

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2016

10:30 a.m.

ASSEMBLE 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

*Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell & Choral Introit

The Story of Our Lord's Baptism: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Call to Worship: Isaiah 43

From the north and south we come;

from the east and west God calls us.

Over the mighty waters, the Lord speaks:

I have called you by name; you are mine.

***Hymn: #490 “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”**

***Opening Prayer**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that our lives do not reflect your glory.
You walk with us in times of trial,
but we abandon others in trouble.
You pour out your love for us,
but we fail to share your mercy.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Send us your Holy Spirit
to cleanse and recreate us
so that we may honor your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(silent prayers)

Anthem: “Down to the River to Pray” arr. Curry

The Choir

Trio: Kay Gordon, Minerva Lermond, Nancy Rowland

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin’ about that good ol’ way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O sisters, let’s go down, come on down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin’ about that good ol’ way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O brothers, ... O fathers, ... O mothers, ... O sinners, let’s go down to the river to pray.

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Opening Words

***Renunciations and Affirmations**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

We will, with God's help.

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayer

*Remembrance of Baptism

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Question to the Candidate & Laying on of Hands

*The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***Sung Response: #482** “Baptized in Water”

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Page: OT 672

A Scripture Conversation

New Testament Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Page: NT 126

Sermon: “*Awash*”

***Hymn: #463** “How Firm a Foundation”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #488** “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

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

Welcome

This morning we welcome Harper Zarker into the active membership of our congregation by Reaffirmation of Faith. Harper is an engineer and business man. Welcome, Harper!

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
Bob & Joan Appleby
In Memory of Richard Appleby Jr.



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Molly S. Worthington
1922-1971

James E. Nichol
1938-2000

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

Nursery Attendants: Molly Shaw & Heather Raezer

Someplace Else: Esther Lindell & Bev Stoudt

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Lindy Ballance

Worship Leader: Janet Spring

Christian Education Committee Announces:



BUILD A SNOWMAN!

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

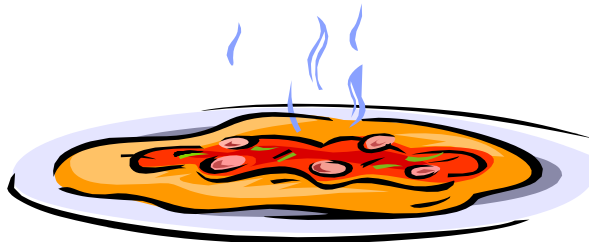
Families are invited to attend this evening
of fun and fellowship together
and enjoy some good food!

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.

Box Tops for Education



Please bring in any Box Tops for Education. Each one is worth 10 cents. I will turn them in to the school at the end of January.

Each and every one counts! Call Patti Isaacs-Hansen at (302) 377-2501 with any questions or concerns.



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for the 11:30AM Fellowship coffee hour on first Sunday's of each month for March 6, 2016 thru Aug 7, 2016.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the CE building. It is great fellowship to get a friend or two and host coffee hour. We can find you a partner.

Call Patti Isaacs-Hansen at (302) 377-2501 or Ringo Keka at (410) 658-7639 with questions and/or comments.

Spirit of Christmas

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
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
Mary Cebenka, 1/20
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	1/10		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
		10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:40am	Christian Education Committee
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Monday	1/11	7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting
		7:00pm	Deacons
Tuesday	1/12	6:30pm	Spirit of Christmas - Review
Wednesday	1/13	6:15pm	Worship Committee
		6:30pm	Cong. Life & Membership
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	1/14	7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	1/15		<i>Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
Saturday	1/16	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:30-3:30	Art Classes
		2-4:00pm	Al Anon Business Mtg
SUNDAY	1/17	10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

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