



National City Christian Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 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, Beverly Goines, and CJ Rodriguez

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

All Hail, King Jesus

Dave Moody

All hail, King Jesus, all hail, Emmanuel:
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I'm going to praise him,
And forevermore I will reign with him.

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!
He is the Lord; forever his truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.
(repeat)

✠ OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 66 (1, 2, 4)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

CJ Rodriguez

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.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *We Will Glorify* Twila Paris
We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will bow before the throne.
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.
He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.
Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER *Thank You, Lord* No. 531 (1, 2)
Thank you, Lord; thank you, Lord;
Thank you, Lord; I just want to thank you, Lord.
Been so good; been so good;
Been so good; I just want to thank you, Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER CJ Rodriguez
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.

CHORAL PRAISE *He Reigns Forever* Marshal Carpenter
arr. Carol Cymbala

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING CJ Rodriguez
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!"

✘ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* No. 587
Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*
Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

Thy Kingdom Come

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.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

✠ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Our House with God

Lavon Bayler

Is not our house like this with God: a place of joy and light?
Like rising sun on cloudless days, God brings the dawn of right.
An everlasting covenant is offered to us all,
And we, who seek to be the church, give answer to God's call.

We worship at the feet of Christ, whose reign we celebrate,
Whose realm endures beyond all time, God's love to demonstrate.
We seek the truth that Jesus lived, and listen for the voice
That bids us love as we are loved, and moves us to rejoice.

The grace and peace of One who was, and is, and is to come,
Is freely shared with all of us, and makes us venturesome.
We dare to follow where Christ leads, from sin and death set free.
O, teach us faithfulness that we may true disciples be.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

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 closest to you. 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 outside aisles. *Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available in the marked cup on the bread tray.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Share the Lord

No. 408

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✠ CLOSING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

All are invited to the gather in 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 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 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 Congregation 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

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.