

SOME  
GOOD  
ADVICE

**National City Christian Church**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 11, 2020**  
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**GATHERING**

PRELUDE *Offertoire ou Communion* César Franck  
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

WELCOME Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP Anna Meyer

Praise the Lord.  
Give thanks for God's goodness.  
God's steadfast love endures forever.  
Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.  
Save us, O Lord,  
and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name,  
and glory in your praise.  
Come and worship God!

INVOCATION Steven Baines

PASSING OF THE PEACE Steven Baines  
Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* MARION  
Led by Terri Malone

Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;  
your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,  
raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.

*(refrain)*

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.

*(refrain)*

Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as you go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

*(refrain)*

# PROCLAMATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

Beverly J. Goines

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

SELECTION

*Praise to Our God*  
Terri Malone, soloist

O PERFECT LOVE

Praise to our God who is near and forgiving.  
Praise for the promises we have received.  
Love that is steadfast surrounds all our living.  
Granting more wonders than we have believed.

Therefore, beloved, my sisters and brothers,  
be of one mind in the gospel each day.  
Put aside worry while praying for others,  
letting God's peace guard your hearts in Christ's way.

Choose what is pleasing to God who will teach us;  
do what is true, just, and worthy of praise.  
Let no impurity stain or impeach us  
as we stand firm in the love Christ conveys.

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SERMON

*Think About These Things*

Amy Butler

SONG OF REFLECTION

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear.  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

## RESPONSE

PSALTER

Psalm 23

Steven Baines

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Steven Baines

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Steven Baines

*If you have bread and juice to use at your home, we invite all to participate in Holy Communion  
after the minister offers Words of Institution and Prayer for the Elements.*

CULTIVATING GENEROSITY

Beverly J. Goines

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

*As You Go, Tell the World*

As you go, tell the world; as you go, tell the world.  
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.  
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.

*Repeat*

As you go, tell the world.

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BENEDICTION

Amy Butler

POSTLUDE

*Chorale on Eventide*  
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

C. Hubert H. Parry

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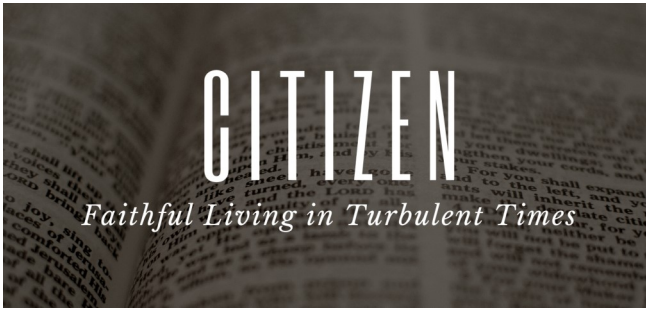
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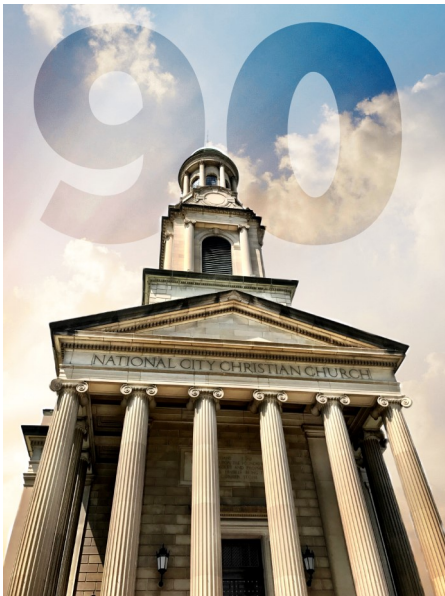
This is our last week exploring the Epistle to the Philippians and the good advice that Paul is giving the first church.

The next series *Citizen: Faithful Living in Turbulent Times*, is about Jesus' direction on living under a government and following the gospel. You might be surprised at what he has to say!

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It is with a heavy heart that we notify you of the passing of our dear friend and sister **Ann Drusilla McCain**. She passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 at her nursing home in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Her family has planned a private funeral service in Danville, Virginia.

We praise God for the life Ann Drusilla McCain even as we miss her faithfulness and her gift of hospitality that made us feel so welcome when she greeted us at the sanctuary doors on Sunday mornings. We are grateful for the smiles and laughter that she brought into our lives. To God be the Glory!



**Virtual Remembrances of National City's Incredible 90 Years of Glory to God: Monday, October 19.** Tune in all day long on all of National City's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and website) to see, hear, and share the amazing history of our beloved church - the "National Church" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)!

**90th Anniversary Worship Service: November 1 at 10 a.m.**

Join National City members, past and present, as we celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To God be the glory for blessing and keeping this congregation for almost a century! Worship with us via Facebook (@nationalcitycc) and Youtube (Friends of National City Christian Church)

Please join our **Saturday morning prayer call** at 8 a.m. (712-775-7031; code 371015).

**Virtual Fellowship Hour - Sunday at 11 a.m.** Bring your coffee and enjoy virtual conversation with your National City family! We will send out a link on Friday. Subscribe to our email list via our website [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org), or email Colleen Walsh at [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org), to receive the link.

Please remember the vital ministries of our church by giving of our tithes and offerings on [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly). Checks are being received in the mail and deposited weekly. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

**Prayers for Our Church Family**

Phyllis Alexander; Jane Campbell; Douglas and Chieko Cook;  
Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray;  
Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd;  
Lucas Lund; Beverly Schacht; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson;  
John Foster Woods;  
and all medical personnel around the world.

**Capital Area Prayer Calendar**

Shepherd Park Christian Church  
Washington, DC

**Global Ministries Prayer Calendar**

Martha Mesendiek in Japan