



National City Christian Church

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019, at 11 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

202-232-0323

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. Today's service is 1 hour and 15 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Beverly Goines, Kenneth Lowenberg, and Anthony Mague

Preacher: Stephen Gentle

PRELUDE

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin

J.S. Bach

(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Carl F. Mueller

✘ OPENING HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

No. 180

ST. FLAVIAN

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Anthony Mague

Leader: Lord God, your ways are holy and good, and we would learn them and live them.

People: We gather to worship you and to hear your word and to ask your blessing upon us and our world.

Leader: As we begin this season of Lent we pray that you will speak to us in our hearts and in our minds and show us how to live and love better than we have to this time.

People: Pour out your Spirit upon us. We ask it in the name of Jesus.

✘ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;

For thee all the follies of sin I resign;

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;

If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

No. 349 (1)

GORDON

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

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 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

ANTHEM

Spiritual

A Lenten Walk

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
 he had to walk it by himself;
 Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,
 he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,
 we have to walk it by ourselves;
 Oh, nobody else can walk it for us,
 we have to walk it by ourselves.

Jesus bore the cross of sorrow;
 he had to bear it by himself;
 Oh, nobody else could bear it for him,
 he had to bear it by himself.

We must take our cross and follow;
 we must take it by ourselves.
 Oh, nobody else can follow for us,
 we have to follow by ourselves.

SERMON

Into the Wilderness

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. 179 (1, 2, 5)

Forty Days and Forty Nights

HEINLEIN

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
 forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
 fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side,
 that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Adam Drese, arr. Richard Proulx

ROCHELLE

Jesus, Lead the Way

Jesus, lead the way through our life's long day,
And with faithful footsteps steady we will follow ever ready,
Guide us by your hand to the promised land.

Jesus, still lead on 'til our rest be won;
And although the way is cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by your hand to the promised land.

Jesus, be our light in the midst of night.
Let not faithless fear o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us;
May we feel you near as we worship here.

When in deepest grief, strengthen our belief.
When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring;
Lord, we seek your face in this holy place.

Jesus, still lead on 'til our rest be won;
If you lead us through rough places, grant us your redeeming graces.
When our course is o'er, open heaven's door.

Text: Nicolous von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; trans. Arthur Farlander, 1939, and Jane Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

✠ DOXOLOGY

No. 379

ELLACOMBE

Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring
Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
Transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
The ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Terri Malone
Steven Cook

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

No. 408 (1)

DIVERNON

Come, Share the Lord

COMMUNION MUSIC

Leo Sowerby

(1895-1968)

Forty Days and Forty Nights (Heinlein)

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 86

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Healey Willan

(1880-1968)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (St. Flavian)

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; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;
Courtney and Betty Jones; Gary Lewis; Tawanna Lloyd;
Jackie Moate; Mary Paradise; Beverly Schacht;
Esther Tyson; Beverly Williams; persons in military
and civil service around the world;
and victims of natural disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens
and the General Ministry Units of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Karen Campbell Nelson, Indonesia

LENTEN STUDIES

Lent on Tap - Thursdays at 6 p.m.
Commissary at 1443 P Street, Washington, D.C. 20005
Led by Rev. CJ Rodriguez, RSVP 202-534-6327 or
crodriguez@gmail.com

Lenten Lessons - Saturdays at 11 a.m.
NCCC 3rd Floor Conference Room, led by Rev. Steven
Baines

Christian Pathways - Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
NCCC Large Atrium, led by Loretta Tate

Northern Virginia Pilgrims - Sundays at 5:30 p.m.,
Dinner Provided. Home of Kathleen Swihart
5899 Second Street South, Arlington, VA 22204
Led by Kathleen and Teresa Swihart

Outside the Beltway Group - Sundays at 5:30 p.m.
Light Supper Served
March 10 - Kathy Burger-Gerada, 12808 Monroe Manor
Dr., Herndon, VA 20171
March 17 & 24 - Home of Maury Lee, 20490 Langley Dr.,
Sterling VA 20165

Transfigure Me! - Lenten Meditations
Sundays at 6 p.m.- Potluck Vegan Covered Dish Meal
Home of Rev. Carol Richardson at 12803 Twinbrook
Parkway, #204, Rockville, MD 20851. Guided by Rev.
Richardson - RSVP to Carol at 269-365-893

Tithe.ly Mobile Giving - National City is now on
the **Tithe.ly app**. Just search for "National City,"
complete a quick one-time setup, then all it takes is
3 clicks to give! Contact Chip Talbott if you have
any questions: finance@nationalcitycc.org.
Thank you for your generosity!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 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
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, MARCH 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.
Potomac Fever - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Atrium,
Community Room, Howland Center, Music Suite, Robing
Room
Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary,
Howland Center
Capital Pride Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Fl. Conference.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

DC Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite
Lenten Study on Tap - 6 p.m., the Commissary at
1443 P Street, NW. Please RSVP to Rev. Rodriguez at
202-534-6327 or crodriguez@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary.
Organist Jacob Reed, a graduate student at the Yale
Institute of Sacred Music, will perform works of Fanny
Hensel, Judith Weir, Johannes Brahms, Jan Sweelinck,
and J. S. Bach.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Lenten Lessons - 11 a.m., 3rd Fl. Conference Room.
Led by Rev. Steven Baines.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite
Elders Meeting - 12:30 p.m., 3rd Fl. Conference
Diaconate Meeting - 12:30 p.m., Howland Center