



# National City Christian Church

## Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019, at 10 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. 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, please silence your cell phones.

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Kevin Biggins, Jr., Valeria Foster, and Beverly Goines

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

*Larghetto from Sonata No. 2*

Alexandre Guilmant

CHORAL INTROIT

*I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me*

Franklin Glynn

I was glad when they said unto me:

"Let us go into the house of the Lord, the house of the Lord!"

✧ OPENING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

No. 517 (1, 3, 4)

BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;  
take away our love of sinning; alpha and omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,

**People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with instruments and melody,

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, the ruler of the earth.**

Leader: Let the world and those who live in it,

**People: Sing praise to God with shouts of joy!**

Leader: Come, worship our God, who reigns forever;

**People: Come, worship God with songs of gladness and thanksgiving!**

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 35

GREATOREX

*Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

✧ CALL TO PRAYER

No. 668 (1)

CWM RHONDDA

*For the Healing of the Nations*

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

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

Luke 21:5-19

Beverly Goines

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

ANTHEM

*My Lord, What a Mornin'*

Harry T. Burleigh

My Lord what a mornin', my Lord what a mornin',  
Oh, my Lord what a mornin', when de stars begin to fall, when de stars begin to fall.  
Done quit all my worl'ly ways, done quite all my worl'ly ways,  
Done quit all my worl'ly ways jine dat hebbently ban'  
Oh! My Lord what a mornin', my Lord what a mornin',  
Oh, my Lord what a mornin', when de stars begin to fall, when de stars begin to fall.

SERMON

*Stay in the Fight*

Stephen Gentle

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE**

Those desiring to become members of National City Christian Church, by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, transfer of membership or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✠ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

No. 602

MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.  
Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.  
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Steven Baines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*All Things Are Yours!*

Bryan Jeffery Leech

All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you.  
And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.

"Give out of love," your Word commands. We are your head, your heart, your hands.  
Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.

O what a joy to give and then, out of compassion, give again.  
You have no needs. Though that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.

✠ 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

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Jane Campbell  
Loretta Franklin

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle. 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 smaller silver tray.

If for any reason you would prefer to remain seated, please do so and communion will be brought to you.

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 459 (1, 2, 4, 5)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.  
  
Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.  
  
Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.  
  
Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, many we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

***All are invited to the back of the Sanctuary for coffee and fellowship.***

POSTLUDE

*Grandioso*

arr. Michael Ryan

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Barbara Kelley; Jim King; Tawanna Lloyd; Harold Magnussen; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Sylvia Snyder; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; John Foster Woods; military and civil service persons around the world; and victims of disasters.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

English Consul Church, Baltimore, Maryland

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Victoria Peagler, Botswana

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Daily Prayer:** I praise you, Lord, and give you thanks for the gift of this day. Fill me with your Spirit, and let your songs fill my heart. Give me a wise and discerning mind to walk in your way, making the most of the time as I go out among your people. Amen.

**Stewardship Commitment:** Members and regular worshipers are invited to prayerfully share an estimate-of-giving card for 2020 this Sunday or next. Thank you for taking the time to share your giving plans for National City as the leadership plans for our ministry and mission in the next year. Estimate-of-giving cards may be placed in the offering tray with your regular tithe and offering. Thank you!

**Collecting "Gently Used Blankets, Coats, and Warm Weather Gear" on Sunday, December 1:** Katie Campbell Morrison, our seminarian at Yale Divinity School, will be at National City to receive the above items for people in need in New Haven, Connecticut. She is coordinating this drive for S.W.A.N. (Sex Workers and Allies Network). For more information, contact [kcm.campbell@yale.edu](mailto:kcm.campbell@yale.edu).

**Santa Claus is coming to town** and stopping by for breakfast on Saturday, December 7, at 9 a.m.! Help us get ready! Please contact Teresa Swihart to help with setting up, greeting, decorating, hospitality, running a craft station or a game, reading the Christmas story (Spanish and/or English) serving breakfast, providing juice boxes, advertising in the community, cleaning up, repairing a couple little wooden chairs, and most importantly praying for the event, the children, the parents, and the elves.

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**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!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**Sanctuary Choir Warmup** - 9 a.m., Sanctuary  
**Christian Pathways Class** - 9 a.m., Atrium  
**Children's Sunday School** - 9 a.m., 2nd Floor. Gina Medina, teacher  
**Sanctuary Tour** - 11:15 a.m. Meet in the back of the Sanctuary, near President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour.  
**Thanksgiving Luncheon** - 12 p.m., Howland Center

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**Quintet Rehearsal** - 5:30 p.m., Music Suite  
**Gay Men's Chorus** - 6:30 p.m., Howland Center

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**National Children's Chorus** - 3 p.m., Atrium, Music Suite, Community Room, Howland Center  
**Capital Pride Meeting** - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room  
**Gospel Choir Rehearsal** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Fortissima Singers** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite  
**Council of Churches Fall Assembly** - 6 p.m., at Calvary Episcopal Church, 820 6th Street, NE.

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**Music at Midday - Free!** 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Baltimore organist Jordan Prescott will perform a St. Cecilia Day concert entitled "In the Organ Gallery of Sainte-Clotilde (Paris)," featuring works of French composers Charles Tournemire, Maurice Duruflé, Gabriel Pierné, Jean Langlais, and César Franck.  
**Feliciano Wedding Rehearsal** - 5 p.m., Sanctuary

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**Prayer call at 8 a.m.** - Join the weekly prayer call. Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter code 371015. For information, contact Loretta Tate at 202-489-2020.  
**Greenspring Video/Harpist** - 9 a.m., Sanctuary  
**Feliciano Wedding** - 5 p.m., Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9 a.m., Music Suite  
**Congregational Meeting** - 11:45 a.m., Sanctuary  
**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 12:30 p.m., Music Suite

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## 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](mailto: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.