



National City Christian Church

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019, at 10 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 1 hour and 15 minutes, please silence your cell phones.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Valeria Foster, and Beverly Goines

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

GATHERING MUSIC

Give Thanks

No. 528

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

repeat

And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us

repeat

Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

No. 529

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me, singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

✧ OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 56 (2 - 5)

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Steven Baines

Leader: God of Beauty and Holiness, help us to seek the beauty of your goodness and mercy in all we do, over the flashy temptations of worldly measures of success and wealth.

People: Remind us of the beauty of your creation, the holiness of your love for us, the truth in your ways of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

Leader: May we peel back the veils of this world to be authentic, to truly know your grace and mercy.

Unison: We dedicate our worship and our lives to your way in Christ Jesus. Amen.

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 56 (1)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

CHILD DEDICATION

Agnes Diaz Mague

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves the Little Children

George F. Root

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

Steven Baines

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

CHORAL PRAISE

In the Beauty of Holiness

arr. Stephen Key

Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Give him the honor, give him the praise.
Come, let us worship the Lord, let's give him the praise.

Worship him. Worship him. Give my God the glory. Give my God the praise.
Worship him. Worship him. Come let us worship the Lord; let's give him the praise.

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SERMON

Living a Generous Life

Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

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 hymn.

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

No. 601 (1-3)

I Am Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

refrain

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!

refrain

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY MUSIC

You Can't Beat God Giving
Lolita Neal and Kathy Mosley, soloists

Doris Akers

Refrain

You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.
And just as sure as you're living and the Lord is in heaven on high,
the more you give, the more he gives to you;
but keep on giving because it's really true
that you can't beat God giving no matter how you try.

Should we receive and never give? The Savior died that we might live.
His life on Calvary he gladly gave, our sinful souls to save.

He gives me health, he keeps me strong, he guides me when I would go wrong,
He gives me everything, everything that I need, my every hunger he feeds.

He gave me peace, he made me whole, and when in sin he saves my soul.
And what I give would never be compared with the blessing that I share.

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✘ DOXOLOGY

Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring
Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.

No. 379

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Barbara Boward
Gary Lewis

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Give of Your Best to the Master
Give of your best to the Master, give of the strength of your youth;
throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor into the battle for truth.
Jesus has set the example—dauntless was he, young and brave;
give him your loyal devotion, give him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master, give him first place in your heart;
give him first place in your service, consecrate ev'ry part.
Give, and to you shall be given—God his beloved Son gave;
gratefully seeking to serve him, give him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master, naught else is worthy his love;
he gave himself for your ransom, gave up his glory above;
laid down his life without murmur. You from sin's ruin to save;
give him your heart's adoration, give him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master, give of the strength of your youth;
clad in salvation's full armor, join in the battle for truth.

Charlotte A. Barnard

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

Jeremy Johnson

As We Go
As we go, may your Spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world as we go.
(repeat)

All are invited to the back of the Sanctuary for coffee and fellowship.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Barbara Kelley; Jim King; Tawanna Lloyd; Harold Magnussen; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Sylvia Snyder; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; John Foster Woods; military and civil service persons around the world; and victims of disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church
Falls Church, Virginia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Michael Joseph, Colombia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Kathleen Swihart in honor of all veterans, and by the Kelleys in memory of Mary S. Kelley.

Daily Prayer: Dear God, help me to follow after your ways as I go throughout my day. Amen.

Stewardship Commitment: Members and regular worshipers are invited to prayerfully share an estimate-of-giving card for 2020 this Sunday or next. Thank you for taking the time to share your giving plans for National City as the leadership plans for our ministry and mission in the next year. Estimate-of-giving cards may be placed in the offering tray with your regular tithe and offering. Thank you!

Collecting "Gently Used Blankets, Coats, and Warm Weather Gear" on Sunday, December 1: Katie Campbell Morrison, our seminarian at Yale Divinity School, will be at National City to receive the above items for people in need in New Haven, Connecticut. She is coordinating this drive for S.W.A.N. (Sex Workers and Allies Network). For more information, contact kcm.campbell@yale.edu.

Santa Claus is coming to town and stopping by for breakfast on Saturday, December 7, at 9 a.m.! Help us get ready! Please contact Teresa Swihart to help with setting up, greeting, decorating, hospitality, running a craft station or a game, reading the Christmas story (Spanish and/or English) serving breakfast, providing juice boxes, advertising in the community, cleaning up, repairing a couple little wooden chairs, and most importantly praying for the event, the children, the parents, and the elves.

Tithe.ly Mobile Giving - National City is now on the **Tithe.ly app**. Just search for "National City," complete a quick one-time setup, then all it takes is 3 clicks to give! **Thank you for your generosity!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Gospel Choir Warmup - 9 a.m., Sanctuary
Christian Pathways Class - 9 a.m., Atrium
Children's Sunday School - 9 a.m., 2nd Floor. Gina Medina, teacher
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 Bible Study with Disciples Women & Disciples Men - 11:30 a.m., Howland Center. Dr. Gentle will be sharing the teaching of Jesus on "Abide With Me" All are welcome!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Atrium, Music Suite, Community Room, Howland Center
Capital Pride Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Singers - 7 p.m., Music Suite
Service of Remembrance and Healing - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite
ANC 2F Meeting - 7 p.m., Community Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Benjamin LaPrairie, Associate Director of Music at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, will perform organ works of Charles-Marie Widor, Nico Muhly, Louis Vierne, and Joseph Jongen.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Prayer call at 8 a.m. - Join the weekly prayer call. Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter code 371015. For information, contact Loretta Tate at 202-489-2020.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Thanksgiving Luncheon - 12 p.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.

Get Social - follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram [@nationalcitycc](https://www.instagram.com/nationalcitycc).

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. Associate or student memberships are available as well. 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.