



National City Christian Church

Palm Sunday

April 14, 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, Valeria Foster and Beverly Goines

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

A Perfect Sacrifice

V. Michael McKay

Holy One, Jesus Christ, the only one worthy to give His life,
For the sins of all mankind: such a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ!

Lord, I yield, yes, I give this my song, my praise of sacrifice.
I give you my life; you've already paid the price:
Such a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ!

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.

✠ OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

No. 192 (1, 3)

All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
You are a child of Israel, Great David's greater son;
You ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed one!

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Steven Baines

Leader: Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week,

People: **Strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and follow Jesus into the way of the cross.**

Leader: That united with him and all the faithful,

People: **We may one day enter through the gates of righteousness in the eternal city, the New Jerusalem,**

Unison: **Where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

There is strength in the name of the Lord; ___ there is

4
pow'r in the name of the Lord; ___ there is hope in the name of the Lord! ___

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Bless-ed is he ___ who comes in the name of the Lord!

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER

O How He Loves You and Me

Kurt Kaiser

O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me;
He gave his life—what more could he give?
O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!

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.

CHORAL PRAISE

Hosanna-Hosanna from Let God Arise

Glenn E. Burleigh

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

Steven Baines

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

✘ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

by Jennette Threlfall

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang:
to Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

SERMON

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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

No. 349 (1, 2)

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Barbara Boward
Miriam Gentle

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

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

No. 206

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

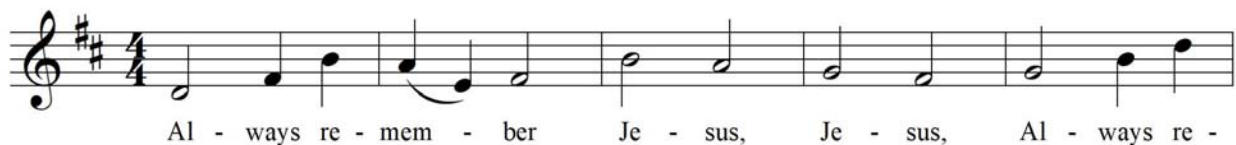
✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

Always Remember

Andraé Crouch



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; Ann Flowers; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray;
Constance Jennings; Courtney and Betty Jones; Tawanna
Lloyd; Harold Magnussen;
Mary Paradise; Al Pennybacker; Beverly Schacht; Kathleen
Swihart; Marie Temple; Esther Tyson; Beverly Williams;
persons in military and civil service around the world; and
victims of natural disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church
Hagerstown, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Chimiste Doriscar, Haiti

LENTEN STUDIES

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

Northern Virginia Pilgrims - Sunday 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 - Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Light
Supper Served at the home of Kathy Burger-Gerada at
12808 Monroe Manor Drive, Herndon, VA 20171-2959.

Transfigure Me! - Lenten Meditation & Yoga

Sunday 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 269-365-8939.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plastic Easter Eggs - You are invited to bring a dozen
plastic eggs filled with candy for next Sunday's Easter Egg
Hunt. The Egg Hunt will take place at 12:30 p.m., in the
Courtyard. For information contact Teresa Swihart at
tisatcamp@yahoo.com

NEW Prayer Day and Time - All are invited to call in on
Saturday at 8 a.m., for community prayer. Call 712-775-7031
and use code 371015.

Our Sympathy for the family of Sarah Schuermann who
died earlier this week. Please keep Chaplin Bob
Schuermann and his family in your prayers.

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!
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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite
Christian Pathways Class - 9:45 a.m., Atrium.
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, APRIL 15

Potomac Fever - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Atrium, Community
Room, Howland Center, Music Suite
Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary,
Howland Center
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
ANC 2f ABRA Policy Meeting - 7 p.m., Community Room
Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Maundy Thursday Intergenerational Meal - Join us for an
interactive experience to remember the Last Supper. Today
at 7 p.m., in the Howland Center. There is a \$10 suggested
donation. Please RSVP to rsvp@nationalcitycc.org.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Outdoor Communion - Noon - 1:30 p.m., and 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Evening Worship - 7 p.m., Sanctuary

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Prayer call at 8 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.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 10 a.m., Sanctuary, Music
Suite

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

OUTDOOR Service - 8:30 a.m., on "The Steps"
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite
Easter Brass Prelude - 10:40 a.m., Sanctuary
Easter Brunch - The National City family is invited to join
host Nicholas Bullock in an Easter Brunch at 12:30 p.m., in
the Howland Center. Please RSVP to
nicholasbullock@hotmail.com.