



National City Christian Church

Pentecost

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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. 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, Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines,
Tony Johnson, Kenneth Lowenberg, and Loretta Tate

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

GATHERING MUSIC

Holy Ground

No. 112

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.
(repeat)

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.

Bless That Wonderful Name

Congregational Praise Song

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus. Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.
Bless that wonderful name of Jesus, no other name I know.

There's power in the name of Jesus, power in the name of Jesus;
Power in the name of Jesus, no other name I know.

There's healing in the name of Jesus, healing in the name of Jesus;
Healing in the name of Jesus, no other name I know.

✠ OPENING HYMN

On Pentecost They Gathered

ST. THEODULPH

Tony Johnson, dancer

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✧ **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE** Loretta Tate
 Leader: Today is the day of Pentecost; the Lord has poured out the Holy Spirit into human hearts.
People: Come, Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life.
 Leader: Fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love.
People: Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place to pray, sing, and make ourselves available for worship.
 Leader: Give us faith, that when you come like the wind, we may hear what you are saying to us.
People: Give us an open mind, that the truth you bring may make its home with us.
 Leader: Give us an open heart, Lord, that we may seek all people for your family of faith.
Unison: God rules supreme! Alleluia! Amen!

✧ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 600
Jesu, Jesu
Refrain
 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
 show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
(repeat)

They'll Know We Are Christians No. 494
Refrain
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
 yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Stephen Gentle

✧ **CALL TO PRAYER** No. 259
Spirit of the Living God
 Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON) Beverly Goines
 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 Loretta Tate
Acts 2:1-11
 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

ANTHEM Spiritual
 Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
 Paul Heffron, soloist arr. William L. Dawson

SERMON Stephen Gentle
Pentecost

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

William P. Mackay

Revive Us Again

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen!

Hallelujah! thine the glory; revive us again.

We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light, who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.

refrain

Revive us again: fill each heart with thy love; May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.

refrain

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Donn C. Thomas

Anointing

arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

Anointing fall on me. Anointing fall on me.

Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me. Anointing fall on me.

(repeat)

Holy Spirit

Richard Smallwood

We need the power of the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Send your anointing. Let it fall down, fall down, fall down, down on me!

(repeat)

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, send your power!

Fall down, fall down, fall down, down on me.

✠ DOXOLOGY

No. 50

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Charles Hickman

Terri Malone

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 MUSIC

Chorale on Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 261

CORONATION

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

All are invited to exit towards the back of the Sanctuary to enjoy ice cream and fellowship

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance
Kenneth Lowenberg, piano

arr. Michael Hassell

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Fay Arrington; Douglas and Chieko Cook;
Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Constance Jennings;
Courtney and Betty Jones; Barbara Kelley;
Tawanna Lloyd; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht;
Marie Temple; Esther Tyson;
persons in military and civil service around the world;
and victims of natural disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Henson Valley Christian Church
Fort Washington, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Linda James, Democratic Republic of Congo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Message: Pentecost is the biblical event that launches the beginning of the church. Now nearly 2,000 years in development, how is the church of Jesus, the Christ, doing? Let's explore the "state of the church" on this Pentecost Sunday.

Daily Prayer: Gracious God, let this new day be a time of praise and joy as I meet you in our sisters and brothers. Amen.

Pentecost Offering - Our Pentecost offering supports the mission for starting new churches. Half of this offering goes to Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation to fund their efforts and the remaining half stays in our Capital Area Christian Church region. The theme for this year's offering is "Churches Change the World."

FOR OUR GUESTS

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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

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Combined Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Christian Pathways Class - 9 a.m., Atrium.
Sanctuary Tour - 11:15 a.m. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary, near the President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour of National City.
Ice Cream Social - Join us at the back of the Sanctuary for ice cream and fellowship immediately following this service.
Capital Pride Festival - Don't forget to visit our booth at the Pride Festival!
18th Street Singers Concert - 5 p.m., Sanctuary

MONDAY, JUNE 10

UPIC Executive Committee Meeting - 12 p.m., 3rd Fl. Conference Room.
Potomac Fever - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

UPIC Executive Committee Meeting - 9 a.m., 3rd Fl. Conference Room.
Capital Pride Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Fl. Conference
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

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, JUNE 13

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite
Gay Men's Chorus - 7 p.m., Howland Center

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. **Eric Bowman** (Ranson, West Virginia) will perform organ works of John Dunstable, J. S. Bach, Lawrence Schreiber, Lucy Ann Warriner, and Leon Boëllman, including the *Prière à Notre-Dame*.
Iglesia Cristiana Bible Study - 7 p.m., Community Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

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.
Tucci Wedding - 2 p.m., Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

FATHER'S DAY

Combined Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
ONE WORSHIP TIME - 10 a.m., Sanctuary. Join us for a combined worship for the summer.

Tithe.ly Mobile Giving - National City has a new, easy mobile giving platform! Search **Tithe.ly** from your iPhone or Android app store to download **Tithe.ly**. In the app, 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.

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