

# Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Beau Underwood  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Wake, Awake for Night is Flying* J.S. Bach


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 *Wake, Awake for Night is Flying* J.S. Bach

Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying;  
Awake, Jerusalem, arise.  
For the Lord comes down all-glorious; so strong in grace, in truth victorious,  
The star is risen, his light has come.  
Ah, come, thou blessed Lord, O Jesus, Son of God. Halleluiah!  
Therefore we sing to greet our King; forever let our praises ring!

✠HYMN OF PRAISE *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* MERTON



1.Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2.Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3.Lo! the Lamb, so long ex- pec- ted, comes with par- don down from heav'n.  
4.so when next Christ comes in glo- ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5.Hon- or, glo- ry, might and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,



"Cast a- way the works of dark-ness, O ye child- ren of the day."  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pell- ing, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.  
let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- giv'n;  
may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit, while un- end- ing a- ges run.

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Liturgist: 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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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."

Liturgist: Let us pray: Creator God, grant that we may find comfort and peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in own 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.

SCRIPTURE READING Beau Underwood NT p. 33

Mark 1:1-8

ANTHEM *O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort* Johann Franck

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort, O let me ne'er in sorrow pine.  
My heart, my soul, yea all my being, O Jesus, trust alone in thee.  
Thou Prince of Peace, thou pearl from heaven, true God, true man, my morning star.  
O come thou precious Sun most radiant, thy beams illumine my heart and soul.  
O Jesus, with thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.  
In true humility I welcome thee, Jesus Christ, my joy divine.  
My thoughts, desires, and all my longings I dedicate, O Christ, to thee.  
O come thou precious Sun most radiant, thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

### 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  
*'Tis the Season to be Jolly*

## 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. 135  
MERLE'S TUNE

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO G. F. Handel

*Rejoice Greatly from Messiah*

Alia Waheed, soprano

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Rejoice greatly. Shout! Behold thy King cometh unto thee.  
He is the righteous Savior and he shall speak peace to the heathen.

✠DOXOLOGY No. 173 (3)  
DIX

*As With Gladness*

As they offered gifts so rare at the manger, plain and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Ann Neeriemer

Elder: God of hope, fill us with the joy and peace of believing. As a branch from the root of Jesse stands as a symbol of hope for your people, may we respond by seeking to do your will.

People: **You bring deliverance to the needy and justice to the oppressed; use our lives as an instrument of your peace. You cause your Spirit to rest on the faithful, bestowing wisdom, knowledge, and might; may we use our actions to proclaim your love so that all may come to rejoice in your new life. We pray the prayer our Lord taught his disciples to pray, saying...**

All: **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 Bill Knight

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. 161 (1)  
I WONDER AS I WANDER

*I Wonder as I Wander*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come forth to die.  
For poor ordin'ry people like you and like I, I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 136  
PLEADING SAVIOR

*Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*

✠BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE Paul Manz

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

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.

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](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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

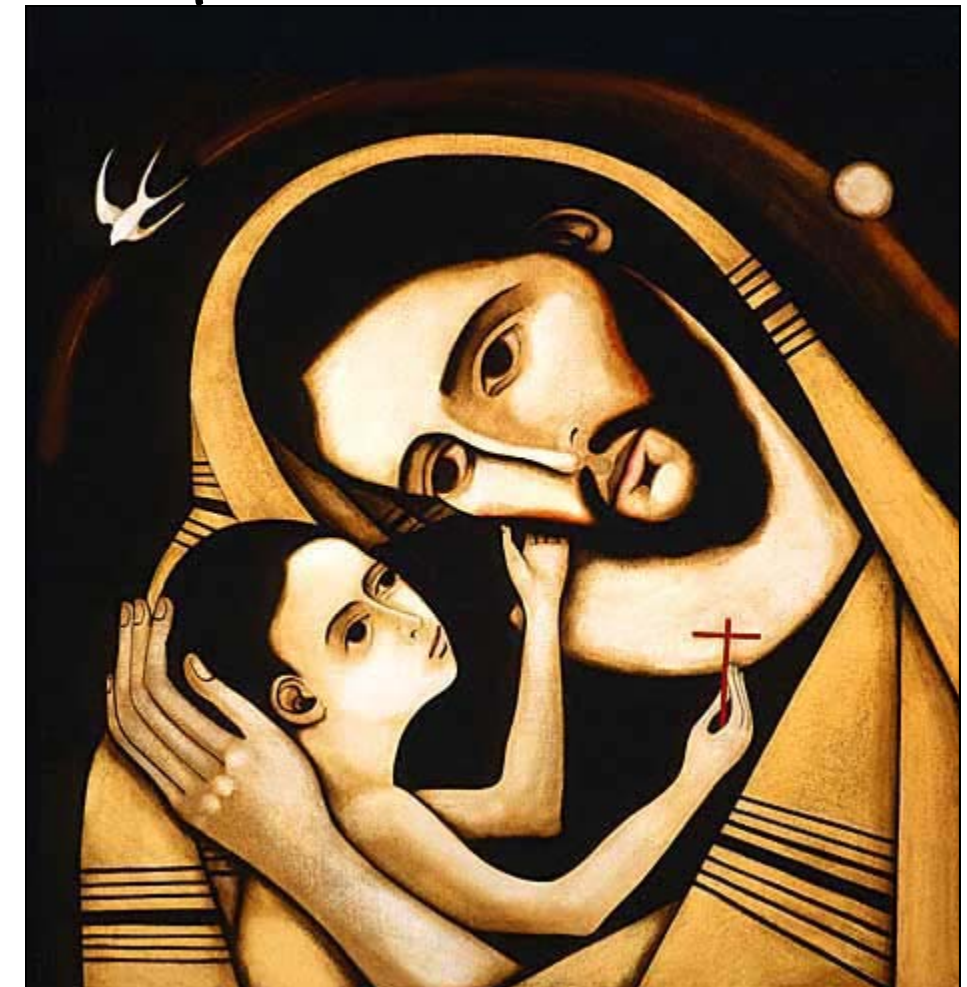
### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Springfield Christian Church, Springfield, 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)

# Tell of THE Yuletide Treasure!



**December 4, 2011**

**11 a.m.**



**National City Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**