



National City Christian Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 10, 2019, at 11 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

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www.nationalcitycc.org

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, Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and Kenneth Lowenberg

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Three Menuets from *Little Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach*
F Major, G Minor, G Major

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Santo, Santo, Santo

arr. Nolan Williams

✠ OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

No. 4
NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee;
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God ever living, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for calling us here today to refresh ourselves in your presence -- to grow strong in your praises and wise in your counsels.

People: **We ask that your radiance penetrate any darkness that may be upon our hearts at this time and that you would grant peace to us as we meditate upon your word.**

Leader: This is the Sabbath that you have made, O Lord, we would rejoice and be glad in it and give glory unto your name.

People: **Blow through this place and upon our lives with the power of your everlasting Spirit, and lift up your people in our worship of you.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Softly and Tenderly

No. 340 (1)
THOMPSON

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
patient and loving he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

(✠ 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

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

HYMN

No. 447

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Jesus)
(Too-mah mee-nah) Too-mah mee-nah, too-mah mee-nah,
Thuma mina Somandla.
Too-mah mee-nah, So-mahn-dlah.
(Send me, Lord.) Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
Send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.
(Lead me, Lord.) Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus,
Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.
(Fill me, Lord) Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus,
Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.

SERMON

Essential to the Kingdom

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. 602

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. William Dawson

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."

✠ 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 HUNDRETH

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Terri Malone
Carol Richardson

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Steven Baines

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

Softly and Tenderly

No. 340 (3)
THOMPSON

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

COMMUNION MUSIC

Arioso, BWV 1056

J.S. Bach

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Menuet in G from *Little Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach*

J.S. Bach

All are invited to 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; Constance Jennings;
Courtney and Betty Jones; Tawanna Lloyd;
Lorraine Magnussen; Mary Paradise;
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

United Christian Church
Lexington Park, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper
South Africa

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Sterling Washington in honor of Fay Arrington

Sympathy of the family of Lulu Spillman who died this past Tuesday. She is related to Bill Sands and Tom Beacham

Valentine's Day Cards for you to send to loved ones are available in the Atrium this week.

2019 Church Directory is now available. Please see Kathy Swihart for your copy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite
Christian Pathways Class - 9:45 a.m., Atrium.
Children's Sunday School - 10 a.m., 3rd Floor.
Barbara Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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 Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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
Capital Pride Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Fl. Conference Room
Logan Circle Main Street Meeting - 7 p.m., 2nd Fl. Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Martha's Table Outreach - 4:45 p.m.. Contact: Tony Johnson
Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Young organist Zacchaeus Lock (Brookfield, Connecticut) will present a program of music by Jehan Alain, William Bolcom, Louis-James-Alfred Lébure-Wély, Maurice Duruflé, and Alexandre Guilmant.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite
Diaconate Meeting - 12:30 p.m., Howland Center

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect with us - visit 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.

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.