

Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday

Worship Leaders: Glenn Carson, Stephen Gentle,
Beverly Goines, and Steven Moore
Preacher: Jason Pearson

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

We prepare for worship with the gathering music. Join in the singing of the gathering music with the choir, and please turn off all cellular phones, pagers, and watch alarms.

CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Pearson

GATHERING MUSIC

Completely Yes Sandra Crouch
“Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord!” From the bottom of my heart to the depths of my soul.
“Yes, Lord!” Completely yes! My soul says, “yes!”

I love you! I love you! From the bottom of my heart to the depths of my soul.
I love you! I really do. My soul says, “yes!”

O Magnify the Lord
O magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised!
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Hosanna! Blessed be the rock; blessed be the rock of my salvation!
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(repeat)

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 442
Siyahamba

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Glenn Carson
Leader: Spirit of Justice, we are grateful to be together this morning on the weekend when we remember the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
People: We remember not only him, but also the thousands of unnamed women and men who put their bodies and lives on the line so that all may be free.
Leader: May the work of Dr. King and those who follow, continue to eradicate injustice wherever and whenever we encounter it.
People: Dr. King went to the mountaintop; he saw the Promised Land, and he reassured us we will get there one day.
Leader: May that be no paradisaal dream, but a reality in our own time.
People: We worship you, O Lord our God, as we honor you with praise, prayers, and our very lives.

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING Albert Goodson
We've Come This Far by Faith
We've come this far by faith leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in his holy word, he's never failed me yet.
Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.
(repeat)

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Steven Moore
Welcome to National City Christian Church. We greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We request that everyone - both members and visitors - sign the Connect With Us cards in your bulletin. If you are a visitor, please indicate your address and telephone number. There is space on the back of the cards for prayer concerns.

CALL TO PRAYER Rusty Edwards

We All Are One in Mission
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)
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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

CHORAL PRAISE Leander Morris

A Song of Civil Rights
Rev. Jason Pearson, narrator
We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.
We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore
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John 20:19-23

HYMN OF PREPARATION Kelly Willard

Make Me a Servant
Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
and may the prayer of my heart always be:
make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.

SERMON Jason Pearson

Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos or Community

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

Those desiring to become members of the community of National City Christian Church, either by transfer of membership, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✠ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP No. 472 (1, 2)

We Are Living, We Are Dwelling
We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time,
in an age on ages telling, to be living is sublime.
See the waking of the nations to a wider unity.
Hear it sounding: all creation's groaning to be whole and free.

Will you play, forever stalling? Will you dally far behind?
Up! To work! For God is calling! Give your strength, your heart, your mind!
See the plan of God unfolding. Seek for good with all your might.
Still the cross of Christ beholding, on, right onward for the right!

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Stephen Gentle

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP John Scott Williams
Deloris Ruddock

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE
This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Baskets are available at the first pew for your offerings. When receiving communion, take a wafer from the plate and dip it in the cup. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seats by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 422
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE Donald Vails
Keep Hope Alive
Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!
Don't let the dream die! Got to keep hope alive!
(repeat)

Following the worship service, our pastors are at the front 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 Kathleen Swihart in memory of Duane Swihart.

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! On the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday, we welcome to the pulpit Pastor Jason C. Pearson, Senior Pastor of Community of Faith Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Pastor Pearson is a graduate of Howard Divinity School and he was a seminary intern at National City Christian Church. He began his ministry at Community of Faith on November 1, 2009. We welcome Pastor Pearson, his wife, Kim, and their children Keshawn, Jason, Tim, Justin, and Zayler back to Washington, D.C.

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

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 14th 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

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>.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Warren Brooks; James Green; Polly He; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Enid Maitland; Eva Moore; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Haitian Pentecostal Church, Seaford, Delaware

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults are continuing the series "Christians and Immigration: Welcoming the Stranger" this Tuesday. It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. Gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). If you are interested in leading a week of the study or providing snacks, contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

General Board Orientation and Meeting – The 2011 General Board will have its first meeting and orientation on Sunday, January 23 at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Soup and sandwiches are available for \$6 donation. Sign-up at the Atrium desk today. 2011 General Board will be installed at the 11 a.m. worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Groups – Sign-up today using the bulletin insert for small groups beginning Sunday, January 23. If you have questions, contact Stephen Gentle at sgentle@nationalcitycc.org or 202.232.0323.

Strategic Plan Five-Year Plan – National City Christian Church's plan is available online at www.nationalcitycc.org or by email request to cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact Colleen Walsh at 202.232.0323.

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.

New Church Directory – In preparation for printing a new church directory in January, there will be a copy at the Atrium desk for you to check the information for its correctness and completeness.

YADA Game Night – Save the date! Game night at Trevor and Kristi's apartment on January 29, 2011. Details and directions to come.

Congregational Luncheon and Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 30, members and guests alike are invited to church luncheon and annual meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Lunch donation is \$12 for adult and \$6 for children under the age of 12. Sign-up using Connect Card or at the Atrium front desk.

Meet Our Childcare Provider – Parents of children from infancy to kindergarten are invited to meet our childcare provider, Sana Kifafi, and visit our nursery in Fellers Foyer on Sunday, February 6, at 9:45 a.m. between the services. Activities and snacks will be provided.

The Thoughtful Christian



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January 16, 2011

8:30 a.m.



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(Disciples of Christ)