



National City Christian Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018, at 11 a.m.

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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 approximately 75 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Byron Cotton, Beverly Goines, and Kenneth Lowenberg

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE *Prelude, Op. 28, No. 7* Frédéric Chopin
Prelude, Op. 28, No. 20 (1810-1849)
Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 2

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME Stephen Gentle

INTROIT *O Holy God* Lawrence P. Schreiber

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 3
Brother James' Air

The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore

The sun is on the sea and shore, a new day has begun;
With morning hymns we will adore the blessed Three-in-One;
And we shall praise you ever more until the day is done.

Your love is ever in our view, like shining stars by night;
Your gifts are every morning new, O God of love and light;
Your mercy, like the heaven's blue, fills all our dazzled sight.

We do not know what grief and care each coming day may bring;
The heart shall find some gladness there that trusts you in each thing;
The life that serves you everywhere will never cease to sing.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Byron Cotton

Leader: Gracious and all merciful God, we give you thanks, for each day your mercies are new.

People: **We proclaim your goodness and your strength and we call upon you in praise and thanksgiving.**

Leader: Bless us and bless your people everywhere this day with your holy presence.

People: **Help us to worship you in a manner worthy of our calling and to render to you the tribute due to your name.**

Unison: **We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 35

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Byron Cotton

Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beverly Goines

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

✠ ANTHEM

Grant Us Light

Eric H. Thiman

Grant us light in our minds, O Lord; wisdom in thought and truth in word:
Understanding in all we do, that thy bright spirit may shine through.
Lead our steps and direct our will that we may work for thee
Until thy purpose is achieved on earth and beauty comes to birth.
Grant us peace in our separate ways, and time to sing and speak thy praise,
That all our lives may come to be a clear reflection, Lord, of thee.

SERMON

Looking to Jesus

Stephen Gentle

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

No. 583

Lead Me, Guide Me
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.
repeat

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY

Amazin' Grace

arr. Wendell Whalum

Amazin' grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come,
'Tis grace hath brought me safe this far, and grace will lead me home.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fear relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!
When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine,
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

No. 47
OLD HUNDREDTH

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Teresa Swihart
Gary Lewis

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Steven Baines

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the closest center aisle to you. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the outside aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 422 (2)
LINSTAD

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Träumerei, Op. 15, No. 7

Robert Schumann
(1810-1856)

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH

No. 357 (1, 2, 4, 5)
LANCASHIRE

We Call Ourselves Disciples
We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.
The cup and cross before us, proclaim our hope above,
The sign of our Redeemer, the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted, the cup poured out for all.
When gathered at the table we hear our common call.
We join with all disciples to live the word in deed,
To share the cup of water and bread with all in need;
To work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail,
Till all this planet's people know justice without fail.
So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
In hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
We go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Valse, Op. 64, No. 2

Frédéric Chopin

All are invited to the gather outside the Howland Center for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Fay Arrington; Bob Bark; Douglas and Chieko Cook;
Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray;
Constance Jennings; Courtney and Betty Jones;
Tawanna Lloyd; Beverly Schacht; Esther Tyson;
Beverly Williams; persons in military and civil service
around the world; and victims of natural disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Fairfax Christian Church
Fairfax, Virginia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

John Campbell-Nelson, West Timor

Miriam Gentle, Women to Women Worldwide, Cuba

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, give me the courage and the hope to live
today with your words in my mind and your love
demonstrated through my life. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Steve Karsteter in memory
of Dorothy and Lee Karsteter.

For the accessibility of all our worshippers, **all Worship
Services** will be held in the Howland Center.

Valet Parking is available for those in need. Please
see a volunteer at the Atrium front desk.

Christian Pathways Adult Study - 9:45 a.m., Atrium.
This week Diana Morse will be presenting: taking care of
the earth with the thought "The earth is the Lord's ..."
(Psalm 24:1) entitled "Living A Christian Lifestyle." On
November 4, Dr. Richard Hamm will lead the class
about church renewal and transformation.

Volunteer for Breakfast with Santa - December 1,
contact Teresa Swihart at tisatcamp@yahoo.com if you
can help set up, make crafts, take photos, clean up, play
or serve.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Christian Pathways Adult Study - 9:45 a.m., Atrium.
Children's Class - 10 a.m., 3rd Floor Classroom.
Barbara Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders
Sanctuary Tour - 12:30 p.m. Meet Rick Bahr at the
Communion Table and he will take you upstairs for a tour
of the beautiful Sanctuary. All are welcomed to attend.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Prayer call at 6:30 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.
Potomac Fever Chorus - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

National Children's Chorus - 3:30 p.m., Music Suite,
Howland Center, Community Room
Gay Men's Chorus - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite
Women's Support Group - 6 p.m., 3rd Fl. Conference.
All women survivors of sexual assault are invited to a
support group led by Ms. Marie Temple and resourced by
Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines. Please contact Dr. Goines at
bgoines@nationalcitycc.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Singers - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

NBA XPLOR Luncheon - 11:30 a.m., Howland Center
Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite
Latinx Congregation Service - 7 p.m., Community
Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary.
Organist Stefan Donner is traveling from Vienna, Austria,
to perform a program of great works by J. S. Bach,
Charles-Marie Widor, and Louis Vierne.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**National City Christian Church Foundation Board
Meeting** - 9 a.m., Howland Center, Community Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Gospel & Sanctuary Choirs Rehearsal - 9 a.m.,
Sanctuary
Celebrating 175 Years! - 10 a.m., Sanctuary. One
service with brunch following! Please RSVP at
175th@nationalcitycc.org

FOR OUR GUESTS

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

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.