



National City Christian Church

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2019, at 10 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

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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, Kevin Biggins, Jr., Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle, and Beverly Goines

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm

PRELUDE

Meditation on *Repton*

arr. Lawrence P. Schreiber

GATHERING MUSIC

Find Us Faithful

Jon Mohr

O may all who come behind us find us faithful; may the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Repeat

Everything That Hath Breath

Richard Smallwood

Everything that hath breath, everything that hath breath, praise him.
Everything that hath breath, praise ye the Lord.
repeat

Clap your hands!

Everything that hath breath, everything that hath breath, praise him.
Everything that hath breath, praise ye the Lord.
repeat

✧ OPENING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

No. 611 (1, 2, 3)
FESTAL SONG

Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of righteousness, and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
with strength unequal to the task; rise up and make it great.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: For the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us,

People: We give you thanks, O God, for their faith.

Leader: For the faithful who stayed true to the end,

People: We give you thanks, O God, for their courage.

Leader: For the mothers and grandmothers, aunts and uncles, fathers and grandfathers,
Sunday School teachers and pastors, coaches and instructors who helped mold and shape us,

People: We give you thanks, O God, for their wisdom.

Leader: For our Lord Jesus Christ, who calls the faithful home,

Unison: We give you thanks, O God, for our eternal home is with you and all the saints!

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

No. 611 (4)
FESTAL SONG

Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;
Come sisters, brothers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

✦ CALL TO PRAYER

I Will Do a New Thing

Audrey Byrd

"I will do a new thing in you; I will do a new thing in you;
Whatever you ask for, whatever you pray for,
Nothing shall be denied," saith the Lord; saith the Lord!

repeat

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Beverly Goines

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:18-19

Beverly Goines

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

ANTHEM

Festival Piece on Sine Nomine
Miriam Gentle, harp

adapt. arr. Dwight Elrich

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON

From Monument to Mission Station

Dick Hamm

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

To Us All, to Every Nation

No. 634

EBENEZER

To us all, to every nation comes the moment to decide,
in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;
some great cause, God's new endeavor, offering each the bloom or blight,
and the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

By the light of burning martyrs, Jesus' bleeding feet I track,
toiling up new Calvaries ever with the cross that turns not back;
new occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth;
they must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong,
truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne.
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
God is standing in the shadow keeping watch beside God's own.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Steven Baines

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Anticipation

V. Michael McKay

Can't wait to see him; look upon his face,
bow down before him, thank him for his grace.
Shake hands with the elders; the twenty and the four,
say hello to my loved ones who've gone on before.

Jesus is preparing a place just for me; if you want to see me, in heaven I will be!
Time will be my friend; day will never end.
Summer, winter, spring or fall won't have to come at all.
Hope to see you there, where all the saints will be! Come and go with me.

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Jane Campbell
Loretta Franklin

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.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 357 (1, 3, 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.

We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

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!

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

POSTLUDE

"The People Respond-Amen!"

Dan Loklair

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; Beverly Williams; military and civil service persons around the world; and victims of disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Fairfax Christian Church, Fairfax, Virginia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

John Campbell-Nelson, West Timor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the Steps - October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National City has partnered with DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence with the display on the front steps. More information is at <https://dccadv.org>.

Special November Worships - As suggested in the congregational meeting, the 10 a.m. worship services will feature our two choirs: **November 10** - Gospel Choir leading the Gospel worship service; **November 17** - Sanctuary Choir leading a more traditional worship service; and **November 24** both choirs leading in a special blended service.

Pulpit Guest: Rev. Dr. Richard L. Hamm is Vice-Chair of the National City Christian Church Foundation Board. Dr. Hamm has served congregations as Pastor, the regional church as Tennessee's Regional Pastor, and the general church as General Minister and President. As the first Executive Director of Christian Churches Together in the USA, he has helped to develop a new and very broad ecumenical organization that includes 36 communions. Dr. Hamm is a Legacy Partner of The Columbia Partnership and is the author of three books, *2020 Vision for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, *From Mainline to Front Line*, and *Recreating The Church: Leadership For The Post-Modern Age*. He teaches at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis where he also serves as a trustee at CTS. Dick and Mindy live in Indianapolis. They have two adult children and six grandchildren. Dick also enjoys astronomy, camping, and gardening.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Sanctuary 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.

Celebration Brunch - 11:30 a.m., Music Suite, \$15 suggested donation. Rev. Randy Johnson, Christian Church Foundation, leads us in a conversation about our Chalice Fellowship.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Gay Men's Chorus - 6:30 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Atrium, Music Suite, Community Room, Howland Center

Gay Men's Chorus - 7 p.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center

Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Poor People's Campaign Board Meeting - 3rd Floor Conference Room, Howland Center

Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium

Fortissima Singers - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite

ANC 2F Meeting - 7 p.m., Community Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. New York City organist Phillip Lamb will devote an entire program to works of Louis Vierne.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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.

Bible Study - 5 p.m., at Terri Malone's home in Herndon, Virginia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite

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!

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect with us - visit www.nationalcitycc.org and click the "sign up" tab to subscribe to our email newsletter.

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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.