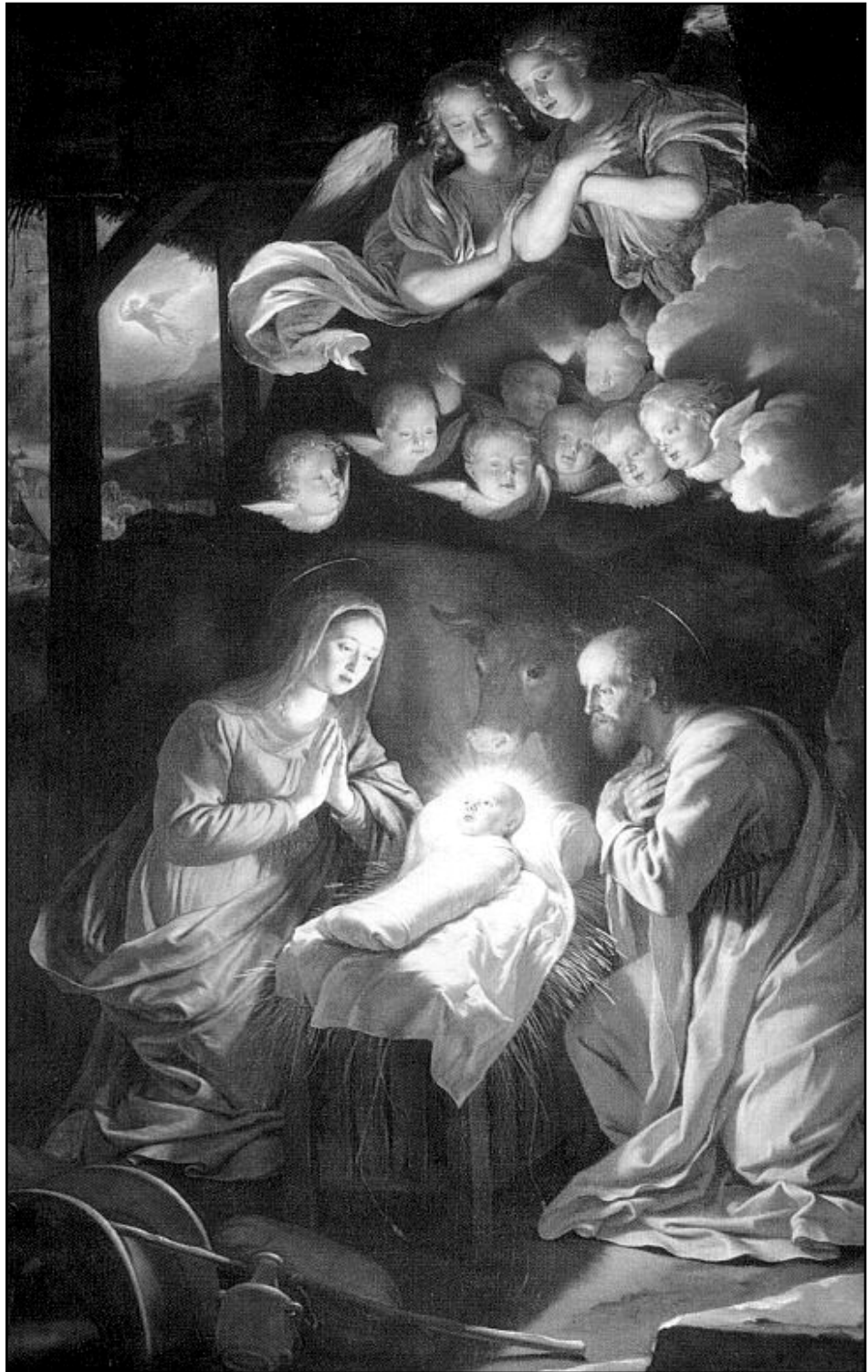




National City Christian Church

5 Thomas Circle - Washington, D.C.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmastide
December 11, 2011, 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.

HARP, ORGAN, AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRELUDE

The Coventry Carol
In Dulci Jubilo
Pastoral Symphony from Messiah

arr. McDonald-Wood
Marcel Dupré
G.F. Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

At the sound of the bells, the Congregation stands.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

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
5.Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by, we shall
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
see him but in heav - en set at God's right hand on high; when like
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.
stars his child - ren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Words: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (1818-1885), 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

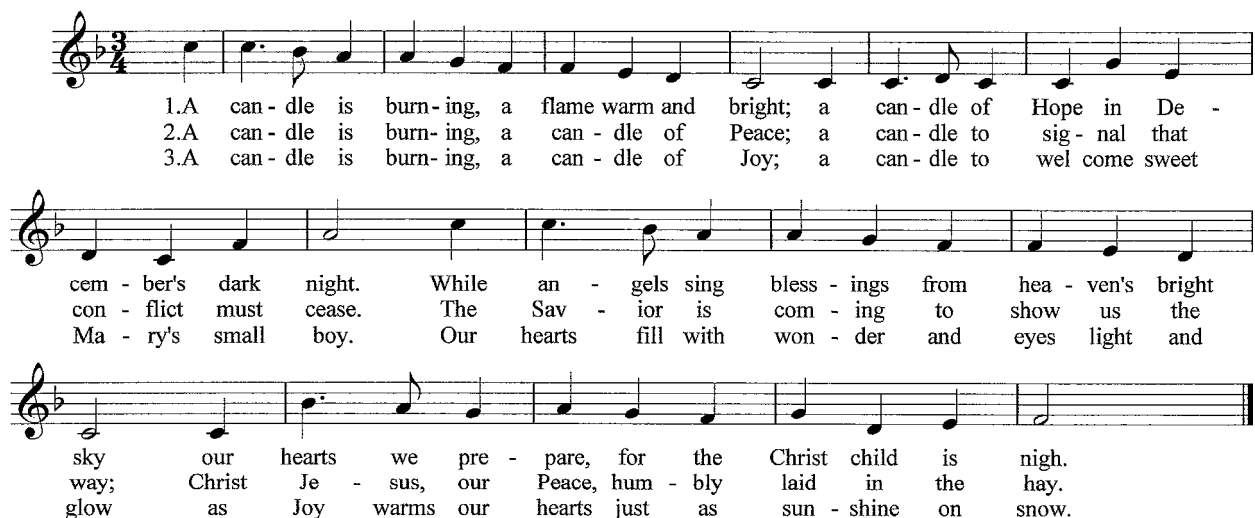
Led by Katherine Blaisdell, leader of the Young Adults Disciples in Action (Yada)

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



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 Rev. Dr. Stephen Gentle

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

Sung by the Choir

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan. Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain.
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there. Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only his mother in her maiden bliss worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part. What can I give him: give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1884)

Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

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

Reader: Melissa Wilson, a youth of the congregation

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: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Sung by the Choir

This is the Truth Sent From Above

Christian Kennedy, soloist

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love.
Therefore don't turn me from the door, but hearken all both rich and poor.
The first thing that I will relate: that God the first did man create.
The next thing which to you I'll tell: woman was made with him to dwell.
Then after that 'twas God's own choice to place them both in paradise,
there to remain from evil free – except they ate of such a tree.
But they did eat, which was a sin, and thus their ruin did begin:
ruined themselves, both you and me, and all of our posterity.
Thus we were heirs to endless woes 'til God the Lord did interpose.
And so a promise soon did run that he'd redeem us by his Son.

Words: English traditional, from "A Good Christmas Box", collected by Cecil Sharp, Shropshire, 1847

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1959)

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 40: 1-6

Reader: John Arterberry, Vice Chair, National City Christian Church Foundation

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: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Sung by the Choir

And the Glory of the Lord
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Words: Isaiah 40: 5, Revised Standard Version

Music: Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759), from his oratorio ‘Messiah’

THIRD LESSON: Jeremiah 23: 5-6

Reader: Terri Malone, a member of the Sanctuary Choir

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: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Congregation remains seated

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Sung by all

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

ing as 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)

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

Reader: Alan Williams, Chair-Elect, Board of Deacons

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: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed up from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our God, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come. Sing holy, holy Lord.
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon. For Christ is coming soon.
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more.
They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun. For Christ will be their all.

Words: Adaptation of Revelation 22: 5, 20

Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The congregation is seated.

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Reader: Loretta Tate, Moderator

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: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Magnificat in C Major

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me and Holy is His name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel.
As he promised to our fore-fathers Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2: 1-7

Reader: Bill Knight, Chair, Board of Elders

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: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation remains seated.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Sung by all

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A -
 2. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given! So
 3. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us we pray. Cast

bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet
 God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ing of his heaven. No
 out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day. We

in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ting light; the
 ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
 hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell: O

hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord, Em - man - u - el.

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: Rev. Beverly Goines, Assistant Pastor

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

OFFERTORY CAROL

Sung by the Choir.

Before the Marvel of This Night

Before the marvel of this night – adoring, fold your wings and bow.
Then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease.
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!
Awake the sleeping world with song. This is the day the Lord hath made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss; a teasing taste of what they miss.
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss.
The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless night,
Now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night.
Into one some compress the love that rules our universe above.
Sing love, sing love, sing God is Love!

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008)

Music: Carl Schalk (b. 1929)

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, 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)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Rev. Dr. Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Kent Woods and Teresa Swihart, Elders

LORD'S PRAYER

**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, 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

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the carol 'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: '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.' The second and third staves continue the melody with similar note values and rests, corresponding to the lyrics.

*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

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

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 ar - ranged by David Willcocks (b. 1919)

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach

THANK YOU for joining us in worship this morning. We wish you many blessings during this Advent and Christmas season and in the New Year. Please join us in the Atrium for coffee and fellowship following the service. 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 here in Washington D.C. before his retirement in 2006.

We are also grateful for the chamber musicians, all of whom perform with the National Symphony Orchestra and the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra. The chamber orchestra's appearance was made possible by donations made to National City Christian Church in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Peter and Lynne Morgan, long-time NCCC members and historians of this church, by their family and friends. We are deeply indebted to the Morgans for having their anniversary gifts directed to the support of the music ministry of this church. This Lessons and Carols service is gratefully dedicated to them.

MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Baritone/Bass</u>
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Dorothy Davis	Barbara Collins	Timothy Edmonds	Philip Gentle
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Beverly Williams			
Delia Zielinski			

*Section Leaders

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Organ
Kenneth Lowenberg

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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.

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>

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

Joel Lazar, conductor

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

Saturday, December 17 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 18 at 4 p.m.

Christmas Concert by the Children's Chorus of Washington

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Saturday, December 24 - Festival Christmas Eve Service

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

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 25 at 10 a.m.

Family Christmas Service with the Gospel Choir, NCCC Sanctuary Choir, and soloists

Sunday, January 1 at 10 a.m.

Combined New Year Service with the Gospel Choir and NCCC soloists

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

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TODAY

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 – 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

D-Space – Join National City's young adults (Yada) for study and conversation at 6:45 p.m. Email Beau Underwood at bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org for more information.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Stephen Harouff from Faith Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry – Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Each week we help hundreds of our homeless neighbors and many families within our neighborhood through the Food Pantry. Any food item is greatly appreciated. If you would prefer, you may make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry by using one of the envelopes, please put Food Pantry on the memo line.

Nursery Open House – January 8, 10 a.m. If you have children who are infants through preschool come and meet Sana Kifafi, our nursery attendant, and other families with young children.

Ice Skating – The Chi Rho (middle school) group will be going ice skating after church at the Sculpture Garden on January 8. All are invited to join in the fun and the bumps.

Tubing – Calling all middle school students: Save the date! The Chi Rho group will be going tubing on Saturday January 21. Let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend this event. Adult drivers may also be needed for this one day trek to western Maryland. Please let Teresa know if you are available to help out and how many people your car can comfortably hold.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Dorothy Davis; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins;
and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Antioch Christian Church, Vienna, Virginia

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY
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