



National City Christian Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 10, 2019, 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: Steven Baines, Valeria Foster, and Beverly Goines

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus

Traditional

Can't nobody do me like Jesus; can't nobody do me like the Lord.
Can't nobody do me like Jesus; he's my friend.

Healed my body, told me to run on; healed my body, told me to run on;
Healed my body, told me to run on; he's my friend.

Picked me up and turned me around; picked me up and turned me around;
Picked me up and turned me around; he's my friend.

Two Wings

James & Frazier Cleveland

Refrain

(Give me two wings) Two wings to veil my face;
(Give me two wings) Two wings to veil my feet;
(I want two wings) Two wings to fly away,
And the world can't do me no harm.
(repeat)

✠ OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

No. 4 (1-3)

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!

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.

✠ 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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *This Is the Day* Les Garrett
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER *Here I Am, Lord* No. 452 (1)
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

CHORAL PRAISE *Follow Me* Glenn E. Burleigh

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

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 OF PREPARATION *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* No. 337 (1, 4, 5)
Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

SERMON *Essential to the Kingdom* Stephen Gentle

✘ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* No. 344 (1, 2, 4)
I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back.
The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me - no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Barbara Boward
Miriam Gentle

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Steven Baines

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

No. 422

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Refrain

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Jesus)

No. 447

*(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.*

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.

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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.