minimum donation suggested to benefit the NCCC LGBTQ ministry, including participation in the 2018 Capital Pride Festival.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

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

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## **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](mailto: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.