



National City Christian Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020, at 10 a.m.

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Welcome to National City Christian Church, national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - 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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Adagio

Wolfgang A. Mozart

GATHERING MUSIC

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

(repeat)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon the cross. *(repeat)*
(Refrain)

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

No. 41

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

✧ OPENING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

No. 461
BEACH SPRING

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: You are the salt of the earth;

People: We make the world full of flavor!

Leader: You are the light of the world;

People: We will shine our light for all to see!

Leader: For Christ has come to fulfill the law,

People: And we follow Jesus Christ, whose light shines in us.

Leader: Come, worship God, follow Jesus,

Unison: And may the Spirit guide us in our daily lives.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

✧ 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

CALL TO PRAYER

Lead Me, Guide Me

No. 583

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead 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.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-20

Beverly Goines

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

ANTHEM

Hold Out Your Light
Lolita Neal, soloist

African American Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

Hold out your light, you heav'n bound soldier, let your light shine around the world.
O, preacher, can't you hold out your light. O, deacon can't you hold out your light.
O, leader, can't you hold out your light, let your light shine around the world.

SERMON

Let Your Light Shine

Stephen Gentle

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 next hymn.

✧ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

BEACH SPRING

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.

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THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Steven Baines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual

Alia Waheed Ky, soloist

arr. John Work

This little light of mine, I'm goin' to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm goin' to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm goin' to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

✠ DOXOLOGY

We Give Thee but Thine Own

No. 382 (1)

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Gary Lewis

Kathy Mosley

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. 442

SOUTH AFRICA

We Are Walking in the Light of God

We are walking in the light of God; we are walking in the light of God.

We are walking in the light of God; we are walking in the light of God.

We are walking; we are walking in the light of God;

We are walking; we are walking in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing (singing, we are singing); we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing (singing, we are singing); we are singing in the light of God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David German

Join us for coffee fellowship on the 2nd Floor Mezzanine

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis;
Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;
Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd;
Lucas Lund; Alta Mainer; Drusilla McCain;
Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Kathleen Swihart;
Gloria Taylor; Esther Tyson; John Foster Woods;
military and civil service persons around the world;
and victims of disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Christian Temple
Catonsville, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Fiyorie Kidane
Greece

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's message: In the fifth chapter of Matthew, Jesus teaches his disciples that they are the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." When we shine God's light and share God's love, we give hope to others and God receives the glory

Our Daily Prayer - Living God, maker of light, thank you for the gift of this day. Let me be a light in your world so that people will look at me and see the goodness of your creation; in Jesus' name I pray.

Week of Compassion Offering - We will receive a special offering on February 16 & 23 for Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Celebration Brunch and Fond Farewell - On Sunday, February 16, pulpit guest Rev. Allen V. Harris will lead worship as we ponder the future of our congregation. After the service we will celebrate Dr. Gentle's time with us with his favorite foods. Donation for brunch is \$12.

Dr. Gentle's Last Sermon as Senior Pastor - On Sunday, February 23, Dr. Gentle will preach on Matthew 17:1-9

Tithe.ly Mobile Giving - National City can receive donations and offerings through the Tithe.ly app. Search for "National City," complete a quick, one-time setup, then all it takes is 3 clicks to give! It is also possible to give online at https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give and thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Sanctuary Choir Warmup - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Christian Pathways Class - 9 a.m., Atrium
Children's Sunday School - 9 a.m., 2nd Floor.
Sanctuary Tour - 11:15 a.m. Meet in the back of the Sanctuary, near President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour.
Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study - 11:30 a.m., Howland Center. Dr. Gentle will be leading on Philippians. Please bring your lunch and a personal message that you would like to share with Dr. Gentle. There will be a time for sharing and thanksgiving before the study begins.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Gay Men's Chorus - 6:30 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Community Room, Howland Center, Music Suite
Capital Pride Meeting - 6:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Gay Men's Chorus - 7 p.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center, 2nd Fl. Conference Room
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Toddler Playgroup - 9 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Singers - 7 p.m., Howland Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite
Gay Men's Chorus - 7 p.m., Howland Center
ANC 2F Meeting - 7 p.m., Community Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Music at Midday - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. **Free!**
Chuyoung and Erik William Suter will present a Valentine's Day performance of the lovely romantic Piano Concerto No. 2 of Sergei Rachmaninoff with piano and organ..

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Weekly Prayer call at 8 a.m. - Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter code 371015. For information, contact Loretta Tate.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Sanctuary Choir Warmup - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Celebration Brunch - 11:45 a.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 a 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 a 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.