



National City Christian Church/NCCC Foundation

(Disciples of Christ)

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Dear NCCC Church Family,

As you know, our city is currently experiencing heightened tension as DC government and law enforcement have now gone into “lockdown” mode with the expectation of significant unrest and possible violence. Thomas Circle has become a flashpoint for some of that tension as white supremacist hate groups are staying in our neighborhood and will likely continue disruptive activities.

And, all of this comes on the eve of the Day of Epiphany, January 6. Epiphany is the day we recall the wise sages who followed a star to the baby Jesus. During their trip they found themselves having to thwart the efforts of an evil despot intent on violence and destruction. During this tense week in our city, the story of Epiphany reminds us that evil was and is still very real, seeking to violate and destroy the bonds that connect us to each other. It also reminds us that with the conviction of our faith and the courage of our community, we can stand up to evil.

At the direction of officials we will keep the church building closed tomorrow and our clergy will participate in appropriate actions only when they can ensure safety. [Large Black Lives Matter banners will hang from our columns beginning tomorrow morning, signaling to the neighborhood and to the city our witness and support for justice.](#) Our staff and local officials are working hard to keep our building and grounds safe. In our streets we will hear messages of hatred and exclusion, but we will reject them in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Please continue to share the work and witness of our church on your social media channels, stay safe, and let's continue our church's witness to God's justice.

With Gratitude for All of You,

Pastor Amy, Interim Senior Minister
Alan Williams, Congregational Moderator