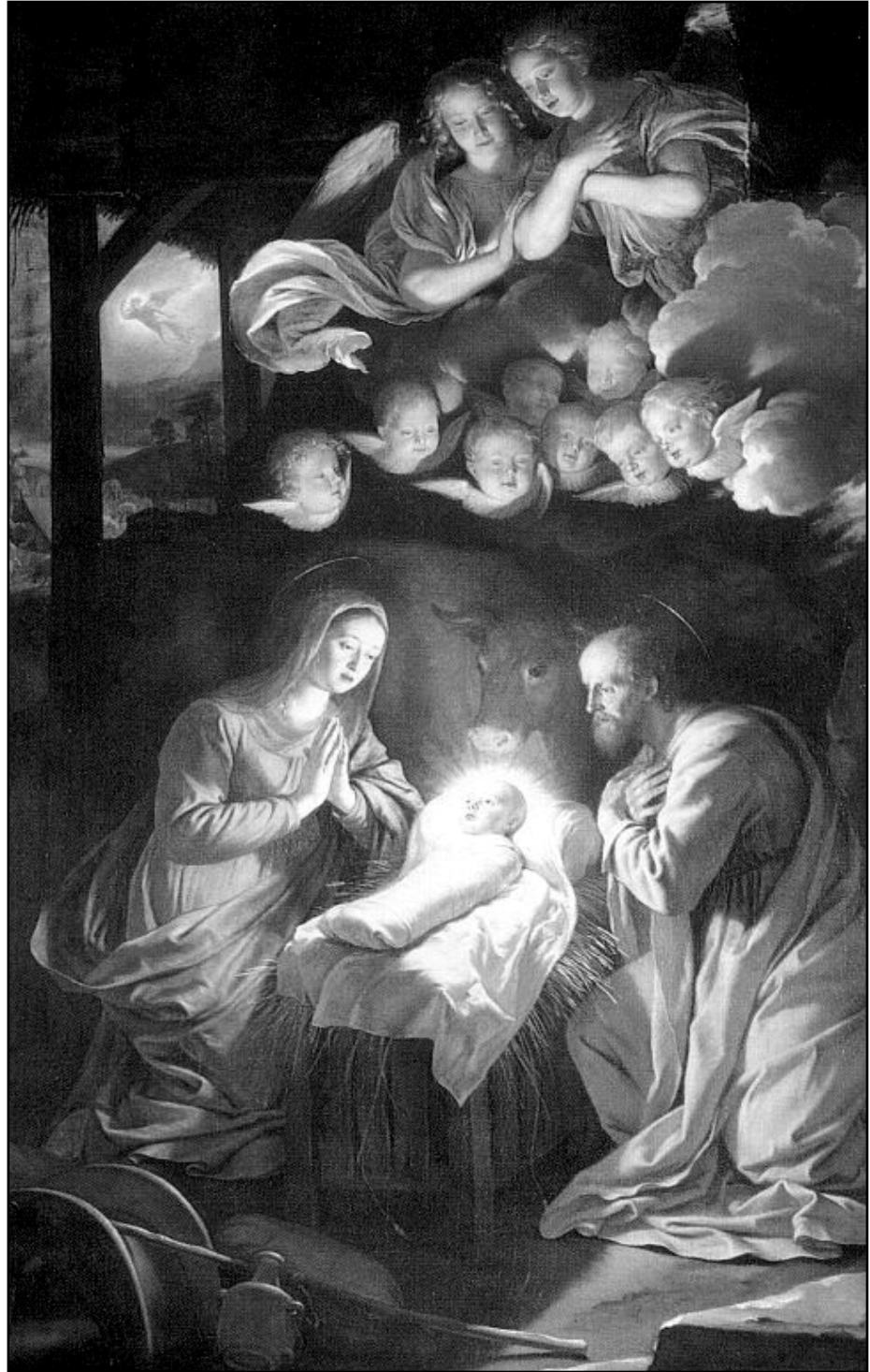




National City Christian Church

5 Thomas Circle - Washington, D.C.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmastide
December 12, 2010, at 11 a.m.

WELCOME!

We are very glad that you are worshipping with us this morning. National City Christian Church is a unique place which is held in trust for all Disciples and a house of prayer that is open and affirming of all of God's people. On this blessed day, we pray that God's spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign our guest register and to fill out a Connect With Us card which may be found in your bulletin or available from a greeter. Please place the Connect With Us card in the offering plate so that we may be in contact with you should you require additional information, have prayer requests, or would like to speak with a pastor.

This service will last approximately 75 minutes. We kindly and respectfully ask that, out of reverence for the sacredness of divine worship, that you please silence all mobile phones, pagers, and watch alarms. We also ask that there be no flash photography or audio or video recording devices used during this service. This service is being professionally recorded for future broadcast.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The traditional Lessons and Carols Service was drawn up by E.W. Benson, who became the Archbishop of Canterbury (England), for use in the wooden shed which then served as his cathedral in Truro, England, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve in 1880. His son, A.C. Benson, recalled: "My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine lessons and nine short carols, which were read by various officers of the church, beginning with a chorister and ending with the Bishop." In its initial years, the service began with the carol *Adeste Fidelis* (O Come, All Ye Faithful) and concluded with the *Magnificat* (the Song of Mary).

Almost immediately, other churches throughout England adapted the service for their own use. A wider fame began to grow when the service was sung at King's College Chapel, at Cambridge University, and first broadcast on BBC to the world in 1928. With the exception of 1929, the service has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and with it, all the heat!) had been removed from King's College Chapel and the name of King's College could not be broadcast for security reasons.

At National City Christian Church, in order to tell the Advent and the Christmas stories in one service, Scripture lessons are taken from passages in the Bible which foretell the coming of Christ as well as of his birth in Bethlehem – a bit different approach than the separate Lessons and Carols service typically used in most Anglican/Protestant churches. And because National City Christian Church's tradition is to celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday, this Lessons and Carols service includes that sacred feast as well.

Wherever Lessons and Carols are heard and however adapted, the pattern and strength of the service is derived from the lessons, and not the music. The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God seen through the windows and words of the Holy Bible. Local interests appear in the bidding prayer, the prayers at communion, and in the varying selection of hymns and choral music. The center of the service is found by those who "go in heart and mind" and who faithfully follow where the story leads. Only then may they see revealed the God who is among us, and worship the Christ Child born long ago in Bethlehem.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmastide follows the order in this booklet.

ORGAN & HARP PRELUDE

Pastorale on *Forest Green*

Richard Purvis

Short Fantasy on a Basque Carol

Carlos Salzedo

Variations on a French Carol

Marcel Samuel Rousseau

In Dulci Jubilo

Marcel Dupré

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Steven Moore, Associate Pastor

At the sound of the bells, the Congregation stands.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

Verse 1 is sung by a soloist.

2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all, and his
3. Je - sus is our child - hood patt - ern; day by day, like us he grew. He was
4. And our eyes at last shall see_ him through his own re - deem - ing love; for that

shel - ter was a sta - ble and his cra - dle was a stall; with the_
lit - tle, weak, and help - less. Tears and smiles like us he knew. And_ he_
child who seemed so help - less lives and reigns in heav'n a - bove. And_ he_
poor, the scorned, and low - ly lived_ on_ earth_ our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad - ness, and he_ shares_ in all our glad - ness.
leads his child - ren on_ to the_ place where he is gone.

Words: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (1818-1985), in her *Hymns for Little Children*, 1848

Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-1876) in *Carols*, four numbers, 1849; harmony by Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929) for *King's College, Cambridge*; descant by Stephen Cleobury (b. 1948)

The congregation is seated.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Read by Sara Imhulse, a member of the Board of Deaconesses

Reader: Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath – the candles of HOPE and of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of Advent – the candle of JOY. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth.

People: **The prophet Isaiah tells us: "For behold, I will create a new heaven and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create in Jerusalem a rejoicing, and in her people a joy." And the Apostle Paul reminds us that "... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."**

Reader: We praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of the coming of a Savior, your son, Jesus Christ. We thank you with our whole hearts for the precious gift of salvation. As we wait, make us new, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL OF RESPONSE

A Candle is Burning

1.A can - dle is burn - ing, a flame warm and bright; a can - dle of Hope in De -
2.A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of Peace; a can - dle to sig - nal that
3.A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of Joy; a can - dle to wel come sweet

cem - ber's dark night. While an - gels sing bless - ings from hea - ven's bright
con - flict must cease. The Sav - ior is com - ing to show us the
Ma - ry's small boy. Our hearts fill with won - der and eyes light and

sky our hearts we pre - pare, for the Christ child is nigh.
way; Christ Je - sus, our Peace, hum - bly laid in the hay.
glow as Joy warms our hearts just as sun - shine on snow.

Words: Sandra Dean (1986)

Music: CRADLE SONG; melody by William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Read by Dr. Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold the coming of Christ, how God would visit and redeem the people of earth, and that we in heart and mind go unto Bethlehem to see this miracle which has come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us rejoice, in the carols and hymns we sing, that the good purpose of God is being fulfilled throughout the world. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom.

But first, let us pray for all those whom God loves: Eternal God, we pray today for those who are cold and hungry, for the oppressed, the sick and those who care for them, for those who are lonely and unloved, for the aged and the little children, for all those who do not know the Lord Jesus or for those who do not yet believe. We remember all those who rejoice with us here today, whose hope is in the Word made flesh, and with whom we are one body of people in the Lord Jesus Christ forevermore. These prayers and praises we humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven. Amen.

INVITATORY CAROL

Of the Father's Love Begotten

(Verses 1 through 3 are sung by the choir; verse 4 is sung with the congregation.)

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he.
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday, when the Maid the curse retrieved;
brought to birth our great salvation, by the Holy Ghost conceived;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, in her loving arms received, evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sybil sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealed in the page of prophecy
Lo! He comes the promised Savior. Let the world his praised cry! Evermore and evermore.

4. Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his prais - es; an - gels and arch - an - gels sing!
Where so - e'er ye be, ye faith - ful, let your joy - ous an - thems ring.
Ev - ery tongue his name con - fess - - - ing,
count - less voic - es an - swer - ing, ev - er - more and ev - er more.

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, 11th century; adapted in the Piae Cantionis, 1582

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3: 8-13, 17-18, 22

Reader: Bill Stewart, a member of the Sanctuary Choir

The story of Adam and Eve tells of the sinful nature of God's children and that the coming of Christ would bring us salvation.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden of Eden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him: "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me the fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have sinned and eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it', cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life." Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Adam Lay YBounden

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond. Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took – as clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our Lady a been Heavene Queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen *Deo Gracias*.

[This anthem, set in Old English, tells the story of Adam, who was bound by sin for having eaten the apple from the Tree of the Garden of Good and Evil and the long suffering (four thousand winters) he would endure. But Adam's fall into sin is thought now to be a holy time, for had it not happened, the Virgin Mary (heavenly queen) and the birth of Jesus would not have happened.]

Words: London: British Library Sloane MS, 2593, 15th century

Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 40: 1-6

Reader: Deloris Ruddock, an organizer of the NCCC Food Pantry Ministry

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

“Comfort, comfort ye my people,” says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, and that she has received from the Lord’s hands double for all her sins. A voice cries: “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low. The uneven ground will become level and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Comfort Ye, My People

Robert King, tenor

“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people” saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Words: Isaiah 40: 1-3

Music: From the oratorio, *Messiah*, Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

THIRD LESSON: Jeremiah 23: 5-6

Reader: Russell Jonas, a new worshipper at NCCC

The prophet Jeremiah warns those who do evil and tells of a King who will bring peace to the people of Israel.

“Behold the days are coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.””

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Behold, the Days Are Coming

“Behold the days are coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous branch, and he shall reign as king. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Words: Jeremiah 23, 5a and 6b
Music: Paul Bouman (b. 1918)

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11: 1-3, 6, 9-10

Reader: Ann Flowers, a member of the NCCC Foundation Board of Trustees

The peace that Christ will bring is foretold by the Prophet.

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots. And the spirit of the Lord will rest upon him, and the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight will be in the fear of the Lord. The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. They shall not hurt or destroy in my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day, the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; the nations will seek him and his dwellings will be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands for the singing of the hymn.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing, from ten der stem hath sprung, of Jes se's lin-eage
2. Is - ai - ah 'twas fore told it, the rose I have in mind. With Ma-ry we be- hold

ing com seers of old have sung. It came, a bloss-om bright,
it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind. To show God's love a - right

a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
she bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.

Words: German carol, 15th century; translated by Theodore Baker (1851-1934)
Music: ES IST EIN ROS, arranged by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

The congregation is seated.

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Reader: Byron Cotton, a member of the Board of Elders

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said: "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But Mary was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel: "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." And Mary said: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.

"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!

"For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head. "To me it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify thy Holy Name." Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born, in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn;
and Christen-folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Words: Basque carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Music: Gabriel's Message, Basque carol; harmonized by Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2: 1-7

Reader: Ron Moser, a member of the LGBT Fellowship

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

And in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The congregation remains seated for the singing of the carol.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: FOREST GREEN, English melody, adapted and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); descant by Thomas Henry Wait Armstrong (1898-1994)

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2: 8-16

Reader: Frederickia Lloyd, a youth of the congregation

The Angels appear to the Shepherds.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them: “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and peace among those with whom God is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another: “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
Rev. Beverly Goines, Assistant Minister

OFFERTORY CAROL

Resonemus Laudibus

Resonemus laudibus cum jocunditatibus ecclesiam fidelibus. Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
Let us make the church resound with merry praises of the faithful. He whom Mary bore has appeared.

Deus fecit hominem ad suam imaginem et similitudinem. Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
God made man in his own image and likeness. He whom Mary bore has appeared.

Deus fecit omnia caelum, terram, maria cunctaque nascentia. Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
*God made all things: the heavens, earth, seas, and whatever has been born.
He whom Mary bore has appeared.*

Ergo nostra concio in chordis et organo benedicat Domino. Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
*Therefore let our company with strings and instruments bless the Lord.
He whom Mary bore has appeared.*

Et Deo qui venias donat et laetitia nos eidem gratias. Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
To God, let us give thanks, who gives us joy. He whom Mary bore has appeared.

*Words: 14th century carol, from Now Make We Merth, book 1, transcribed and edited by Frank Lloyd Harrison
Music: arranged by David Willcocks (b. 1919)*

The congregation stands for the singing of the Doxology as the deacons and elders come forward.

DOXOLOGY

The First Noel

Then en - tered in those wise-men three, full rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, and
of - fered there, in his pres - ence, their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense. No -
- el, No - el, No - el. Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*Words: Traditional English carol, 18th century
Music: THE FIRST NOEL, English carol; harm. by John Stainer (1840-1901); descant by David Willcocks (b. 1919)*

The congregation is seated.

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2: 1-11

Reader: Rev. Steven Moore, Associate Pastor

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, three wise men from the East came to Jerusalem saying: "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him: "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned with wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying: "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, so that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then opening their treasures, they offered him gifts – gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Still, Still, Still

Harpist: Miriam Gentle

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping,
Holy star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you,
close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.
Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number
watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

Words: Marilyn Keith (b. 1929) and Alan Bergman (n. 1925)

Music: Austrian carol, arranged by Norman Luboff (1917-1987)

NINTH LESSON: John 1: 1-14

Reader: Dr. Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation of Christ.

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 were made through him, and without him not anything that was made was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of all. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from heaven and his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light that all might believe through him. He was not the light but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every person was coming into the world. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Creator.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Dr. Stephen Gentle

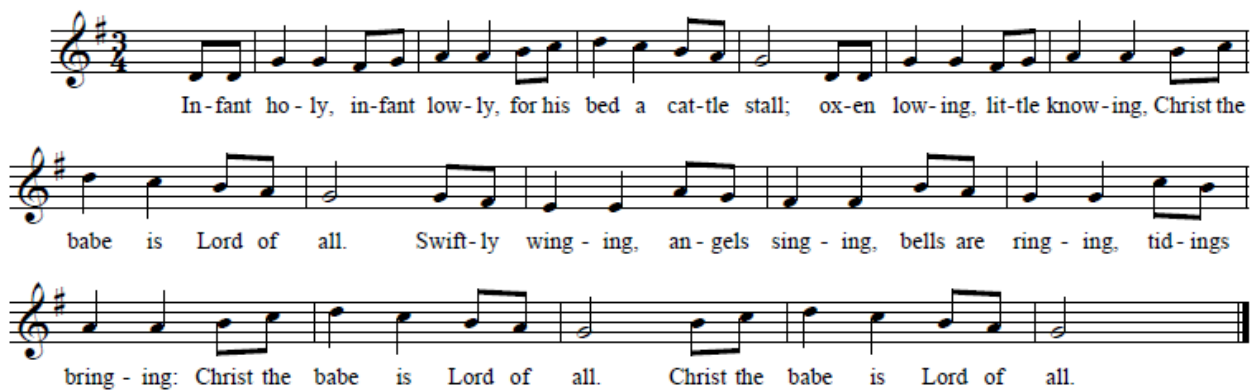
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Read by Michelle Jezycki, John Scott Williams

LORD'S PRAYER
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please eat the bread as it is passed and hold the cup so that we may share it together.

COMMUNION CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



In-fant ho - ly, in-fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall; ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing, Christ the
babe is Lord of all. Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings
bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Words: Polish carol, translated by Edith Margaret Gelibrand Reed (1886-1933)
Music: W ZLOBIE LEZY; Polish folk melody, adapted by A. E. Rusbridge (1917-1969)

PRAYER OF CHRISTMASTIDE
Read by Dr. Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

Almighty God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive the Virgin-born babe as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him and be filled with the sweetness of inward peace and good will. This we ask through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

BENEDICTION
And now, may the blessing of the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this Christmas-tide and forever more.

People: AMEN.

The congregation stands for the closing carol.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful joy - ful and tri - umph - ant, (O) come ye, O come ye to
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of
3. Child for us sin - ners, poor and in the man - ger, we would em - brace thee with
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born for our sal - va - tion. Je - sus to thee be all

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Beth - le - hem. Come, and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels.
heav'n a - bove. Glo - ry to God, In the high - est. O come let us a -
love and awe. Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
glo - ry giv'n. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

dore Him, O come let us a - dore Him, O come let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); translated by Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others.
Music: ADESTE FIDELIS, attributed to John Francis Wade; harmonization found in The English Hymnal; vs. 2 and 4 arranged by David Willcocks (b. 1919)

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo
Charles Miller, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We wish you many blessings during this Christmas season and in the New Year. We cordially invite you to worship with us again soon.

For this morning's service, we are especially grateful for the assistance at the organ by Kenneth Lowenberg. For 38 years, Mr. Lowenberg served as Director of Music and Organist of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. before his retirement in 2006. He continues to be an invaluable member of the greater Washington D.C. area as a member of the American Guild of Organists, composer, accompanist, substitute organist, and choral conductor. Thank you, Ken, for the gift of music which you have shared with us today.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND MUSICAL EVENTS

TODAY at 3 p.m.

Family Christmas Concert by the Washington Sinfonietta
and members of the National Cathedral School Girls' Choir.

Tickets are \$20 for adults / \$15 for seniors and students / Free for children 18 and younger

Saturday, December 18 at 4 p.m.

Christmas Concert by the Children's Chorus of Washington

Joan Gregoryk, founder and director

Tickets available at www.cchorus.homestead.com

Sunday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Gospel Service with the NCCC Gospel Choir

Sunday, December 19 at 11 a.m.

Sunday Service with the NCCC Sanctuary Choir and organ

Sunday, December 19 at 4 p.m.

Christmas Concert by the Children's Chorus of Washington

Joan Gregoryk, founder and director

Tickets available at www.cchorus.homestead.com

Friday, December 24 - Festival Christmas Eve Service

7 p.m. Prelude for organ, instrumentalists, and soloists

7:30 p.m. Festival Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 26 at 10 a.m.

Combined Christmas Service with the Gospel Choir and NCCC Sanctuary Choir soloists

Sunday, January 2 at 10 a.m.

Combined New Year Service with the Gospel Choir and NCCC Sanctuary Choir soloists

Additional information about services and events at National City Christian Church may be found at www.nationalcitycc.org.

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MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Baritone/Bass</u>
Mona Corneiro	Kathleen Burger	Wayne Jennings*	Douglas Cook
Dorothy Davis	Barbara Collins	Robert King	Jorge Docabo
Loretta Franklin	Chieko Cook	Chrys Lemon	Phillip Gentle
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Kathleen Walker			Kent Woods
Beverly Williams			

*Section Leaders

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship! We have many reasons for giving thanks to God today... and your presence in worship is one of them! We also would like to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Charles Miller and the Sanctuary Choir for the special Christmas gift of Lessons and Carols. Today is such a special blessing. Thank You!

FOR OUR GUESTS

Membership at NCCC – 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 membership are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or e-mail sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

Sanctuary Tour – Tours of our historic sanctuary are available following the 11 a.m. worship service. If you are interested, please meet at the Garfield Window in the rear of the sanctuary (pulpit side).

Nursery – Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is located in Fellers Foyer. Speak with a greeter or any member for directions.

Audio Recording – Tapes of the sermon from the 11 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. Tapes may be ordered by completing the form at the reception desk in the Atrium or by calling the church office. Please add \$2 per tape for mailing. Messages are also available for download at www.nationalcitycc.org

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 during business hours, 202-232-0323.

National City Online – Visit online at www.nationalcitycc.org and Facebook members are encouraged to sign up as fans of National City's Facebook page. Also members and guests are encouraged to sign up for our e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth, and adults

Classes for elementary students will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

Classes for middle and high school students will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Christian Pathways – Howland Center.

Children's Time – Will not take place during the 11 a.m. Worship Service this week. Children's Time will resume next week.

Fair Trade Gifts, Crafts, and Coffee – Hilda's International Gift Shop is open today from 10 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

Christmas Luncheon - 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Adult tickets are \$15. In this family friendly church activity, children 12 and under eat for free.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. This is the last D-space/Advent study of 2010! If you are interested in leading a week of the study in 2011 or providing snacks, contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Food Pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Atrium.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Magical Mystical Musical Machine from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Steven Kalnoske from Damascus, Maryland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Sympathy - Please keep our housekeeper, Janice Glover, and her whole family in your prayers. Her mother passed away on Monday morning, December 6.

Food Pantry Donations – Please donate non-perishable food items for the needy in the area any Sunday this season. You may leave your gift in the marked box found in the Narthex or in the Atrium. Donations of toiletries, socks, hats, and gloves are also needed. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Darrell Daniels; James Green; Xiao 'Polly' He; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Tawanna Lloyd; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Antioch Christian Church, Vienna, Virginia

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