

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

January 3, 2016

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Life and Work of the Church

Welcome, friends and members

Please sign back page of bulletin

Nursery care available in Education Building

Restrooms found in Education Building

Prayer requests for offering plate

Fellowship Hour following worship

Announcements – please use microphone

* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship: John 1

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Now the fullness of time has come:
And the Word became flesh to dwell among us.

***Hymn: #145 "What Child Is This?"**

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, we confess
that we are not people of peace.
You shine upon us with your glory,
yet we hide our faces from the light.
You speak to us a holy mystery,
yet we do not listen to your word.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us, the least of all the saints,
the wisdom to know and proclaim
the gospel of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #147, verse 6**

**Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Page: NT 2

Anthem: *"Have You Heard?"*

Althouse

The Choir

Have you heard the story of the baby boy, born in Bethlehem? The angels sang that blessed night. They came from heaven, dressed in white. The wise men came from far and wide. They followed the star to the baby's side. See the baby sleeping, on this Christmas morn. Hear the angels singing: Halleluia, He is born. The angels played in a heavenly band, spreading good news and joy all across the land.

A Scripture Conversation

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

Page: NT 193

Sermon: *"Found!"*

***Hymn: #151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #150**, vss. 1, 3

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

*Prayer of Thanks

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**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 and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution

You may say to your neighbor:

"The Body of Christ", then "The Cup of Salvation"

Closing Prayer

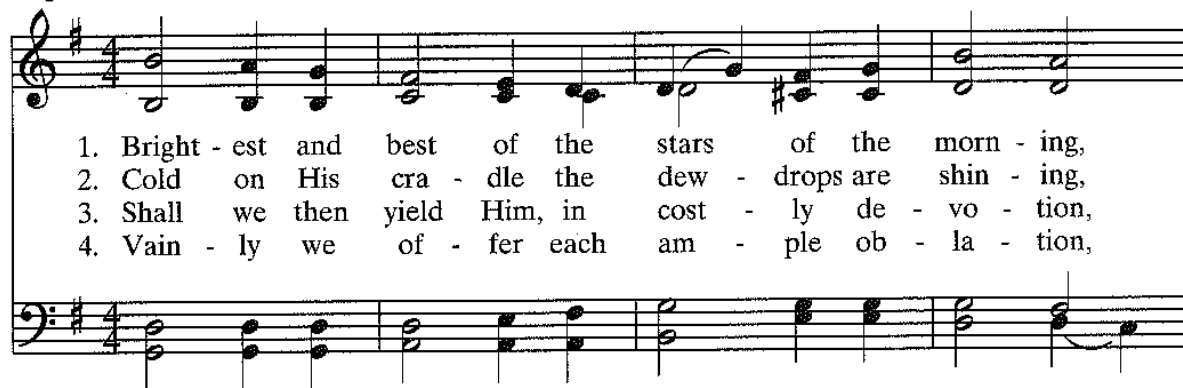
Please dispose of your cups in the basket near the exit as you leave.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

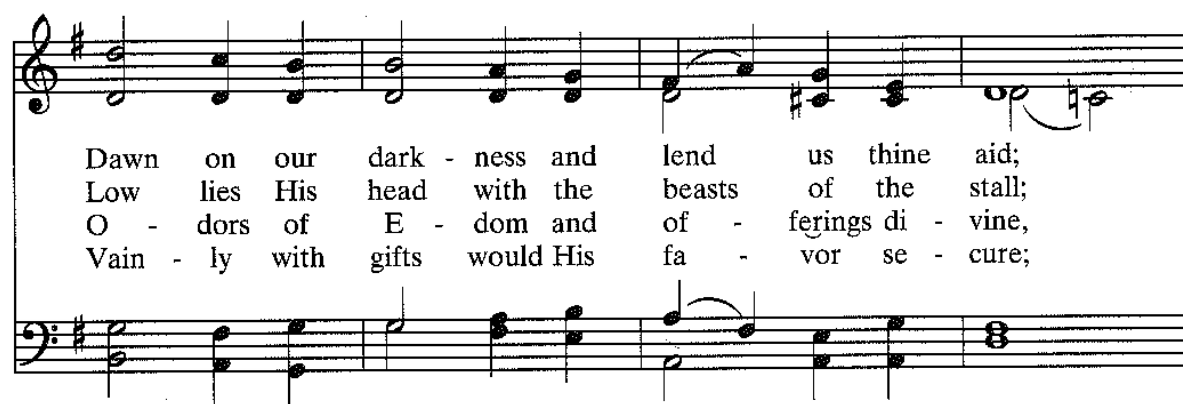
*Hymn: "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Reginald Heber, 1811; alt.

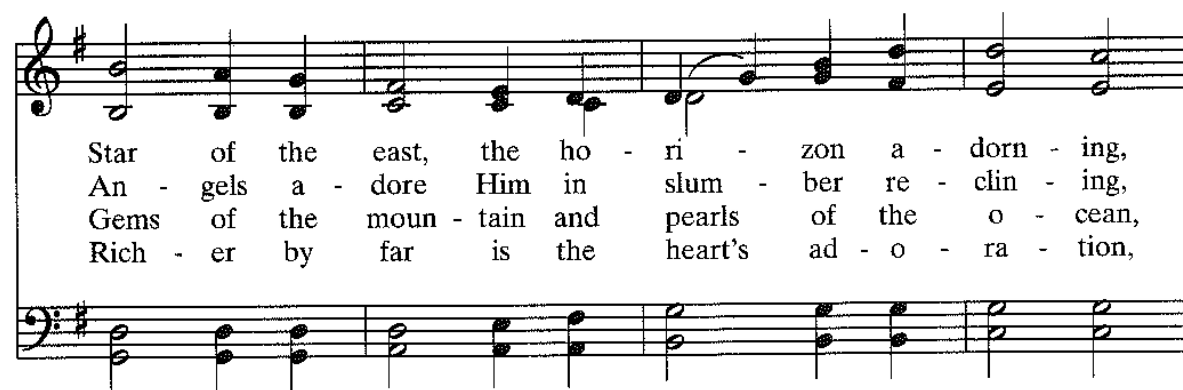
James Proctor Harding, 1892



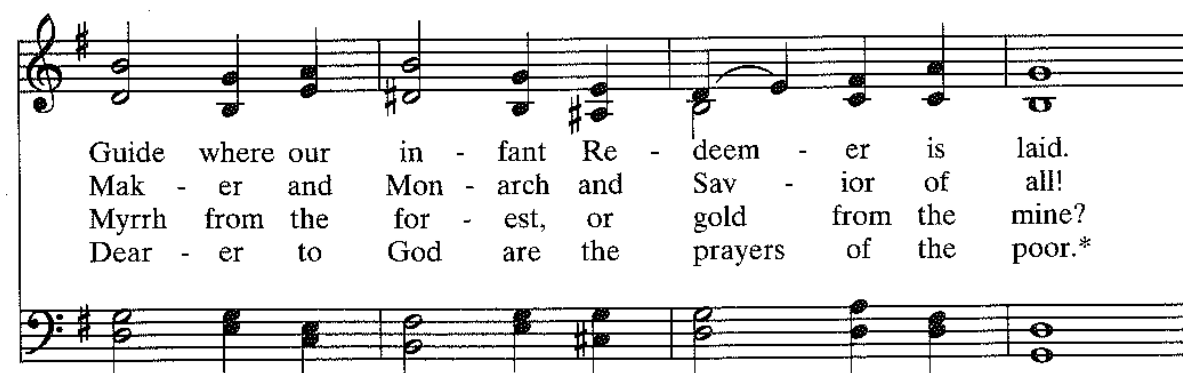
1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2. Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3. Shall we then yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
O - dors of E - dom and of - ferings di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure;



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all!
Myrrh from the for - est, or gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.



Use this space to make note for yourself of prayer concerns raised and insights received:

Opportunities for Infants and Children

A Nursery Care Program for infants through age 3 is available in Room 207 after the Scripture Conversation. If your child needs to leave before that, please see an usher. Children ages 4 through 10 may also exit after the Scripture Conversation for **Someplace Else** (a lesson and activities in the CE Building, Rooms 203 and 204). *Please see an usher for a child safety registration form.* Children of any age are always welcome in worship.

Worship Assistance

Please see an usher to receive hearing assistance, a large print bulletin or bible, or a personal seat cushion.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

Nursing Home and Hospital:

Fran Handy

Cadia Rehab/Silverside
3322 Silverside Road
Wilmington, DE 19810
(302) 478-8889

Vic Clark

The Lorelton
2200 W 4th St, Apt 328
Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 419-7037 (cell)

Jean Swanson

Sunrise - Apt. 238
1555 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy
Henderson, NV 89012
(302) 824-8030 (cell)

Don Reese

HealthSouth Rehab
250 East Hampden Road,
Middletown, DE 19709
(302) 464-3400

At Home:

Judy Hentkowski

128 E. 2nd St
New Castle, DE 19720

Charlotte Mitchell

1031 Bear Road
New Castle, DE 19720

The Flowers are given to the glory of God
Pat Adair
In Loving Memory of My Husband James A. Adair



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Carlo F. Viola
1914-1971

Paul McKnight
1937-1999

This morning, our Ushers are:
Andrew, Allie, Julie & Cora Lundgren

Nursery Attendants: Molly Cooney & Zarina Stone

Someplace Else: Esther Lindell & Heather Raezer

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Bev & Jim Stoudt

Communion Servers: Bob & Joan Appleby,
Patti Isaacs-Hansen, Danika Dobson, Zach Dobson

Christian Education Committee Announces:



BUILD A SNOWMAN!

Friday, January 22, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 pm

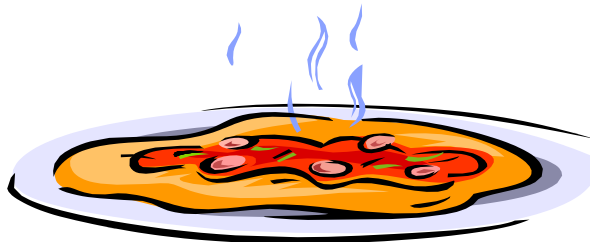
Families are invited to attend this evening
of fun and fellowship together
and enjoy some good food!

Be prepared to build an indoor "snow"man
and enjoy other activities.

Please bring a dessert to share.

The CE Committee will supply the pizza!

Monetary donations welcome.



To attend, call 302-328-3279 or email office@newcastlepreschurch.org
by Wednesday, January 20.

Five Wishes – January 31

The New Castle Presbyterian Church Congregational Life Committee would like to share the gift of Five Wishes. This is a resource program for helping each of us express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself.

Five Wishes was developed by Aging with Dignity, a national non-profit organization with a mission to affirm and safeguard the human dignity of individuals as they age and to promote better care for those near the end of life.

All are welcome to participate in a program led by:

Christa Winter

Delaware Ecumenical Council Faith and Action Director

On: Sunday, January 31, 2016 after worship;

bring a brunch dish to share

At: the Christian Education Building

25 East 2nd Street, New Castle

You will learn:

- How to discuss this topic with your family, and receive materials which you can use.
- How to develop a document which is accepted as a legal advanced directive in Delaware.
- How to choose a power of attorney for healthcare

Please join us for this important event. For additional information

see: <http://www.deccf.org/next-steps> or

www.agingwithdignity.org. Register at 302-328-3279, or sign up in the fellowship hall.



Spirit of Christmas - 2015

Thanks to all who helped make our 2015 Spirit of Christmas celebration a great success! Because of your sharing of talent and time, this year we will be sending Friendship House at least \$9,000.

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, we will review Spirit of Christmas 2015 at a meeting in the CE Building. We urge all SOC committee chairpersons, plus anyone else with ideas to share, to attend. If you are not able to join us at the meeting but have suggestions for future Spirit of Christmas celebrations, please contact Kelly Koczak-McCurdy, Miranda Matthews, or Pat Taylor.

Kelly, Miranda, and Pat

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Cynthia Beam, 1/1
Barbara Beaumont, 1/1
Mary Duncan, 1/1
Lynn MacEwen, 1/1
Sandra Walker, 1/1
Mark Stallard, 1/2
Rachel Briggs, 1/2
Kris Stone, 1/6
Olivia Viola, 1/6
Mariellen Boyle, 1/8



Linda Twyford, 1/10
Sonya Lattanzio, 1/10
Matthew Kim, 1/11
Wren Esham, 1/14
Bill Quillen, 1/15
Daniel Dunson, 1/16
Jim Whisman, 1/17
Louise Thornton, 1/22
Mildred McGraw, 1/25
Julia Spock, 1/27

Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25
Bob & Janet Swick, 1/26



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	1/3		SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
		10:30am	Worship - The Lord's Supper Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	1/4	7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting
Tuesday	1/5	12:00pm	Noon Circle
Wednesday	1/6		Baked Brownies Due
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	1/7	9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	1/8		<i>Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
Saturday	1/9	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	1/10		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
		10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:40am	Christian Education Committee
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

**Pastor Nancy is always available for pastoral emergencies.*