



National City Christian Church

Baptism of the Lord

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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.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Aixa Diaz, Beverly Goines, Valeria Foster, and Kenneth Lowenberg

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Contemplation on *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

K. Lowenberg
(b. 1939)

INTROIT

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Plainsong, Mode V

✕ OPENING HYMN

We Gather Together

No. 276
KREMSER

✕ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Aixa Diaz

Leader: Come and listen for God and ready yourself for renewal.

People: Come you religious folk, come and hear God's message anew.

Leader: Come you leaders, come and listen to the voice of the Redeeming One.

People: Come all you people, for God is calling you to a change.

Leader: Come to the water and get ready to find a new purpose in life, a new focus for living, and a new word from the Almighty God.

Unison: You call our names, O God, and speak them in love. In water, we are bound together; in love, we are made one; in grace, we are renewed. So may we celebrate our baptism and hear in the story of Jesus a call for us to follow.

✕ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Sing of God Made Manifest

No. 176 (2)
SALZBURG

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,

"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."

Then from heaven a double sign - dove-like Spirit, voice divine -

Hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Steven Baines

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.

(✕ Please stand as you are able.)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

ANTHEM

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
 Be not afraid: I have called you by name.
 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
 When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
 You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.
 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
 When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
 You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

SCRIPTURE READING

Stephen Gentle

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

SERMON

When the Lord Calls Your Name

Stephen Gentle

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

No. 420 (1, 2, 5)

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
 The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
 The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
 We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Steven Baines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When John Baptized by Jordan's River

Louis Bourgeois

When John baptized by Jordan's river in faith and hope the people came,
 That John and Jordan might deliver their troubled souls from sin and shame.
 They came to seek a new beginning, the human spirit's ageless quest,
 Repentance and an end of sinning, renouncing every wrong confessed.

There as the Lord, baptized and praying, rose from the stream the sinless One,
A voice was heard from heaven saying, "This is my own beloved Son."
There as the Father's word was spoken, not in the power of wind and flame,
But of his love and peace the token, seen as a dove, the Spirit came.

O Son of Man, our nature sharing, in whose obedience all are blest,
Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing, hear us and grant us this request:
Daily to grow, by grace defended, filled with the Spirit from above;
In Christ baptized, beloved, befriended, children of God in peace and love.

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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.

No. 47
OLD HUNDREDTH

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Kent Woods
Terri Malone

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. *Gluten-free communion wafers are available in the small silver tray on the communion table.*

COMMUNION HYMN

I Come with Joy
As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

No. 420 (3)
DOVE OF PEACE

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
in my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched him, saw his glory,
go, my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you;
go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

No. 431
AR HYD Y NOS

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

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

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Michigan Park Christian Church
Washington, DC

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Bethany Waggoner, Lebanon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's message: When baptized, we receive not only a new family -- a church family -- but we receive a new identity. We are one of the Beloved of God. We can never discover who we are, our values or beliefs, our passion or our purpose, until we accept God's belovedness.

Prayer for the Week: Loving God, we live in the assurance today that you have claimed us as your children. In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing In your sight. Amen.

Diaconate Luncheon - Sunday, January 20, at 12:30 p.m., Howland Center

MLK Action and Tribute - Sunday, January 20, at 3 p.m., at Michigan Park Christian Church.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon - Sunday, January 27, at 12:30 p.m., in the Howland Center. Please plan to attend.

Tithe.ly 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! Contact Gentry Alexander if you have any questions: finance@nationalcitycc.org.

Thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite
Epiphany Study Group - 9:45 a.m., Large Atrium
Toddler Class - 10 a.m., 3rd Floor. 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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

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.
Asylum Assistance Project Training - 8:30 a.m., Community Room
Potomac Fever Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Asylum Assistance Project Training - 8:30 a.m., Community Room
National Children's Chorus - 3:30 p.m., Howland, Community, Atrium, Music Suite, Robing rooms
Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Asylum Assistance Project Training - 8:30 a.m., Howland Center
Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite
ANC 2f Meeting - 7 p.m., Community Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Asylum Assistance Project Training - 8:30 a.m., Community Room
DC Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Asylum Assistance Project Training - 8:30 a.m., Community Room

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

Epiphany Study Group - 11 a.m., Large Atrium
Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - 1 p.m., Music Suite

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect with us - visit www.nationalcitycc.org and click the "sign up" tab to subscribe to our email newsletter.

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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. Associate or student memberships are available as well. 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.