



National City Christian Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018, at 11 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. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us. Please fill out the Connect with Us card, and place it in the offering tray. Today's service is approximately 75 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Beverly Goines, Kathryn Farley, and Alain Truche

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Benedictus

Lloyd Weber
(1914-1982)

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

INTROIT

Be Still and Know That I am God

Fettke

✕ OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

No. 595
SLANE

✕ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Kathryn Farley

Leader: God of love, you teach us a life journey that calls us to deny what is unhealthy and unloving.

People: Lead us in that pathway.

Leader: Awaken us to the ever-new abundance that is ours through your Word.

Unison: We worship in the name of the One who died and rose, Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

✕ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

No. 35
GREATOREX

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

Kathryn Farley

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

CHORAL PSALM

What Shall I Offer (Psalm 116)

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

Kathryn Farley

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

(✕ Please stand as you are able.)

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh

HYMN	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	No. 323 (1, 2)
SERMON	<i>Words Matter</i>	Stephen Gentle
PASTORAL PRAYER		Stephen Gentle
LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)		Stephen Gentle

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.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

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.

✠ HYMN OF COMMITMENT	<i>Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak</i> Please see music on page 3	
INVITATION TO OFFERING		Steven Baines
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring</i>	Bach
✠ DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 47 OLD HUNDREDTH
INVITATION TO COMMUNION		Beverly Goines
PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP		Jane Campbell Terri Malone
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		Beverly Goines
This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle. If you prefer to remain seated, communion will be brought to you.		
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Break Thou the Bread of Life</i>	No. 321 (3) BREAD OF LIFE

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH	<i>O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	No. 5 AZMON
✠ BENEDICTION		Stephen Gentle
POSTLUDE	<i>Exultemus</i> from <i>Seven Sketches on Verses from the Psalms</i>	Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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 and fellowship immediately following the service.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Fay Arrington; Richard Bahr; Douglas and Chieko Cook;
Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray;
Constance Jennings; Courtney and Betty Jones;
Gary Lewis; Tawanna Lloyd; Steven Nowicki;
Beverly Schacht; Esther Tyson;
John Scott and Beverly Williams;
persons in military and civil service around the world.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

United Christian Parish, Reston, Virginia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Emmanuela Loccident, Morocco

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, help me walk blamelessly and do what is right, to speak the truth in love, to avoid gossip and slander, and do good to all I meet, that I may abide in your presence and dwell in fellowship with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given in honor of Deloris Ruddock's birthday by the Food Pantry crew.

Dismantling Racism: Key Stills for Anti-Racism Allies

Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m., at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Avenue. Supper will be provided for all participants at 6 p.m. Register at <http://bit.ly/DismantleRacism>.

Regional Assembly - Registration Now Open! The keynote speaker will be Rev. Sandhya Jha, pastor, author, founder and director of Oakland Peace Center. The preacher will be Rev. Yvonne Gilmore, pastor, poet and a spoken word artist, and Associate Dean of the Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago. Childcare will be available as well as a special program for youth that includes an overnight lock-in. Register at www.cccadisciples.org/regional-assembly-2018. For more information please contact Rev. Ciara Simonson at Ciara@springfieldchristianchurch.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Birthday Celebration for Deloris Ruddock - Please join the Food Pantry team and Christian Pathways class in the Atrium after the 8:30 a.m. service for cake and fellowship.

Christian Pathways Adult Study - 10 a.m., Atrium

Children's Class - 10 a.m., 3rd Floor Classroom.

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.

Diaconate Meeting - 12:30 p.m., 3rd Fl Conf. Room

Elders Meeting - 12:30 p.m., 2nd Fl. Conf. Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Prayer call at 6:30 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.

Whitman Walker Training - 6 p.m., Music Suite

Potomac Fever Choir - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

National Children's Chorus - 3:30 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center, Community Room

Gay Men's Chorus - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room

Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium

Fortissima Singers - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite

Latinx Congregation Service - 7 p.m., Community Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. The **Barclay Brass** (Washington, D.C.) will make the majestic sanctuary resound with music both familiar and new, including a recent work for organ and brass by NCCC organist Kenneth Lowenberg.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

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.