

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Leaders: 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

Mighty Is Our God Eugene Greco
Mighty is our God, mighty is our King; Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King; Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name;
His power is greater, for he has created everything.

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King; Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King; Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord Kenneth Louis
Prepare ye, prepare ye, prepare ye the way of the Lord.
(repeat)

✠OPENING HYMN No. 119 (1, 2, 4)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

✠LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Noemi Mena

Preacher: Today, on the Second Sunday of Advent, we relight the candle of HOPE. And now, we light the second Advent candle - the candle of PEACE. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus Christ was born and walked among the people of the earth to bring hope and peace to all.

People: May we receive God's light as we hear the words from Isaiah, chapter nine, verses six and seven: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder; and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." And from the Gospel of John, chapter fourteen, verse 27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

Preacher: Let us pray: Creator God, grant that we may find comfort and peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in our hearts, in our families, in our work places, and all throughout our world be peacefully resolved. Help us clearly see the paths of peace in our lives, and give us the courage to follow them. Let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

A Candle Is Burning
(Sung to the tune: Away in a Manger)
A candle is burning - a flame warm and bright;
A candle of Hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's bright sky
Our hearts we prepare, for the Christ child is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of Peace;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
The Savior is coming to show us the way;
Christ Jesus, our Peace, humbly laid in the hay.

✠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 Naida Hearn

Jesus, Name Above All Names
Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.
(repeat)

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 Mark Lowry

Mary, Did You Know?

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena
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Mark 1:1-8

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 121

Prepare the Way of the Lord

SERMON Stephen Gentle

'Tis the Season to be Jolly

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. 482 (1, 2)

O Christians, Haste

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell the world that God is one who cares, that God who made all nations is not willing one life should perish, lost in deep despair.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation, that God in whom we live and move, is love. Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation, and died on earth that we might live above
refrain

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Norman Kruse
Kathy Mosley

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

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. 385

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE Keith Laws

We Must Work

We must work while it is day,
Spreading the word of God as we go along the way.
We must be willing to do God's will,
Spreading the word of God till it reaches throughout the hills.
We must witness to everyone we meet in every song we sing.
We must tell them of the soon coming King.

Following the worship service, our pastors are at the doors 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), 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! "'Tis the season to be jolly!" proclaims the carol. As we prepare for the annual celebration of our Lord's birth, we hope that this season will bring you good cheer. On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the Advent candle called Peace. We pray that that Prince of peace will be a real presence in our worship today and in your week ahead.

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>.

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.

Caroling on the Circles – 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. The congregation is invited to join the NCCC Sanctuary Choir to go caroling for the Logan Circle Holiday Open House and at the Thomas Circle Residences following the morning worship services. Lunch will be provided in the Music Suite prior to caroling and we'll end our singing with cookies and hot cocoa.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

WIN Event – City-wide action at the Metropolitan AME Church on M Street at 7 p.m. D.C. residents are encouraged to attend this important action on affordable housing. Contact Rev. Beau Underwood for more information at bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Disciples Women Luncheon – 11 a.m. in the Music Suite. Mary Ann Brown will lead the study on the fifth beatitude. Sue Frost will have devotions. All are invited and encouraged to bring a sandwich and stay for fellowship after the meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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 9

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Eugene Lavery from Wilmington, Delaware.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Christmas Luncheon - 12:30 p.m., Scott Hall. Join us for a special holiday luncheon and program. Sign up sheets are in the Atrium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needed – a nice warm and dry place to sleep, eat, fellowship, and play near White Tail ski resort for the Chi Rho group (middle schoolers) and chaperones in January or February. If you have a place or know someone who does with a big heart please let Teresa Swihart know ASAP so the planning can begin for our weekend in the snow.

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 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

Springfield Christian Church, Springfield, Virginia

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO COLLEEN WALSH BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY

AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

Tell of THE Yuletide Treasure!



December 4, 2011

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)