



# National City Christian Church Second Sunday After Christmas

January 5, 2020, at 10 a.m.

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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

PRELUDE

*Prelude sur L'Introït de L'Épiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé

GATHERING MUSIC

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

arr. Stephen Key

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

For he alone is worthy, for he alone is worthy,  
for he alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

*Mighty Is Our God*

Eugene Greco

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;  
mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God, glory to our King;  
glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name;  
his power is greater, for he has created everything.

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;  
mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God, glory to our King;  
glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

✧ OPENING HYMN

No. 517 (1, 2, 3)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;  
take away the love of sinning, alpha and omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year has begun.

**People: O Lord, call us so we may hear your voice.**

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

**People: O Lord, keep us in your ways and on your path.**

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

**People: O Lord, remind us that you lead us.**

Leader: O Lord, guide us as we look to you, and worship you.

**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 517 (4)

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

CHILD DEDICATION

*Layla Moore*

✘ ANTHEM

*I Am His Child*

Moses Hogan

Sung by the Combined Choirs.

I may not be all that you are; I may not be a shining star;  
but what I am, I thank the Lord for making me his child.

Thank you, Lord, for hearing every prayer.

Thank you, Lord, for just being there.

Thank you, Lord; thank you, Lord, for I am not worthy of your love.

I may not be all that you are; I may not be a shining star;  
but what I am, I thank the Lord for making me his child.

So don't use me or abuse me, for I am his child.

Don't tease me or mistreat me, for I am still his child.

You can even talk about me; but I'm still his child.

**THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5, 9

Stephen Gentle

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him. And without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

SERMON

*Birth of a King*

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 hymn.

✘ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

No. 67 (1, 2, 3, 4, 6)

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*  
Sung by the Combined Choirs.  
David Robeck, percussion

West Indian Carol  
arr. Robert DeCormier

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
and they said that his name was Jesus.  
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

The wise men saw where the baby was born...  
The angels sang when the baby was born...  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy...

✠ 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 host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

No. 47

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Kent Woods  
Jane Campbell

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

*We Must Work*

Keith C. Laws

We must work while it is day, spreading the word of God as we walk along the way.  
We must be willing to do his 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

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

arr. Paul Manz

*All are invited for coffee fellowship in the 2nd Floor Mezzanine.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; 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

Aspen Hill Christian Church  
Aspen Hill, Maryland

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Victor Makari  
Israel/Palestine

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Daily Prayer:** God who gives birth to the new heaven and the new earth, midwife in me your love made flesh for others as I live in your world today. Amen

**Today's Bible Study** at 11:45 a.m. in Howland Center. Dr. Gentle is teaching on forgiveness: The rule of love: not seven times, but seventy times seven (Matthew 18:15-22). Please join us! All are welcome to attend.

**2020 MLK Tribute:** Sunday, January 19 at 3 p.m., at Henson Valley Christian Church, 1900 Tucker Rd, Fort Washington, Maryland. **Rev. Dr. William Bobby McClain**, who worked alongside the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be the preacher. Rev. Charles Lucas is Pastor at Henson Valley Christian Church.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

**Combined Choir Warmup** - 9 a.m., Music Suite, 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 Discussion** - 11:30 a.m., Howland Center led by Dr. Gentle. All are welcome to bring their "brown bag lunch" and come to learn.

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

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

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

**National Children's Chorus** - 3 p.m., Community Room, Howland Center, Music Suite  
**Gay Men's Chorus** - 7 p.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center  
**Gospel Choir Rehearsal** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Fortissima Singers** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**

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

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

**Volunteer at N Street Village** - 8:15 a.m. Contact Steven Baines to help serve breakfast to our neighbors.  
**Weekly Prayer call at 8 a.m.** - Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter code 371015. For information, contact Loretta Tate.  
**Bible Study in Herndon** - 5 p.m., at Terri Malone's home in Herndon, Virginia

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

**Gospel Choir Warmup** - 9:15 a.m., Music Suite  
**Epiphany Party for the Combined Choir** - 4:30 p.m.

## FOR OUR GUESTS

**Connect with us** - visit [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://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 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.