



# National City Christian Church

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

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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

*Holy Ground*

No. 112

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now,  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

*Let It Rise*

Holland Davis

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.  
Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

*repeat*

✠ OPENING HYMN

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and  
 2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the  
 3. Strength-ened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our

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 ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing for some to - ken  
 flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the heav - en - ly  
 8  
 faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing to re - main and

of God's grace. Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is not in vain,  
 voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet:  
 13  
 build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess,

search - ing like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 Christ with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 that our dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines  
Leader: Turn our thoughts away from the busy-ness of the world;  
**People: Turn our minds to you, O God.**  
Leader: Turn our hearts away from the desires of this world;  
**People: Turn our love toward one another and you, O God.**  
Leader: Turn our whole selves away from ways of this world;  
**People: Turn us to love, compassion, and justice, O God.**  
Leader: In this time of worship,  
**Unison: may we be one in spirit, mind, and body, as we seek to be renewed in Christ Jesus.**

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING Bob Gillman  
*Bind Us Together*  
Refrain  
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together with love.  
  
There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one body; that is why we sing:  
Refrain

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER No. 578 (1, 2, 4)  
*I Need Thee Every Hour*

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 Israel & Meleasa Houghton  
*How Awesome Is Our God*  
Marie Temple, soloist

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

*Mark 9:2-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Paul Baloche  
*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Refrain

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see you, I want to see you;  
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory;  
Pour out your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

*Transform Us*

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.

*In Dazzling Array*

In dazzling array, Christ is lifted above  
Life's everyday sojourn to dwell in God's love.  
Disciples see visions of prophets, long known,  
As Jesus, transfigured, is viewed as God's own.

Elijah and Moses share wisdom and light  
With Jesus, soon hidden by clouds from friends' sight.  
Another voice summons their listening ears:  
Give heed to my Chosen Ones; lay aside fears.

Transformed by their vision, yet told not to speak,  
Christ's followers climbed down the mountain to seek  
New meaning and purpose in each day's events,  
As doubts and resistance became more intense.

The mantle would fall on their shoulders one day,  
To share with the world the intent of Christ's way.  
The light they had seen would empower them to lead  
A movement of love that would grow and succeed.

And so we are gathered in covenant grace,  
Appointed as leaders now setting the pace  
For churches to grow in response to God's care,  
While sharing the Gospel's good news everywhere.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Miriam Gentle  
Kathryn Farley

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

*The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

No. 206

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✠ CLOSING HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*

African American 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.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY**

Fay Arrington; Barbara Boward; Dorothy Davis;  
Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;  
Courtney & Betty Jones; Cyril Jones; Tawanna Lloyd;  
Mary Paradise; Robin Schacht; Lily Stewart;  
David Williams; persons in military and civil service  
around the world.

## **CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR**

North Chevy Chase Christian Church  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

## **GLOBAL MINISTRIES**

Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper  
South Africa

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Reflecting on Mark 9:2-9** : Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain. Jesus is transfigured, but the disciples are changed as well. What does the transfiguration mean to you and me?

**My Daily Prayer** - Gracious God, thank you for the light of love around me and the fire of faith within me. As I live through this day, may my life reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**SOUPERbowl Sunday!** - Theresa Beaton's wonderful soups will be available again **today** after both services. The soups are \$10 and all proceeds go to our Food Pantry.

**Ash Wednesday Services, 12:15 and 7 p.m.** - Observe Valentine's Day with an Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, on February 14, as we begin Lent. Following the evening service, all are welcome to stay for a brief LGBTQ Bible study.

**Week of Compassion Offering** - This year we will collect the Week of Compassion offering on February 18 and 25. The Week of Compassion offering is used to help when others are suffering by assisting with disaster response and humanitarian aid. This fund also assists with sustainable development and with the promotion of mission opportunities. Disasters seem to strike almost daily, and by receiving this offering the Church is able to offer assistance to those in need.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**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.  
**Annual Luncheon & Meeting** - 12:30 p.m., Howland Center. Join us for lunch and receive the Annual Report.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**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, FEBRUARY 13**

**National Children's Chorus** - 3:30 p.m., Community Room, Visitors Center, Music Suite, Howland Center, Robing Room  
**Gospel Choir Rehearsal** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9:30 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Ash Wednesday Worship Services** - 12:15 p.m., and 7 p.m., Sanctuary.  
**LGBTQ Bible Study** - 7:30 p.m., Music Suite  
**Fortissima Choir** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**All Staff Meeting** - 12:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room  
**Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**Music at Midday - Free!** 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Pianist Christopher Schmitt, who performs regularly as a member of the President's Own U.S. Marine Band, will perform music of great European composers, including Ludwig van Beethoven, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Frédéric Chopin.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9 a.m., Music Suite.  
**Diaconate Meeting** - 12:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room  
**Elders Meeting** - 12:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room

## **CONNECT WITH US**

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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.