

First Sunday after Pentecost Sunday

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Lari Grubbs,
Charles Miller, and John Scott Williams
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here J.S. Bach

Come Sunday Duke Ellington
Alia Waheed, soprano

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

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.

ACOLYTES: Fredrickia Lloyd
Melissa Wilson

INTROIT

Open Now Your Gates of Beauty
Mary Elinor Smith
Open now your gates of beauty. Zion, let me enter there
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God to answer prayer.
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 4
NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Yahweh told Abram to leave his own country and go where God asked of him.

People: The God of Abraham praise, all praised be his name.

Leader: I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, make your name great, so you will be a blessing.

People: Who was and is, and is to be, and still the same.

Leader: So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

People: The one eternal God, the one that now appears.

Leader: Let us worship the God of Abraham.

People: The first, the last, beyond all thought, for timeless years.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 24 (1)
LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise
The God of Abraham praise. All praised be the Name,
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;
the one eternal God, ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!

SCRIPTURE READING John Scott Williams
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Genesis 12:1-8

PASTORAL PRAYER Lari Grubbs

ANTHEM G.F. Handel

Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing Alleluia. Praise
His name forever more. Shout, sing, come dance and celebrate.
Rejoice! Let all within us praise his name. Shout, sing, let songs of joy
break forth. O praise His name forever more.

CHILDREN'S TIME

All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program led by Patrick Malone 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.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Our Father, Abraham

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. 635 (1,3)
ST. CATHERINE

Faith of Our Fathers

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Lari Grubbs

OFFERTORY SOLO Harold Friedell

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
[Text for this anthem may be found on page 392 of the Chalice Hymnal]

✠DOXOLOGY No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Bill Knight
Elder: Gracious God, give us the faith of Abraham, who didn't ask "why" when you told him to leave his home.

People: Give us faith to "go where you send us," and do what you ask of us. Help us in this time of communion to open our eyes, ears, heart, and mind to you, so that our faith may be increased. Help us to be faithful people, that we may be benefactors of your grace in Jesus Christ. In his name we pray the prayer we were taught.
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 Rick Bahr

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. 535 (4)
KINGDOM

Faith Believes That God is Faithful
Faith believes that God is faithful: God will be what God will be!
Faith accepts the call, responding, "I am willing, Lord. Send me."

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 537
THE SOLID ROCK

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

✠BENEDICTION Lari Grubbs

POSTLUDE Felix Mendelssohn

Fugue in C Major

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 Jane and Wes Strotman
in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

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! We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Three religions look to Abraham as the “father of faith” in one sense or another: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Does our common ancestry in Abraham help our shared faith or not? Let’s explore together our faith shared in Father Abraham.

EVERY SUNDAY

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 – Small group on Acts led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center.

Children’s Time – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children’s Creative Arts program led by Patrick Malone 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 during business hours, 202-232-0323.

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 e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

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.

Food Pantry Sunday - The third Sunday of the month is our traditional day to bring items for the Food Pantry. Each month we service hundreds of our homeless neighbors but also many families within our neighborhood are aided by the Food Pantry. Please bring your nonperishable food items to either the 8:30 or 11 a.m. service. Any food item is greatly appreciated. **Our focus this month** is on fruit/jello/pudding cups, granola or snack bars, and juice boxes. If you would prefer you can make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry by using one of the envelopes. Put Food Pantry on the Memo line.

General Board Meeting – Today at 12:30 p.m., Howland Center.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Yada - Join the Young Adults at happy hour at Cuba Libre (near Gallery Place Metro) at 6:30 p.m. Text Kathleen at 615-424-6498 if needed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Featured this week is John Lowe from Gainesville, Florida.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Sympathy – Our prayers are with Sana Kifafi, whose brother died on June 9 in Jordan of a heart attack at the age of 39. Sana staffs our Sunday morning nursery.

Deacons Meeting - Sunday, June 26, 12:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Regional Church Summer Camps are Coming! – There are fun camps for ALL ages in the mountains and at the beach. Details are available at <http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp>. You can find information in the Atrium.

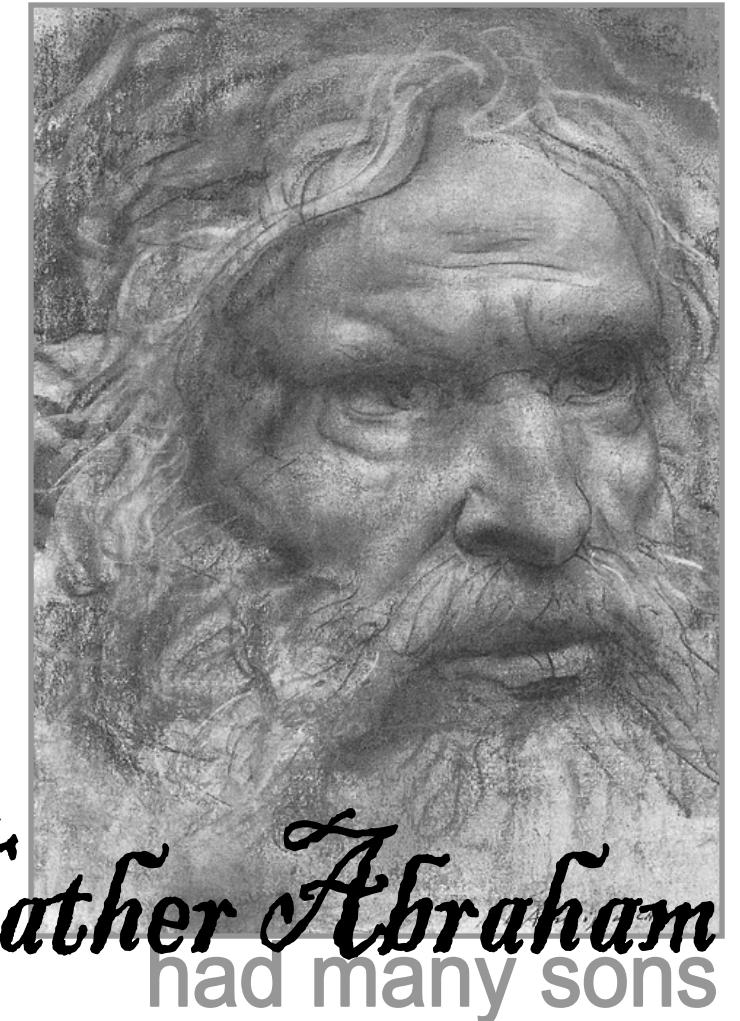
Labor Day Weekend – National City has reserved the Conference Center at Bethany Beach for this long weekend. Registration forms can be found in the atrium or email Teresa Swihart, tisatcamp@yahoo.com to have one emailed to you.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

James Green; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Lynn Parrish; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

National City Christian Church and the Hispanic Ministry



June 19, 2011

11 a.m.



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