

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and Noemi Mena
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

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 Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC No. 112

Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.
repeat

Great Is the Lord

Michael W. Smith

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!
repeat

✠ OPENING HYMN Carl P. Daw, Jr.

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
Splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

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.**

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING Donnie Harper

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Refrain:
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.
(repeat)

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

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 Dennis L. Jernigan

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek,
You are my All in All.

Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my All in All!

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

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 Glenn E. Burleigh

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena

Mark 9:2-9

HYMN OF PREPARATION Paul Baloche

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Refrain:
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you;
(repeat)
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory;
Pour out your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

From the Mountaintop

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. 343 (1, 4)

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home

Jesus is tenderly calling thee home calling today, calling today;
why from the sunshine of love wilt thou roam, farther and farther away?

Refrain:
Calling today, calling today; Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.

Jesus is pleading, O list to his voice hear him today, hear him today;
they who believe on his name shall rejoice; quickly arise and obey.

refrain

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Tom Kelley
Bill Travis

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. 206

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE Thomas A. Dorsey

God Be with You

God be with you; God be with you; God be with you until we meet again.
God be with you; God be with you; God be with you until we meet again.

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.

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.

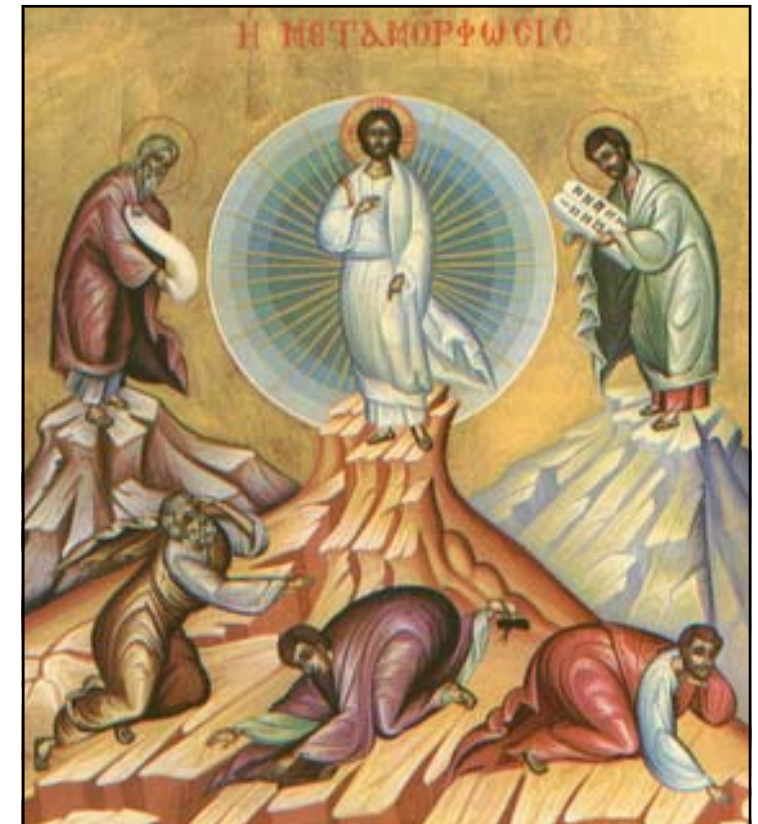
Save The Date – Chi Rho (middle school students) Plan on spending a night of discovery at National City from Saturday, March 10, to Sunday, March 11. We will "lock" ourselves in at 7 p.m. and begin the exploration soon after!! You won't want to miss this event. We'll end with breakfast on Sunday morning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

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)