

# Stewardship Sunday

Worship Leader: Natalie Johnston  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Wilbur Held  
David Cherwien  
Two Chorale Preludes on the Hymn Tune *Beach Spring*

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME Stephen Gentle  
Welcome! National City Christian Church is the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open and affirming of all people. We pray that today's worship will please God and edify God's people.

Please sign the Connect With Us card in the bulletin. If you are a first-time guest, please indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cellular telephones, pagers, and watch alarms. The service is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 459 (1, 3, 4 & 5)  
ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

✠OPENING PRAYER Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

PSALM Natalie Johnston  
No. 735  
*Psalms 24*

SCRIPTURE READING Natalie Johnston  
NT p. 172  
2 Corinthians 8:1-9

ANTHEM Jean Berger  
*The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee*  
The eyes of all wait upon thee and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.  
[Psalm 145: 15-16]

CHILDREN'S TIME  
Elementary school children will be invited by the pastor to leave the Sanctuary just before the sermon to attend a creative arts program in the Music Suite. Children will be dismissed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

SERMON Stephen Gentle  
*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING No. 606  
**Sung in Unison: God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,**

*Leader: Giving God, we struggle to imagine even in part the vastness of your love.*

*People: We live in a finite world, limited by our sense, bound by our constant fears of "not enough," and yet, we are well rehearsed in the strains of your passion's song.*

**Unison: Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly grace, grave's shattered door;**

*Leader: Your world itself calls us to mindfulness of your unstinting care.*

*People: You lavish beauty upon beauty on all your creation. To every generation, you have offered the waters of your Life Abundant to quench our thirst, if we will but drink.*

**Unison: Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;**

*Leader: Warmed to action by the love-light of your infinite generosity, we bring our earthly gifts to you today. Bless them, multiply them, that they might fund miracles of hope for years to come.*

*People: Open our hearts, as we open our hands, so we can truly offer you the fullness of who we are, as readily as we give of our means. Fill us with your gracious Spirit, that we can give graciously and gratefully of the resources you have entrusted to us.*

**Unison: Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

*Leader: Giving God, make of us willing and faithful stewards of all your gifts. Grant us creativity, honesty, and integrity so we can best honor your sacred trust.*

*People: God, your giving knows no ending. Make us generous of heart, confident that our giving will ever find its rightful end in you.*

✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 606 (2, 3)  
*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*  
Skills and time are ours for pressing – toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants – fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

ELDERS' PRAYERS AT THE TABLE Norman Kruse  
Byron Cotton

SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE Stephen Gentle  
All are invited to participate.  
Please come forward with pledge card, can of food, offering, or "connect card." Communion will be shared at the front of the sanctuary. If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please remain seated and a deacon will bring communion and receive any offering at the same time.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 717  
ASH GROVE  
*Let All Things Now Living*

✠BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
*Now Thank We All Our God*

*As the organ postlude is played, please feel free to depart the sanctuary and greet those around you. For those who wish to stay and enjoy the postlude, you are invited to come forward, gather near the organ console, and let the full splendor of this instrument and the glorious music played upon it fill your soul.*

*Following the worship service, our pastors are at the back and side doors of the sanctuary to greet you. All are invited to come down to the Atrium for a time of fellowship.*

The flowers were given by the Kelley Family  
in memory of Mary S. Kelley.

*Worship and preaching resources: Chalice Worship, Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999), Seasons of the Spirit, Craig Schaub, et. al., (British Columbia, Canada: Wood Lake Publishing, Inc., 2007), and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001). The texts for the hymns sung during this morning service are reprinted with permission given under CCLI #2266475.*

## WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Welcome to Worship!** This unique facility is held in trust for all Disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. On this blessed day, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

Rev. Steven Moore and Rev. Beverly Goines are travelling this weekend. Please pray for God's travelling mercies for both of them.

### FOR OUR GUESTS

**Connect With Us!** – We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship at National City Christian Church. Please take a moment and sign the *Connect With Us* card in the bulletin. Indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. Please place it in the offering tray.

**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](mailto: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).

**Coffee and Fellowship** – Come to the Atrium for a warm cup of coffee and meet some of the warm people of National City. The Atrium is located on the first floor of the building through the front, right door.

**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.

**Accessibility** – Elevator access to the sanctuary is available via the 14<sup>th</sup> Street courtyard entrance. If you would like to request a handicapped parking space for Sunday, please call the church office by 12 noon on Friday. In addition, the sanctuary has an assisted listening system; please request a receiver from an usher.

**EN ESPAÑOL** – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

**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](http://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](http://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, NOVEMBER 14

### 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** – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program that takes place during the 11 a.m. service. Children can meet their parents in the Music Suite or in the Atrium at the end of the worship service.

**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.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**YADA D-Space** – 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 week we're going to have a brief Bible study and sing-and-praise night. Bring your favorite song or an instrument, if you like.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

**General Board Meeting** – 7 p.m., Howland Center. Agenda for the quarterly meeting includes the 2011 budget and receiving from the nominating committee the proposed slate of officers, chairs, and board members for 2011.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**Magical Mystical Musical Machine** from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Julian Wachner from New York City, New York.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meeting and Thanksgiving Luncheon** – Sunday, November 21, 12:30 p.m., Scott Hall. The agenda includes voting on the 2011 budget and the 2011 slate of officers, chairs, and board members for elders, deacons, deaconesses, and local trustees. A signup sheet will be available in the Atrium. Luncheon cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children.

**Christmas Sing Along** – Tuesday, December 7, 11 a.m., Howland Center. Don't forget the Christmas Sing Along, led by Dorothy Davis, at the Disciples Women general meeting. All are invited.

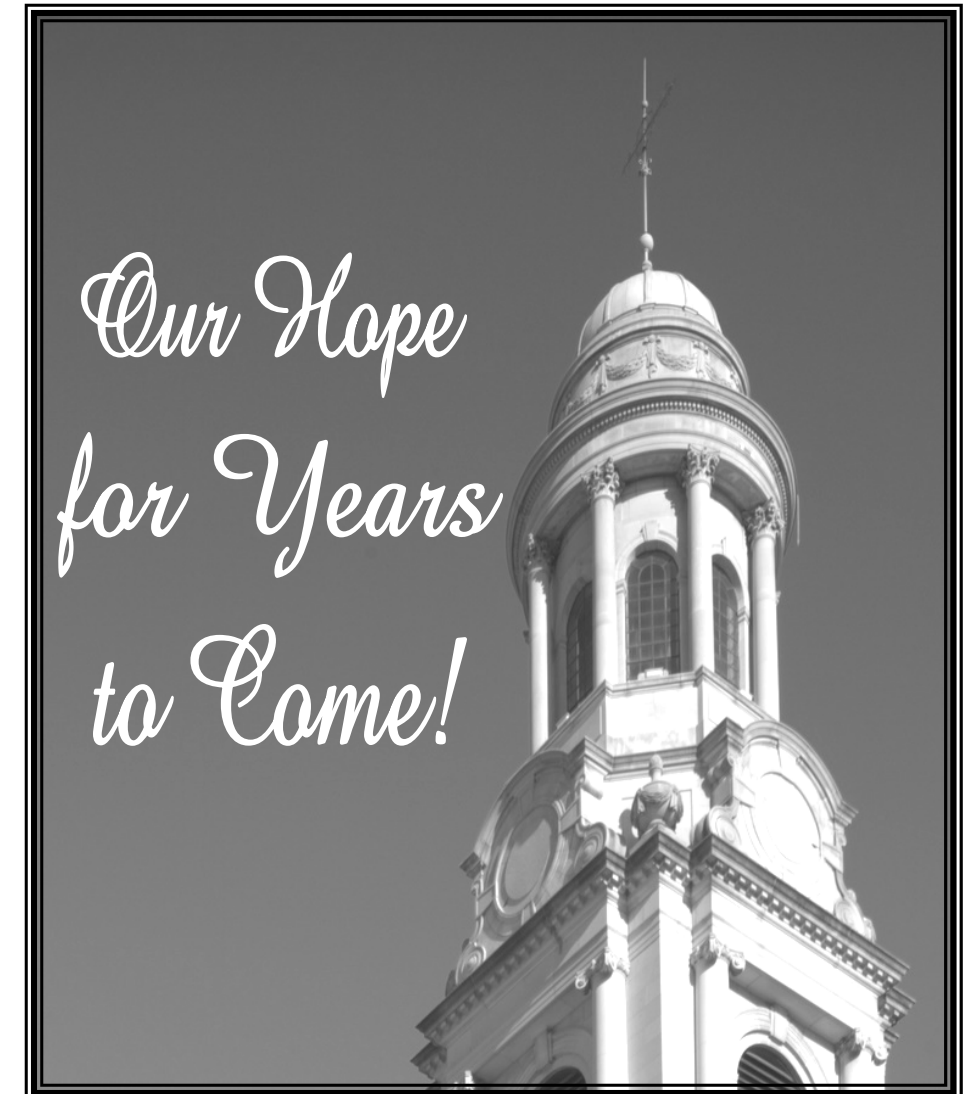
### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Darrell Daniels; James Green; Xiao 'Polly' He; William C. Howland;  
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

First Christian Church, Falls Church, Virginia

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11 a.m.**



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