

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, William Knight, Charles Miller,  
Shana Pereira, and Beau Underwood  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Andante* from *Fantasie in C* Cesar Franck  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Dale Wood

**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** Walter Pelz  
*This is the Day the Lord Has Made*  
This is the day the Lord has made; he calls the hours his own.  
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround God's throne.

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 56  
DIX  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠ **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE** Shana Pereira  
Leader: We praise and thank you, O Lord, for all that we have been given!  
**People: We praise you for earth and oceans, rain and sun, for food and homes, for the blessings of life and faith and hope.**  
Leader: We thank you for family and friends, for neighbors and coworkers, for blessing us with the human family.  
**People: We praise and thank you, O Lord, for blessing us beyond all expectations.**  
Leader: For all blessings which compel us to reach out to those with less, to be of service to any in need, to keep company with the unwelcome, to seek peace and make friends of our enemies.  
**Unison: O Lord, Our God, you have enriched us, saved us, loved us. Open our hearts and minds to your will that we may be free to share that which we have been given. Keep us always in your work – the work of Christ and Christ's kingdom, your kingdom, O God.**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 715 (1)  
NUN DANKET  
*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** William Knight

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Beau Underwood  
OT p. 178  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**ANTHEM** arr. John Leavitt  
*River in Judea*  
Oftentimes, I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.  
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.  
Late at night, I hear it singing, then again when I wake at dawn.  
And it fills me up with hope and good will, the will to go on.  
There is a river in Judea, that I hear of long ago,  
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know  
I believe it keeps on traveling, but it rests on the Sabbath day.  
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.  
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,  
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings. There is a river...  
May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river, the shore.  
'Til then dream of that wonderful day, as we sing once more.  
There is a river in Judea...

**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 Seeds to Flowers*

## 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. 606  
NETTLETON  
*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING** Beverly Goines

**OFFERTORY SOLO** James Dunn  
*Come Unto Him*  
Alia Waheed, soprano

All ye who wander, wearied and distressed, all ye whose souls are sad and care-oppressed;  
All ye who dread the falling of the night, come unto him whose love makes all things right.  
All ye who mourn, whose grief is unconsoled, all ye whose tale of tears is never told;  
All ye whose ills, no human help can cure, come unto him whose loving aid is sure.  
Come unto him, come unto him all ye whose ills no human help can cure;  
Come unto him whose loving aid is sure.  
All ye who dwell in fear of what may be. All ye who dare not voice afflictions' plea;  
All ye who anguish, hopeless in your sin, come unto him whose love will take you in.

✠ **DOXOLOGY** No. 379  
ELLACOMBE  
*Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*  
Accept, O God, the gifts we bring, of spirit and of clay;  
Transform them into blessings on those we serve today.  
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill  
The ministry disciples have, empowered to do your will.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** Beverly Goines

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE** Gentry Alexander  
Elder: Let us pray for the world and for the people of God.  
**People: God of all graciousness, we give you thanks and praise for the bountiful world you have given us. We ask you to shower your renewing love on our world, the soil, the plants, the animals, the seas and all within them, that they may flourish, as you intended them. Make us grateful partners with them that all may live in harmony within your creation.**

Elder: God of all goodness, we give you thanks and praise for the diverse world you have given us. We ask that you lavish your wisdom and loving kindness on all nations and peoples of the world, all leaders in political power, all leaders of your church, all those who govern so that all people are cared for, and all conflicts may be dealt with peacefully.  
**People: Lord of all, be present to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup, that we may open our hearts and be generous participants in your kingdom work. We ask in the name of Christ who taught us to pray:**  
**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** Paul Heffron

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Beverly Goines  
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. 417 (1, 3)  
WINCHESTER NEW  
*We Place Upon Your Table, Lord*  
We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine,  
as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design.

Accept them, Lord, they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand.  
These gifts of yours for higher use we offer up as you command.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ **HYMN OF GOING FORTH** No. 459 (1, 2, 4, 5)  
ABBOT'S LEIGH  
*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

✠ **BENEDICTION** Leon Boellmann  
**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata from Suite Gothique*

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 Darrell Ertzberger in memory of Dewey Childs.

*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 pray that God's blessing will be upon your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord in this place. How do we give, in difficult times? The Deuteronomy writer knew that life was difficult; it had been difficult for the Israelites. But even in times of struggles and economic uncertainty, we trust that God will be our helper and our guide. Thus, we bring to God the first fruits of our blessings. On our financial commitment Sunday, we come together today to share our gifts and to pledge our giving for the next year that God is leading us into. Welcome to 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.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**Disciples Women Luncheon** - Charles Miller will speak at the program for Disciples Women at 11 a.m. in the Music Suite. He will continue the group's study of the Beatitudes and will speak on the 4th Beatitude -- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled. Ann Cappiello will have the devotions. Circle 1 will host. All are invited and encouraged to bring a sandwich to supplement the soup that will be served.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**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 [beau.underwood@gmail.com](mailto:beau.underwood@gmail.com) for more information.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

**Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Rich Spotts from Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Fall Assembly of the Council Of Churches of Greater Washington** – Sunday, November 6, at 3 p.m. at historic St. Aloysius Church. Mayor Vincent Gray is the invited guest to speak. All are welcomed to attend this free event. St. Aloysius Church is located at 19 "I" Street NW ("I" Street NW and North Capital Street). Refreshments will be available following the Assembly.

**General Board To Meet Sunday, November 13** - The General Board of National City will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 13. On the agenda is the proposed 2012 budget and the proposed leadership slate for 2012 from the nominating committee.

**World Outreach Committee** – Tuesday, November 15. The committee will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss the job situation and a program to ease getting a job and improving the employment situation in the greater D.C. region. All are invited – the employed who may be of help to others looking for a job, the unemployed, under-employed, the misemployed, and the retired, especially those who might contribute time to the effort. The meeting will be a prelude to the Council of Churches of Greater Washington meeting on employment on November 20 at National City.

**Council of Churches of Greater Washington** – Sunday, November 20. National City will host a jobs program meeting of the Council of Churches of Greater Washington at 2 p.m. All are invited. The council will introduce an innovative program to help people get jobs, a program to be supported by churches, business, foundations, union, and the government.

**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. They need coats. 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; Tawanna Lloyd;  
Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;  
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; David Tyson;  
and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Wilson Boulevard Christian Church, Arlington, Virginia

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

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



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**October 30, 2011**

**11 a.m.**



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