



# National City Christian Church

## Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019, at 8:30 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. 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: Steven Baines, Miriam Gentle, Beverly Goines, and Valeria Foster

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steven Baines

GATHERING MUSIC

*Awesome God*

Rich Mullins

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

*repeat*

He reigns! He reigns! He reigns!

Our God is an awesome God!

*repeat*

*What a Mighty God We Serve*

Traditional

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve.  
Angels bow before him. Heaven and earth adore him.

What a mighty God we serve.

*(repeat)*

✠ OPENING HYMN

*We Gather Together*

No. 276

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,  
To turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;  
For pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.  
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you  
Ordaining, maintaining the power of life.

Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story  
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.

May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,  
Defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.

May your congregation escape tribulation.  
Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Steven Baines

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.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

No. 261

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Refrain:*

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,  
When we shall leave this place.

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER

*Spirit Song*

No. 352 (1)

O Let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O Let him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Refrain:*

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

BAPTISM

*Sarah Rose*

Stephen Gentle

BAPTISMAL HYMN

*Take Me to the Water*

No. 367 (1-3)

Take me to the water; take me to the water; take me to the water to be baptized.  
None but the righteous; none but the righteous; none but the righteous shall see God.  
I love Jesus; I love Jesus; I love Jesus; yes, I do!

CHORAL PRAISE

*Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name*

Traditional  
arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

Hush. Hush. Somebody's callin' my name.  
Oh, Hush. Hush. Somebody's callin' my name.  
Hush. Hush. Somebody's callin' my name.  
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?  
what shall I do?

Sounds like Jesus. Somebody's callin' my name,  
Oh, Sounds like Jesus. Somebody's callin' my name,  
Sounds like Jesus. Somebody's callin' my name,  
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?  
what shall I do?

I'm so glad trouble don't last always.  
Oh, I'm so glad trouble don't last always.  
I'm so glad trouble don't last always.  
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?  
what shall I do?

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

Steven Baines

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."

- ✘ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Baptized in Water* Michael Saward  
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.  
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of one Father, we are his children,  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.
- SERMON *When the Lord Calls Your Name* Stephen Gentle
- ✘ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* No. 365 (1, 3)

### THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

- INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines
- PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Barbara Boward  
Mary Paradise
- 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 small silver tray on the communion table.*

- COMMUNION HYMN *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* No. 385

### THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

- ✘ BENEDICTION Beverly Goines
- ✘ CLOSING HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* No. 431 (1, 3)  
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, 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.

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](mailto: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., Community Room  
**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

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

**Connect with us** - visit [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org) and click the "sign up" tab to subscribe to our email newsletter.

**Get Social** - follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram [@nationalcitycc](https://www.instagram.com/nationalcitycc).

**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](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.