



National City Christian Church

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019, at 8:30 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. 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, Beverly Goines, and Everett Williams

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

God Is So Good

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; he's so good to me.

He answers prayer, he answers prayer, he answers prayer; he's so good to me.

I'll praise his name, I'll praise his name, I'll praise his name; he's so good to me.

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord

Esther Watanabe

I will bless Thee, O Lord! I will bless Thee, O Lord!

With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!

With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise,

With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!

Repeat

✠ OPENING HYMN

Yield Not to Temptation

Horatio R. Palmer

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you, some other to win;
Fight valiantly onward, evil passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

Refrain

Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain;
God's name hold in reverence, nor take it in vain;
Be thoughtful and earnest, kind-hearted and true;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

Refrain

To him that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown;
Through faith we will conquer, though often cast down;
He who is our Savior, our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

Refrain

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

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.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* No. 180 (1)
Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER *God Will Take Care of You* Civilla D. Martin
Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.
Refrain
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.
No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.
Refrain

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.

CHORAL PRAISE *Trust Me* Richard Smallwood
Everett P. Williams, Jr., guest pianist

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 4:1-13* Beverly Goines

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.

✘ HYMN OF PREPARATION *From the River to the Desert* Sylvia Dunstan
PICARDY
From the river to the desert, forty days that give no rest;
Fast and pray and wait and wrestle, face the Adversary's test:
Prince of Peace and Prince of Darkness meet in lonely wilderness.
If you are the one God chooses, you can turn these stones to bread.
See, the children yearn and hunger, by your deeds the poor are fed.
"Don't you know that it is written: No one lives by bread alone."
If you are the one God offers, leap into the angels' hands.
Show your power and your glory, then belief will sweep the land.
"Don't you know that it is written: Do not tempt the Lord your God."
If you are the one God promised, you could still bow down to me.
Look at all the wealth of nations, I will give you all you see.
"Don't you know that it is written: Worship God and God alone."

Since we are the ones you gather, and from sin and death have freed,
Jesus, knowing all our weakness, now at God's high altar plead.
For we know that it is written that your grace is all we need.

SERMON

Into the Wilderness

Stephen Gentle

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.

✘ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Ruth Duck

SLANE

When We Are Tested

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
Lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
Teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and search through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Barbara Boward
Loretta Tate

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 Break Bread Together

No. 425

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

The Angels Keep A-Watchin'

Spiritual

All night, all day, the angels keep a-watchin' over me, my Lord!
All night, all day, the angels keep a-watchin' over me!
repeat

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!

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

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.