



National City Christian Church Anniversary Sunday

October 22, 2017, at 11 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

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. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please fill out the Connect with Us card, and place it in the offering tray. Today's service is approximately 75 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Paul Heffron, Kenneth Lowenberg,
and Michael McMahon

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Bergamasca

Samuel Scheidt
(1587-1654)

Echo

Samuel Scheidt

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

INTROIT

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Tom Fettke

✘ OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

No. 6

Please join in singing verses 1, 2, and 4. The choir will sing verse 3.

MIT FREUDEN ZART

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Heffron

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,

People: "I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

Leader: Lord, you have promised us,

People: "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Leader: Lord, you have blessed us, saying,

People: "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

Leader: Lord, you have humbled us, saying,

People: "I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

Unison: Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

✘ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 39

My Tribute

MY TRIBUTE

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,

to God be the glory for the things you have done.

With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me;

to God be the glory for the things you have done.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Paul Heffron

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him — and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

✘ Please stand as you are able.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Kenneth W. Louis

Proclaim God's Marvelous Deeds (Psalm 96)

Alia Waheed Ky, cantor

Please join in singing the refrain after the cantor and again after each stanza of the psalm.



Pro - claim— God's mar-vel-ous deeds. Pro - claim God's mar-vel-ous deeds. Oh —



Pro - claim— God's mar-vel-ous deeds to all the na - tions.

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Sing a new song to the Lord!
Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord,
sing and praise his name. Everybody singing! **R.**

Announce his salvation day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations,
Among all people his wondrous deeds. Everybody singing! **R.**

Say among the nations the Lord is King.
He has made the world firm, not to be moved.
He governs the people, with equity. Everybody singing! **R.**

SCRIPTURE

Paul Heffron

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

RESPONSE

The Kingdom of God

The choir will sing the response first, then all repeat three times.



The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it.



Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

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SERMON

Stephen Gentle

In Whose Image?

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

There's Something About That Name

No. 115
THAT NAME

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:
But more than all the heart must bear the longest part.

Don McAfee

✘ PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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 pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Loretta Franklin
Miriam Gentle

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle. If you prefer to remain seated, communion will be brought to you.

Beverly Goines

COMMUNION HYMN

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near
O God, unseen yet ever near, reveal thy presence now,
while we, in love that hath no fear, before thy glory bow.

No. 399 (1)
BELMONT

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ Lay in Death's Bonds

Samuel Scheidt

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ GOING FORTH

Jesus Shall Reign

No. 95 (1, 3, 4, 5)
DUKE STREET

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

We All Believe in One God

Samuel Scheidt

All are invited to the Atrium for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.
Pastors and elders are at the doors of the Sanctuary to greet you.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Willie Alexander; Fay Arrington; Dorothy Davis;
Eddie Franklin; Sue Frost; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;
Courtney & Betty Jones; Tawanna Lloyd; Robin Schacht;
Lily Stewart; Jessica Sylvester; persons in military and civil
service around the world.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER

Second Washington Chapel Church of Christ
Disciples of Christ, Hyattsville, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Bosela Eale, Democratic Republic of Congo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Steven Baines and Rick Mohn
in memory of James C. Baines, Jr., who would have turned
85 today.

Commitment Sunday: On this Sunday, members and
friends of National City Christian Church are invited to
prayerfully make an estimate-of-giving for 2018. Sharing your
plans to give help our leaders to faithfully prepare for the
ministries and mission for next year. Simply fill out the bulletin
insert and place it in the offering tray this morning. Offering
envelopes are provided in the pew backs for your use.

Hurricane Relief: We continue to remember those who
are recovering from the hurricanes, including our friends in
Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and other affected islands as well
as the Gulf Coast. Your special offering marked "Week of
Compassion" goes to our church's efforts to provide relief.

Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available in the
marked paper cup on the bread tray.

Next Sunday Christians throughout the world will
observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Both 8:30
and 11 a.m. services will include special readings and music
to mark this important day. We pray that God will guide and
reform the church of today and help us to overcome the
divisions that prevent us from giving credible witness to the
mission of Christ in the world.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.
Christian Pathways - 10 a.m., Large Atrium.
Toddler Class - 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Work Room. Barbara
Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders
Sanctuary Tour - 12:15 p.m. Meet at the back of the
Sanctuary, near the President Garfield Memorial Window,
for a special guided tour of National City.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Prayer call at 6 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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

National Children's Chorus - 4 p.m., Music Suite,
Howland Center, Community Room
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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, OCTOBER 26

DC Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Music at Midday - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary, **free**. Nicholas
Will (Steubenville, Ohio) will perform works of Nicolaus
Bruhns, Richard Purvis, Marcel Dupré, Gabriel Fauré, and
Charles-Marie Widor.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Memorial Service for Bill Knight - Sanctuary, Visitation
at 2 p.m. Memorial Service at 3 p.m. Reception following

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.
Congregational Board Meeting - 12:30 p.m. 3rd Floor

FOR OUR GUESTS

EN ESPAÑOL - Community Room, Domingo 11 a.m.

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. Full and associate memberships are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email
sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

Coffee and Fellowship - Come to the Atrium for a warm cup of coffee, and meet some of the warm people of National City.
The Atrium is located on the first floor of the building through the front, right door.

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

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