

# Christ the King

Worship Leaders: Natalie Johnston, Charles Miller, and Beau Underwood  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Paul Manz  
Two Preludes on *Now Thank We All Our God*

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 Austin C. Lovelace

### *What Shall I Render To My God?*

What shall I render to my God for all his mercy's store?  
I'll take the gifts he hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.  
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,  
And all his promises embrace and to his glory live.  
Thy hands created me, thy hands from sin have set me free,  
Thy mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to thee.  
Praise him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiven;  
'til gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heaven.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 718  
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR  
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Natalie Johnston

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. God made us, and we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

**People: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and into the courts with praise.**

Leader: Give thanks and bless God's name.

**People: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

✠HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 699 (1)  
DARWALL'S 148<sup>th</sup>

### *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! The risen Christ adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again, I say rejoice!

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

SCRIPTURE READING Beau Underwood  
NT p. 181

Ephesians 1:15-23

PASTORAL PRAYER Beau Underwood

ANTHEM Ralph Vaughan Williams

### *O Taste and See*

Alia Waheed, soprano soloist

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed are the ones who trusteth in him. (Psalm 34:8)

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

### *All God's Gifts Surround Us*

## 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 INVITATION No. 714  
AR HYD Y NOS

### *For the Fruit of All Creation*

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ralph Vaughan Williams

### *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

✠DOXOLOGY

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Bill Knight  
Elder: Loving and caring God, you have searched us out and known us, all that we are is open to you.

**People: Look not upon our failings but upon our faith. Break down all barriers which we erect against your love. Cover us with the blanket of your peace. And let your justice reach to the ends of the earth. So that we come glad to this celebration.**

Elder: For we pray in the name of the One who has brought to us new life and life everlasting.

**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. 386 (2)  
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

### *We Come As Guests Invited*

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,  
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;  
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,  
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 715  
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

### *Now Thank We All Our God*

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

### *Now Thank We All Our God*

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 pulpit flowers were given by Douglas & Chieko Cook in honor of their son Timothy's birthday on November 21.

The baptismal flowers were given by Kathryn Farley in memory of her grandfather, Herbert Henry Bruce, Jr., in celebration of his birthday on November 20, 1925.

*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).*

## WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Welcome to Worship!** Today is Christ the King Sunday and it marks the close of the Christian liturgical year. On this Sunday we also share in worship a special gift that we hope you will share with another: a Thanksgiving card. Our prayer is that you will take a moment and write to someone for whom you are grateful and give them your message this week. We are truly grateful for your presence in worship today. We pray that you may be blessed today with this time of worship.

**Earthquake damage** – Please excuse our state of disrepair in the chancel, the capitals of the columns near the apse, and the damaged organ pipes due to the recent earthquake. Special donations may be made by designating an offering to the "earthquake fund."

### 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 Floor Conference Room.

**Christian Pathways** – Small group teaching 'Connecting with God' in the Howland Center

**\*Teachers and substitute teachers are still needed, especially for our elementary students. Materials will be provided. Please contact Teresa Swihart if interested at [tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com)**

**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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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>.

## 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.

**Thanksgiving Dinner and Congregational Meeting** – at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall.

**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.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**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](mailto:bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org) for more information.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - THANKSGIVING - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED**

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**Hanging of the Green** – at 12:30 p.m. Join us for our annual Christmas decorating festival! Trees in the narthex, Atrium, Howland Center, and Music Suite; greens on the Atrium stairway railings; and other fun tasks will be accomplished that day. And as always, Sue Frost will bring a couple of pots of her famous chili for lunch.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Night of Remembrance** – Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m., Howland Center. Grief comes to all of us, and the holidays can be especially difficult when mourning the loss of a loved one. Yet, God is found even in the midst of our grief. Join us in this service to be encouraged and to perceive God's presence and direction even through your pain. Everyone is welcome to attend whether your loss is recent or occurred long ago. **Bring a picture of your loved one with you.**

**Care Packages for the Homeless** – As part of our homeless/hunger ministry, we are again putting together Christmas packages for our neighbors living on the streets and doorways of our community. The types of items we are asking for are: toothbrushes and/or toothbrush holders; toothpaste; travel size soaps, shaving creams, and deodorant; razors; pocket tissues/ hand wipes; nail clippers; combs; knit hats; winter gloves; socks; reusable shopping bags; We will also take cash donations to balance out shortages of particular items. **Please bring the items to the church on or before December 4.** We will be looking for volunteers to sort and pack in the Gift Shop after church. Remember, when the weather is changing that the comforts we take for granted are essential to those carrying everything they own between shelters. Please call Lorraine Magnussen at 703-521-1219 for more information.

**Toys and Children's Clothes Needed** – The Angel Tree Project for National City is an opportunity to bring Christmas to the families and children of those spending time in prison. You are encouraged to bring new toys and new children's clothes – all unwrapped – and place them in the boxes marked "Angel Tree" in either the Atrium or the narthex. The boxes will be available Sunday, November 27, through Sunday, December 11.

**Donations Needed** – Sara Imhulse is collecting winter coats for men, women, and kids at her office. They are going to give them to those in need in her community. Donations are tax-deductible. Please email Sara at [nkugrad@yahoo.com](mailto:nkugrad@yahoo.com) for more information.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Russell Chapin; Chieko Cook; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.; Emma King; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Garfield Memorial Christian Church, McLean, Virginia

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

[ATcwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:ATcwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)

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**November 20, 2011**

**11 a.m.**



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