

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Leaders: Barbara Collins, Beverly Goines,
Charles Miller and Beau Underwood
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE J.S. Bach
Vivace from Trio Sonata #6

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 email 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.

INTROIT Everett Titcomb
Sing Ye to the Lord

✠HYMN OF PRAISE insert
CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Christ Is the World's True Light



1.Christ is the world's true light. Christ and none oth - er; born in our dark - ness,
2.Christ is the world's true peace. Christ and none oth - er; no one can serve him
3.Christ is the world's true life. Christ and none oth - er; sold once for sil - ver,
4.Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er; give God the glo - ry,



he be - came our bro - ther. If we have seen him,
and de - spise a - no - ther. Who else u - nites us,
mur - dered here, dear sis - ter. Christ, who re - deems us,
Spi - rit, Son, and Fa - ther. Give God the glo - ry,



we have seen the Fa - ther:
one in God the Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
reigns with God the Fa - ther:
God with us, all peo - ple:

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Barbara Collins
Leader: Great are your works, O Holy One, and greatly to be praised.
People: **Not a day passes without our sensing your presence. You appeared in Jesus, removing the veil from your countenance. You spoke through Christ, that we might know your will.**
Leader: Henceforth we shall behold your glory, O God, as we are led by your Spirit.
People: **We will extol you, O God, and worship at your holy mountain; for you, our God, are holy and worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 95 (1, 5)
DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his love shall spread from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise with song; honor and praise to Christ belong;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

SCRIPTURE READING Beau Underwood
NT p. 42
Mark 9:2-9

PASTORAL PRAYER Beau Underwood

ANTHEM T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn, unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return, 'til thy mercy's beams I see;
'Til they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance Divine; scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

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

From the Mountaintop

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD AND CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

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.

✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 595
SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM adapted by Charles Miller
Agincourt Hymn

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church may share;
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he grows.
With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above who dwell with God in perfect love.
And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery;
For which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Patrick Malone
Elder: As the heavens opened, God spoke and proclaimed that Christ was the beloved son. Listen to him. Our Savior proclaims that all who truly believe are cleansed of their sin.

People: **God of Moses and Elijah, of Christ and the disciples, we too could build you altars, but you would not be pleased. We could bring you sacrificial offerings, but you do not desire them. You ask us to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. We come now before you, placing our lives in your service. Take us, women and men, young and old, to use us as you deem fit.**

Elder: We are transfigured by God's mercy, and radically changed by God's grace. Let us set our sights on the ministry that awaits us, so that all shall know that "God is with us," at our side always, in Jesus Christ.

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.**

PRAYER AT THE TABLE Patrick Malone

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 HYMN No. 97 (1, 3)
ST. ELIZABETH

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down;
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry hosts:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heav'n can boast.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 140
SHEFFIELD

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

✠BENEDICTION Ronald Arnatt

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Organ

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.

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), www.liturgybytlw.com/lessfest/stsalive.html, and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001).

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to National City! We are so honored that you are here today to worship with the family of faith at National City Christian Church. We pray that our worship will honor God and strengthen your walk in Christ.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Classes for middle school students (Chi Rho) will meet in Scott Hall.

Classes for high school students (CYF) will meet in the 2nd Fl. Conf. Room.

Christian Pathways – Small group for adults, meet in the 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.

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 memberships are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email 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.

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

Parking – Complimentary parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel parking garage. Simply ask for a voucher at the church front desk at the 14th street entrance. Street parking is available every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west ramp off Thomas Circle, which leads to Massachusetts Avenue.

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 business hours.

National City Online – Visit online at www.nationalcitycc.org to find a recording of Sunday's sermon. 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 email list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Reggie Barns; Russell Chapin; James Denison; Polly He; Will Hill;
Ann and William Howland; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Christian Temple, Baltimore, Maryland

TODAY

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.

Devotional – Our 2012 Lenten Devotional, with daily meditations written by the National City family, is available for those wanting printed copies, including for family and friends. The devotional will also be available on our website. Those on our email list will be receiving the daily devotions each day during Lent. For further information, contact Diana Morse.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

Noon Service – An imposition of ashes will be offered individually in the Wilfley Wayside Chapel in our Courtyard off of 14th Street from 12 to 1 p.m.

Evening Service – 7:30 p.m. Observe this special evening service when we will begin our Lenten journey together. A simple supper will be offered at 6:30 p.m. for a meaningful evening of food, fellowship, and worship. Please join us.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Hans Hielscher, organist at Cariloneur, Marktkirche, Wiebaden, Germany.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Studies Begin – Lenten studies will begin Saturday, February 25, at 10 a.m. in Hilda's Gift Shop and will be led by Bill Knight and Byron Cotton. On Sunday, February 26, at 5 p.m., a Virginia study group will begin at the home of John Scott and Beverly Williams in Fairfax, with succeeding sessions at the home of Barbara Collins in Annandale. If you would like to host a study group in your neighborhood, or would like further information, contact Diana Morse. The study groups will be using the 2012 Lenten Devotional, with daily meditations written by the National City Christian Church family.

National Convocation – Interested in attending the National Convocation July 26-29 in Houston this summer? Michigan Park Christian Church has obtained a group travel rate of \$382.10 for Disciples leaving out of BWI on Southwest Airlines. If interested, please speak with Shirley Richie, at 202-269-4787. Deadline for \$100 deposit is February 29.

Text Message – What does the rich, extended narrative of the Bible have to offer to a world where communication increasingly occurs in messages of 160 characters or less? How can the complex and deep truths of the Gospel gain a hearing in a contemporary culture with a rapidly diminishing attention span? These questions and others will be explored in a new Bible study here at NCCC beginning in the month of March. Anyone with the interest, time, and energy to dive deeper in Scripture on a weekly basis is welcome to participate. Meeting times and locations will be determined by the schedules of the participants. For more information or to sign up, email Rev. Underwood at bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org.

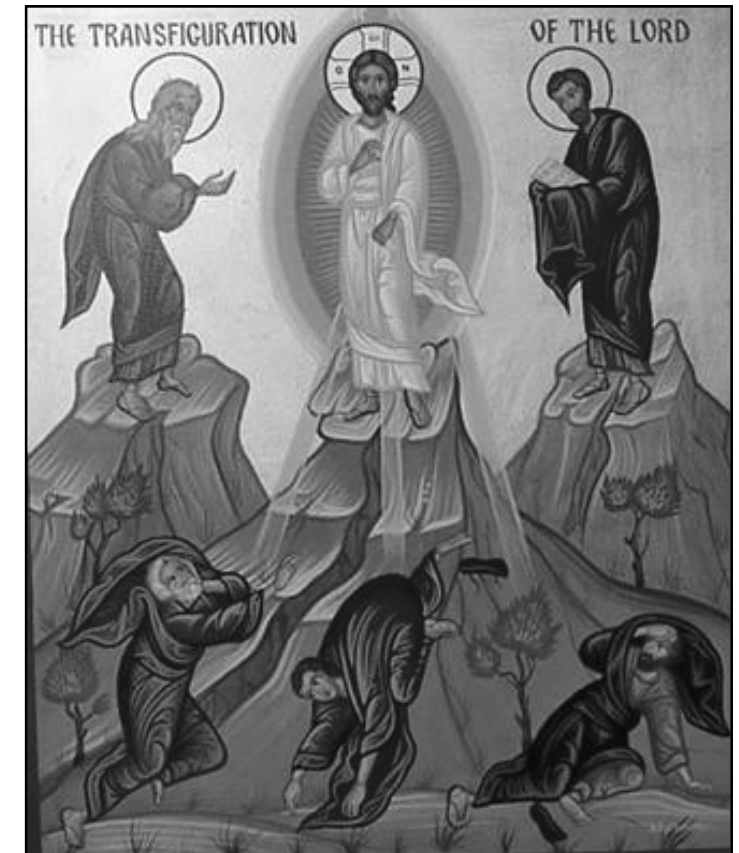
Save The Date – Chi Rho (middle school students) Plan on spending a night of discovery at National City from Saturday, March 10, to Sunday, March 11. We will "lock" ourselves in at 7 p.m. and begin the exploration soon after!! You won't want to miss this event. We'll end with breakfast on Sunday morning before the 11 a.m. service.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY

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

This is my beloved Son, listen to him!
Mark 9:7



February 19, 2012

11 a.m.



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