

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
ASCENSION SUNDAY
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 8, 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: Hebrews 4

O praise the Lord with me,
let us exalt God's name together.

**Since we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
let us approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.**

***Hymn: #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

***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

Gracious God,

**you encourage us with your love,
bringing new life out of death.**

**We acknowledge that we need your life-giving power
in our lives and in our relationships.**

We have hurt others and been hurt by them.

We are often angry or afraid.

**We are not sure when to assert our needs
and when to care for others' needs.**

**We continue to live in ways
which do not lead to peace and justice.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Pour out your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us,
that by our lives and our loving,
we may glorify you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #649, verse 1**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 22:12-21, sel. Page: NT 260

Anthem: "Soon and Very Soon" Crouch/Schrader
The Choir

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!*

A Scripture Conversation

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20 Page: NT 34

Sermon: "*The Gospel for the World*"

***Hymn: #265** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

***Affirmation of Faith:** Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

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 Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #269** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

*Postlude

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

Our Visiting Preacher

Rev. Dr. Lyle J. Dykstra is a retired PCUSA minister. He served churches in Auburn, NY, Kansas City, MO, Baltimore, MD, and Wilmington, DE. Dr. Dykstra served the Limestone PC in Wilmington from 1988 to 2002 when he retired and was sent as a Mission Volunteer to Kenya along with his wife Terry. Lyle and Terry served in Kenya for 8 years (ending 2010) at the Presbyterian University of East Africa teaching young men and women planning to be pastors in the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. Lyle and Terry also taught a course in Pastoral Care to clergy in Malawi in the fall of 2011. They are parents of two married daughters and six grandchildren.

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)

At Home:

Judy Hentkowski

128 E. 2nd St
New Castle, DE 19720

Esther Lindell

1 Shaw Alley
New Castle, DE 19720

Don Reese

112 W. 7th Street
New Castle, DE 19720

Corky Viola

P.O. Box 369
New Castle, DE 19720

The Flowers are given to the glory of God
Monty & Ellie Gerhart
In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Minnie A Thomson
1886-1974

Dorothy Neilson
1910-2004

This morning, our Ushers are:
Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Nursery Attendants: Bev Stoudt & Susan Townsend

Someplace Else: Patti Isaacs-Hansen & Amy Armstrong

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Fellowship Hour: Janet Spring

Welcome and Announcements: Gail Seitz

Worship Leader: Heather Raezer

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lyle Dykstra



2015 Pentecost Offering

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible, possible. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering **next Sunday, May 15** unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 60% of collected funds are sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support the Young Adult Volunteers and Ministries with Youth programs. These funds are also used for education and advocacy for children at risk. **40%** of the funds have been directed by our Session for the One Village Alliance initiative "**Girls Can Do Anything.**" This will address the needs of young women in our local community who are at risk for lives of violence.

"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." --Acts 2

The Delaware Women's Chorus

“Our Time, Our Story”

Joanne Ward, Conductor & Carol Nile, Piano

Sunday May 22, 2016 at 4:00 PM

The Delaware Women's Chorus is excited and honored to once again be sharing our music with the good people of New Castle Presbyterian Church. As our musical horizons broaden and our numbers grow, it is always our goal to share the music we love with others. We have always found the audience at NCPC to be one of our most appreciative and supportive.

This year, the overall theme of our program revolves around the many facets of womanhood. Often we are pigeon holed as a wife, or a mother, or a business woman, or into some other finite category. But, like all of us, every woman is a gem waiting to be cut and polished so that every different facet of her being may be seen to make up the person she is. Through the music of some wonderful composers, we hope to show you those many parts of a strong and beautiful whole.

“Our Time, Our Story” is divided into four sections: Love, Or Not; Motherhood; Intelligence; and Empowerment. We will touch on the lives of some very famous women in history as well as those who lead unsung, everyday lives. Our hope is that this program will make you laugh, think, weep a little, hum along, relate, and most of all, appreciate the role every woman plays, whether large or small, in shaping the world we live in. Although the majority of our program is written by contemporary female composers such as Joan Szymko, Eleanor Daley, and Gwyneth Walker, we are honored to be performing a piece by our dear friend and mentor, Michael Larkin.

We are very excited about this program and are anxious to share it with our friends at New Castle Presbyterian Church. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and invite your friends.

Ongoing Collections:

- Neck Ties
- Cell Phones
- Box Tops for Education
- Religious Jigsaw Puzzles
- Shoes
- Bears

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monty Gerhart, 5/1
Mark Rappold, 5/1
Kaitlyn Raker, 5/2
Ringo Keka, 5/2
Christopher Raker, 5/5
Chad Atherton, 5/7
Mickey Singleton, 5/8
Rob Barry, 5/9
Brad Werkheiser, 5/11
Karen Spring, 5/12
Bruce Raker, 5/14
Kay Gordon, 5/15
Lindy Ballance, 5/17
Bruce Raker, 5/14



Kay Gordon, 5/15
Lindy Ballance, 5/17
Karen Dobson, 5/18
Steve Martin, 5/20
Corky Viola, 5/23
Megan Graham, 5/23
Harper Zarker, 5/23
Ellie Gerhart, 5/24
Barbara Whisman, 5/25
Bruce Gordon, 5/26
Joan Appleby, 5/27
Earl Reed, 5/29
Liam Collins, 5/30
Dylan Reilly, 5/31

Jennifer & Matt Kim, 5/27
Dean & Lynn MacEwen, 5/29



This Week's Schedule

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| SUNDAY | 5/8 | | MOTHER'S DAY |
| | | 10:30am | Worship & Someplace Else The Rev. Lyle Dykstra, Preaching* |
| | | 11:30am | Fellowship Hour |
| | | 12:00pm | Colonial Chimers |
| Monday | 5/9 | | Meals on Wheels |
| | | 7:00pm | Al-Anon Meeting |
| | | 7:00pm | Deacons |
| Tuesday | 5/10 | | Meals on Wheels |
| Wednesday | 5/11 | | Meals on Wheels |
| | | 6:15pm | Worship Committee Mtg |
| | | 7:30pm | Choir |
| Thursday | 5/12 | | Meals on Wheels |
| | | 3-5:00pm | Art Classes |
| | | 7:30pm | Celebration Ringers |
| Friday | 5/13 | | Meals on Wheels <i>Nancy's Day of Rest*</i> |
| Saturday | 5/14 | 8-9am | Tai Chi |
| | | 9:30-3:30pm | Art Class |
| | | 10am-6pm | Private Party |
| SUNDAY | 5/15 | | PENTECOST SUNDAY |
| | | 10:30am | Worship & Someplace Else <i>Wear Red!</i> |
| | | 11:30am | Fellowship Hour |

**Pastor Nancy is on vacation May 5-9 and on continuing education May 9-11. She is always available for pastoral emergencies.*