



# National City Christian Church

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Welcome to National City Christian Church, national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - 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, and Beverly Goines

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

ORGAN PRELUDE

*Prayer*

Calvin Hampton

GATHERING MUSIC

*Oh, the Glory of Your Presence*

Steve Fry

Oh, the glory of your presence; we, your temple, give you reverence.  
Come and rise to your rest, and be blest by our praise  
as we glory in your embrace, as your presence now fills this place.  
(repeat)

*Let It Rise*

Holland Davis

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us, let the glory of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us, let the songs of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise. Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.  
(repeat)

✘ OPENING HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

No. 275

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with your faithful loving kindness hear your people as they pray,  
and your fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain,  
what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Steven Baines

Leader: Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord, who seek God with their whole hearts.

People: **God of blessing, you call us to be one with you and your creation - in love, faithfulness, and truth.**

Leader: May you give your people the strength to carry out the vows we make:

People: **to adore you with our whole heart,**

Leader: to live in mutual support of one another,

People: **and to love as if your Kingdom has fully come.**

Unison: **We dedicate ourselves and our worship, to the glory of your Kingdom. Amen.**

✘ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 265 (1)

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

(✘ Please stand as you are able.)

✧ CALL TO PRAYER

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

No. 265 (3)

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear:  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Steven Baines

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.

**THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-13, 17-18

Steven Baines

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

ANTHEM

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

K. Lee Scott

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of heav'n,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to thee again.  
Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek, Lord, thou art good; to them that find thee, all in all.  
Our restless spirits yearn for thee where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
glad, when thy gracious smile we see, blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.  
Come, holy Jesus, and ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light!

(Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-87, alt.)

SERMON

*The Work of the Church*

Stephen Gentle

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 next hymn.

✧ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

No. 687

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.  
In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.  
Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;  
all children of the living God are surely kin to me.  
In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north:  
all loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Dwell in the House*

Gail Jones Murphy

One thing have I desired of the Lord, and that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.  
This is my heart's desire: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord.

(Text: Psalm 27:4, adapted by Gail Jones Murphy)

✠ DOXOLOGY

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

No. 382 (1, 2)

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first-fruits give.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Terri Malone  
Mary Paradise

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

*We Must Work*

Keith Laws

We must work while it is day, spreading the word of God as we go along the way.  
We must be willing to do God's will, spreading the word of God till it reaches throughout the hills.

We must witness to everyone we meet in every song we sing.

We must tell them of the soon coming King.

*(repeat)*

POSTLUDE

*Majestic Piece*

Ronald Arnatt

*Join us for coffee fellowship on the 2nd Floor Mezzanine*

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis;  
Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;  
Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd;  
Lucas Lund; Alta Mainer; Drusilla McCain;  
Steve Selde; Kathleen Swihart; Gloria Taylor;  
Esther Tyson; John Foster Woods;  
military and civil service persons around the world;  
and victims of disasters.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Bethany Beach Christian Church  
Bethany Beach, Delaware

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Priscilla Yang  
Hungary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Message:** In 1 Corinthians 1, Paul reminds the church that all of us -- working together -- are servants of God. What each of us does for God is important, but ultimately it is God that does the work to help us grow.

**Our Daily Prayer** - Living God, maker of light, thank you for the gift of this day. Let me be a light in your world so that people will look at me and see the goodness of your creation; in Jesus' name I pray.

**Tithe.ly Mobile Giving** - National City can receive donations and offerings through the Tithe.ly app. Search for "National City," complete a quick, one-time setup, then all it takes is 3 clicks to give! It is also possible to give online at [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give) and thank you for your generosity!



We'll once again celebrate on Super Bowl Sunday **February 2** with a selection of take-home soups to benefit the food pantry.

Soup containers will be \$10 and feature Theresa Beaton's delicious soups.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

**Sanctuary Choir Warmup** - 9 a.m., Music Suite  
**Christian Pathways Class** - 9 a.m., Atrium  
**Children's Sunday School** - 9 a.m., 2nd Floor.  
**Sanctuary Tour** - 11:15 a.m. Meet in the back of the Sanctuary, near President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour.

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

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

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

**National Children's Chorus** - 3 p.m., Community Room, Howland Center, Music Suite  
**Gay Men's Chorus** - 7 p.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center  
**Seasons of Love Choir** - 7 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

**United We Dream Staff Training** - 8 a.m., Howland Center  
**Toddler Playgroup** - 9 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Fortissima Singers** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

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

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

**Ghildiyl Wedding Rehearsal** - 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**Weekly Prayer call at 8 a.m.** - Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter code 371015. For information, contact Loretta Tate.  
**Ghildiyl Wedding** - 3 p.m., Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**Sanctuary Choir Warmup** - 9 a.m., Music Suite  
**Annual Meeting** - 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary. All members are invited to receive the annual report and conduct congregational business

## FOR OUR GUESTS

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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 a 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 a minister or email [sgentle@nationalcitycc.org](mailto: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.