



# National City Christian Church

## Reign of Christ Sunday

### November 25, 2018, at 11 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. 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: Aixa Diaz, Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and Kenneth Lowenberg

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Royal Fireworks Music:  
*Overture; Minuet Finale*

G.F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

INTROIT

*Alpha and Omega*

Erasmus Mutanbira

✠ OPENING HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

No. 92

DIADEM

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him,  
crown him, crown him, crown him; and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall.  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him,  
crown him, crown him, crown him; and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him,  
crown him, crown him, crown him; and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him,  
crown him, crown him, crown him; and crown him Lord of all.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Aixa Diaz

Leader: O Christ, reigning in majesty and glory, you are enthroned in human hearts where you rule in gentleness and love.

People: **Until that day when all earth is filled with your glory and all flesh shall see it together, we pray with hope for the consummation of your kingdom.**

Leader: O Christ, you reign in our hearts with grace and power.

People: **Come, reign over the world, that your light may illumine the farthest reaches of the universe as it enlightens our souls.**

Leader: You are King of kings.

People: **In joy we praise you, Christ our Lord, forever and ever.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 35

GREATOREX

*Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

# THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Aixa Diaz

### 1 Samuel 10:17-24

Samuel summoned the people to the Lord at Mizpah and said to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses; and you have said, 'No! but set a king over us.' Now therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your clans." Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the family of the Matrites was taken by lot. Finally he brought the family of the Matrites near man by man, and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot. But when they sought him, he could not be found. So they inquired again of the Lord, "Did the man come here?" and the Lord said, "See, he has hidden himself among the baggage." Then they ran and brought him from there. When he took his stand among the people, he was head and shoulders taller than any of them. Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see the one whom the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

## ✠ CANTICLE

*Worthy is Christ*

Richard Hillert

### Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. **R.**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are his. **R.**

Sing with all the people of God  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
"Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen." **R.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign, Alleluia. **R.**

## SERMON

*Thy Kingdom Come*

Stephen Gentle

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

No. 27 (1-3)

ITALIAN HYMN

### *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise: one God, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us, ancient of days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword;  
our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul O. Manz

Peace to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

✠ DOXOLOGY

No. 47

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Beverly Goines

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the closest center aisle to you. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the outside aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 233 (3)

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFREDOL

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Royal Fireworks Music:

G.F. Handel

*Paix (The Peace)*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH

No. 95

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Christ shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head.

His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: all prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise with song; honor and praise to Christ belong;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Royal Fireworks Music:

G.F. Handel

*La Rejouissance (The Rejoicing)*

*All are invited to the Atrium for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Fay Arrington; Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Courtney and Betty Jones; Tawanna Lloyd; Beverly Schacht; Esther Tyson; Beverly Williams; persons in military and civil service around the world; and victims of natural disasters.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church  
Baltimore, Maryland

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Maria Bakalian, Lebanon

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by the Dancy and Tate family in memory of Rev. Ronald Tate.

For the accessibility of all our worshippers, **Worship Services** will be held in the Howland Center.

**Valet Parking** is available for those in need. Please see a volunteer at the Atrium front desk.

**Christian Pathways Adult Study** - 9:45 a.m., Atrium. This week we will continue our study entitled "A Different Kind of Christmas: Living and Giving Like Jesus," based on Mike Slaughter's book, "Christmas is Not Your Birthday."

**Volunteer for Breakfast with Santa** - This Saturday, December 1. Contact Teresa Swihart at [tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com) if you can help set up, make crafts, take photos, clean up, play or serve

**Mobile Giving** - National City has a new, easy mobile giving platform! Search **Tithe.ly** from your iPhone or Android app store to download Tithe.ly. In the app, search for National City, complete a quick one-time setup, then all it takes is 3 clicks to give! Please contact Gentry Alexander at [finance@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:finance@nationalcitycc.org) with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**Thanksgiving Offering** will be received today. This offering goes to support Disciples universities, colleges, and theological institutions.

**Christian Pathways Adult Study** - 9:45 a.m., Atrium.  
**Children's Class** - 10 a.m., 3rd Floor Classroom.

Barbara Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders

**Sanctuary Tour** - 12:30 p.m. Meet Rick Bahr at the Communion Table and he will take you upstairs for a tour of the beautiful Sanctuary. All are welcomed to attend.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**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.

**Potomac Fever Chorus** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

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

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

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

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

**Fortissima Singers** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

**ANC 2f Meeting** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

**Service for Remembrance and Healing** - 7 p.m., Howland Center.

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

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

**Latinx Bible Study** - 7 p.m., Community Room

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**Music at Midday** - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary - **Free!**

**Jackson Borges** (Rehoboth Beach, Delaware) will perform compositions of Leo Sowerby and Robert Elmore along with works of three women composers: Florence Beatrice Price, Nadia Boulanger, and Pamela Decker.

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**Breakfast with Santa** - 9 a.m., Community Room

**National Children's Chorus Holiday Concert** - 4 p.m., Sanctuary, Atrium, Howland Center

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**

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

**Congregational Meeting** - 12:30 p.m., Howland Center

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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.

**Worship and preaching resources:** David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, ed. *Feasting on the Word* (Louisville: Westminster Press, 2009); Colbert Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999); *Revised Common Lectionary*, Center for Biblical Preaching, [www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org)