

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2016

10:30 a.m.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Hand Bell Prelude: "A Simple Celebration" arr. McChesney  
Celebration Ringers

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: Psalm 63**

O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
**my soul thirsts for you.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
**my lips will praise you;**

for you have been my help,

**and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

**\*Hymn: #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*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.**

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess  
that we have sinned against you.  
We shake our heads at others' calamity,  
yet ignore the signs of our own destruction.  
We enjoy a prized place in your garden,  
yet year after year fail to bear good fruit.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Give us the wisdom to repent  
and be reconciled to you,  
so that we may have the gift of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(silent prayers)*

Assurance of Pardon

**\*Sung Response: #475, verse 3**

**O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-11

Page: OT 685

Anthem: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Christopher  
The Choir

Steve Handy, bongos; Minerva Lermond, claves;  
Sarah McCann, descant

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. I will arise  
and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear  
Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms. Come, ye thirsty, come, and  
welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and  
ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.*

### A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9

Page: NT 76

Sermon: "Tree Trimming"

**\*Hymn: #415** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** Confession of 1967, 9.13-14  
All people, good and bad alike,  
are in the wrong before God  
and helpless without God's forgiveness.  
Thus everyone falls under God's judgment.  
No one is more subject to that judgment  
than those who assume that they are guiltless before God  
or morally superior to others.  
God's love never changes.  
Against all who oppose the divine will,  
God expresses love in wrath.  
In the same love,  
God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ,  
to bring all people to repentance and new life.

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Edwards

Celebration Ringers

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 Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn: #800** "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

\*Postlude

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

## **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](mailto: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)

### ***At Home:***

#### ***Judy Hentkowski***

128 E. 2nd St  
New Castle, DE 19720

#### ***Charlotte Mitchell***

1031 Bear Road  
New Castle, DE 19720

#### ***Linda Twyford***

513 East Roosevelt Ave  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-6824

#### ***Don Reese***

112 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 322-2773

The Flowers are given to the glory of God

*Joan Smith*

**In Memory of John, Thomas and William Hopkins - My Brothers**



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Arthur A. Menard Sr.*

*1920-1973*

*Whitney Scofield*

*1919-2002*

This morning, our Ushers are:

Susan and Jim Flook

Nursery Attendants: Molly Shaw & Heather Raezer

Someplace Else: Esther Lindell & Bev Stoudt

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Cynthia Robbins

Worship Leader: Gail Seitz



## Ecumenical Lenten Suppers

Join with your friends in New Castle to observe the season of Lent. We will gather through March 16 for Wednesday evening fellowship suppers at 6:00 pm, followed by a presentation by the host church. Participants are free to go by 7:30.

The schedule will be:

March 2 - Hope Lutheran Church

March 9 - St. Peter's Catholic Church

March 16 - Immanuel on the Green

This Lent, we will encounter various Biblical characters of the Passion Story: Mary, Peter, Pilate, Judas.

For further information, contact the church office (302-328-3279). Let us together keep a Holy Lent.

## Adult Bible Study

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm:

Beginning March 2 in the Fellowship Hall.

**What Does it Mean to Be Saved?** We will study a variety of Bible passages, doctrines, and viewpoints on the concept of salvation, considering what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

## **Invitation to Brunch at the Manse**

We are so grateful for our visitors and new members!  
We invite you to join with others who are also new to our Church so that we might better get to know one another.

This gathering will be held:

Sunday, March 6, 11:30 a.m. at

The Presbyterian Manse at 20 The Strand

(follow the brick pathway past the Christian Education building, then right at the fork. Enter through the screened-in porch)

We hope you will be able to come and join us for brunch! Other members of our congregation and Pastor Nancy will share more about the life of faith, Presbyterianism, and membership in this particular congregation of believers. This informal gathering will last no more than 45 minutes. Please R.S.V.P. to the Church office to let us know if you are able to attend ([office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org) or to 302-328-3279).

We are so thankful for your presence in this place!

## Lenten Concert

A collaborative Lenten concert combining the choirs of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, St. James Episcopal Church-Millcreek, New Castle Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and singers from Immanuel Episcopal. The concert will be held on **Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m.** at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2800 Duncan Rd., Wilmington, DE. The program will consist of:

Ave Verum	W. A. Mozart
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Gilbert Martin
Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs	Michael Larkin
The Lenten Sketches	Joseph Martin

A 40 minute cantata accompanied by orchestra.

This ecumenical concert of beautiful Lenten music will most certainly be a moving and spiritual experience for both performers and audience. A love offering will be accepted with monies collected after concert expenses donated to Friendship House homeless ministries. A reception will follow the concert.

# Animal Shelter Collection - Wish List

## For the Shelter

- Kuranda dog beds
- Cat Scratchers from stretchandscratch.com (use coupon code SHELTER for scouted price)
- Soft dog treats
- Peanut butter
- Kong dog toys
- Dry & wet food for dogs/cats
- Washable cat/dog toys
- S/M plastic pet carriers
- Towels, sheets & blankets (used is fine)
- 6 ft. leashes
- Easy walk harnesses (M/L)
- Buckle collars, martingale collars
- Poop bags
- E-collars
- Pet meds (Frontline, Capstar, Clavamox, Amox-drops & Rimadyl)
- Liquid dish detergent
- Paper towels
- Bleach

## Kitten Season

- KMR powder
- Pet nursing bottles
- Dry & wet kitten food
- Heating pads
- Kitty litter
- Litter pans

## Other Supplies

- Fine point black Sharpie markers
- Pens
- Clear sheet protectors
- Manila file folders
- Copy paper (white & colored)
- Liquid hand soap refills

If you have any questions about our wish list, please contact us by emailing [officede@bvspca.org](mailto:officede@bvspca.org) or calling 302-516-1000.



# **THE EASTER FAIR IS COMING!!**

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**At New Castle Presbyterian Church  
25 East Second Street  
New Castle, DE 19720**

**Games, Crafts, Face-Painting, Refreshments, and a  
Celebration of the Life Christ Brings!**

**Egg Hunt Begins at 11:00 a.m.  
Ages 0-10**



**The Entire New Castle Community Is Invited!**

***To help, sign up in the Fellowship Hall!  
Also - take empty eggs home,  
fill them and return by March 19th.***

## 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 April, June, July and August.

There is 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.

### February & March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joan Smith, 2/27  
Phillip Walters, 3/2  
Ruth Lindfors, 3/4  
Howard Sowden, 3/5  
Charles Smith, 3/6  
Ginny Appleby, 3/9  
Amy Selheimer, 3/10  
Brian Werkheiser, 3/10  
Chad Viola, 3/12  
Carl Witt, Jr., 3/10  
Michael Taylor, 3/11



Jennifer Dunham, 3/12  
John Handy, 3/16  
Katherine Martin 3/16  
Brendan Walters 3/16  
Jane Fouracre 3/19  
Gene Mayhew 3/20  
Lucy Armstrong, 3/25  
Jamie Kern, 3/25  
Nancy Rowland 3/25  
Sandra Wilson, 3/30  
Barbara Toccafondi 3/31

Dana & Eric Monzo 3/24





# Flower Donations

**In the spirit of the season of Easter, the sanctuary will be decorated with spring flowers. If you would like to donate a flower in memory of a Loved One, or honor of someone, please fill out this form and return it with your check in the amount of \$15.00. Please order as early as possible.**

*Deadline to order is March 20, 2016 (Palm Sunday).*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

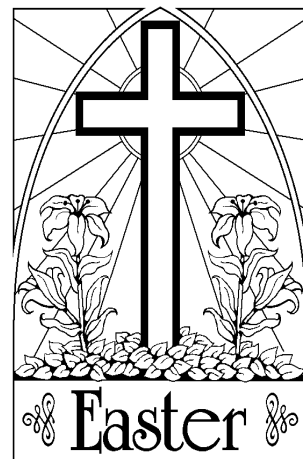
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(check one) IN MEMORY \_\_\_\_\_/HONOR \_\_\_\_\_ OF:

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**Please make all checks payable to:  
New Castle Presbyterian Church  
25 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720**

*Thanks again for your support!*



## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2/28</b>		<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Colonial Chimers</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/29</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/1</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Noon Circle</b>
		<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Congregational Life &amp; Membership Mtg</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/2</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Lenten Ecumenical Supper @ Hope Lutheran Church</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/3</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>3:00-5:00</b>	<b>Art Class</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/4</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Presbytery Mtg, Ocean City, MD</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Presbytery Beach Retreat, OC, MD*</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/5</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Presbytery Beach Retreat, OC, MD*</b>
		<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Lenten Sketches Rehearsal @ St. Barnabas</b>
		<b>9:30-3:30</b>	<b>Art Classes</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3/6</b>		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship - Lord's Supper &amp; Someplace Else</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Newcomers Brunch @ Manse</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>11:35am</b>	<b>Christian Ed Mtg</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Colonial Chimers</b>

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