

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

September 4, 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

**Call to Worship: Psalm 139**

Lord, you have searched us and know us.

**You know when we sit and when we rise.**

We praise you,

because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**We praise you,**

**because our lives are never hidden from you.**

**\*Hymn: "Jesus, Our Divine Companion" (tune #717)**

**Jesus, our divine Companion,  
By Your lowly human birth  
You have come to join the workers,  
Burden bearers of the earth.  
You, the Carpenter of Nazareth,  
Toiling for Your daily food,  
By Your patience and Your courage,  
You have taught us work is good.**

**Where the many toil together,  
There You are among Your own;  
Where the solitary labor,  
You are there with them alone.  
You, the Peace that passes knowledge,  
Dwelling in the daily strife;  
You, the Bread of heav'n, are broken  
In the sacrament of life.**

**\*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

**Weaver of life, framer of the ages, we marvel at your artistry and the trust you place in us. From our first cries to our final breaths, we are your own.**

**Yet we resist your purposes for us, and have sought instead to satisfy our own aims and desires.**

**Bind us now to each other in ways beyond our choosing, that your purpose might find fulfillment in our common life and service, for we pray in the name of Jesus, our common Lord and Savior.**

*(silent prayers)*

## Assurance of Pardon

### **\*Sung Response: #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,  
you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed  
for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

## A Scripture Conversation

Special Music: “The Green Cathedral”  
Rhonda Gage and Minerva Lermond

Carl Hahn

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 3:1-9

NT 167

Sermon: *“Failure to Advance”*

**\*Hymn: #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed:**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: "Be Still and Know that I Am God" M.Larkin  
Rhonda Gage and Minerva Lermond

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: #761** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

\*Charge and 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:

### **Our Preacher This Morning**

We welcome Shannon Hanson to the leadership of worship this morning. Shannon has lived in New Castle County for 16 years. She is the Criminal Chief of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware. This past Wednesday, she finished a 12-year seminary career at Palmer Seminary - the longest in New Castle Presbytery-known history! She is a candidate under the care of New Castle Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She has been a member of Church of the Covenant and on the staff of First and Central Presbyterian Church. Her husband and she are blessed with two sons: Jack, 17 and Ben, 21. They are all taken care of by a four-year-old mixed breed, Lily.

## **Opportunities for Infants and Children**

A Nursery Care Program for infants through age 4 is available in Room 207 after the Scripture Conversation. If your child needs to leave before that, please see an usher. *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:***

### ***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)

### ***Bob Appleby***

Stonegates Health Center  
4031 Kennett Pike  
Greenville, DE 19807

### ***Judy Hentkowski***

Christiana Care  
4735 Ogletown Stanton Rd  
Newark, DE 19713

### ***Chris Fagles***

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4735 Ogletown Stanton Rd  
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## ***At Home:***

### ***Don Reese***

112 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720

### ***Dot Campbell***

The Summit  
5850 Limestone Rd, Apt, 1215  
Hockessin, DE 19707  
302-500-1497 (cell)



The Flowers are given to the glory of God  
*Mary Pratt*  
**In Memory of Herb Pratt**



Special Gifts Memorial Case:  
*Alta B. Harris*  
**1899-1980**

*Isabel M. Klein*  
**1916-2010**

This morning, our Ushers are:  
Kay Fry and Ringo Keka

Nursery Attendants: Ron and Susan Studd

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Nursery Parents Group

Worship Leader: Heather Raezer

## **Whole Family Worship Today**

Someplace Else will be on hiatus this summer. Children age five and above will remain in worship with their families. The nursery will accommodate children ages 0-4. Someplace Else will resume in September. Additional resources are provided for use by children in the pews. Ask an usher for a Children's Worship Bag!

## **CROPWALK 2016**

Grab your hat and grab your shoes! CROPWALK is coming on October 9th.

If you are considering walking this year, this information will help you register for the CROPWALK on-line. With this registration you can reach your friends on your address book and your Facebook. Scott Matthews has kindly volunteered to provide assistance for us. We will be having a short meeting during social hour on September 11<sup>th</sup> after church. Please bring your laptop or iPad if you have one. Otherwise you might be able to register for the CROPWALK on someone else's.

Registration forms will be posted on our bulletin board in the C.E. building starting September 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are new to this event, information will be in your church bulletin or you can always call: Susan O. Townsend, cell# 302-562-3647 or email

[sotownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:sotownsend@yahoo.com)

Ray Snyder, #302-302-328-1662 or email [oilworks32@verizon.net](mailto:oilworks32@verizon.net)

Thank you for your continued support.

- Susan Townsend

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mary Cottrell, 9/2  
Candace Dunson, 9/3  
Elizabeth Carpenter, 9/5  
Christine Fagles, 9/5  
Scott Matthews, 9/12  
Robert Truman, 9/13  
C. J. Seitz, 9/14  
Connie Reese, 9/17



Aaron Spock, 9/17  
Danika Teller, 9/18  
Mark Powell, 9/23  
Mary Lynne Truman, 9/26  
Susan Witt, 9/27  
Zachary Dobson, 9/29  
Anita Johnson, 9/29

Sandy & Bill Wilson, 9/2  
Corky & Jo Viola, 9/11  
Mary Lynne & Thomas Truman, 9/13  
Julia & George Spock, 9/21  
Linda & Douglas Twyford, 9/24



## Spirit of Christmas – December 10, 2016

The craft area is in need of a volunteer(s) to sew on 25 buttons. If you are able to do this, please contact Ellie Gerhart at 328-0908.

## September Clothing Drive



The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to remind you of our clothing drive to be held during the entire month of September. Over 10 years ago, Friendship House developed the Clothing Bank of Delaware (CBD) to improve the free distribution of donated clothing by coordinating the efforts of businesses, churches, schools, and community organizations of New Castle County. Now, more than 275 human service agencies contact the Clothing Bank when their clients need clothing. CBD's community partners enable them to respond effectively and efficiently in times of individual need or in broader disaster relief needs. Additionally, CBD provides employment and training to women who are entering the workforce after periods of unemployment.

We welcome:

- All clothing items:
  - children's;
  - men's
  - Women's – especially larger-sized, work appropriate clothing
  - new (unused) underwear for children and adults.
- Leather goods (belts, shoes, purses),
- Bedding (sheets, pillows, blankets)
- Linens (towels and wash cloths)

All donations should be bagged (large garbage bags work well) and left in the Christian Education building in Room 201 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) or after church on Sundays. **Deadline is Friday, September 30<sup>h</sup>**. If climbing stairs is a problem, simply leave your donations on the first floor making sure that the bags do not interfere with normal traffic. Tax donation slips will be available should you need one.

If your closets have been emptied of unused clothing in previous clothing drives, tell your friends and neighbors that they too can participate. They'll be glad you did!

## News from the Choir

All interested singers are invited to be a part of our Adult Choir. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm followed by a delicious ice cream social.

Come and be a part of this great group and be actively involved in our beautiful worship services. We hope to see you there!



- Eileen Larkin, Music Director

## Handbell Choir

A reminder for Handbell ringers: first rehearsal for Celebration Ringers will be Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and for Colonial Chimers we will meet on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. See you then!

- Minerva Lermond





**Peace Week Delaware** is an expanded vision of peace led by the Movement for a Culture of Peace, which has organized peace marches in Wilmington in 2014 and 2015 and has held monthly public forums on how to achieve peace and address the impact of violence.

Peace Week Delaware will begin Sept. 18 with a children's peace art exhibition at the Delaware Contemporary. It will include a potluck friendship dinner with Muslim neighbors, meditation workshops for envisioning peace, training in alternatives to violence, a talk by internationally admired peace activist John Dear, street events in Wilmington neighborhoods, a Day of Peace in Judy Johnson Park, and the third annual March for a Culture of Peace. PWD will close Sept. 25 with the youth-oriented Concert Across America to End Gun Violence. View the current schedule at: <http://www.peaceweekdelaware.org/events/>. New events are being added as they are finalized. Check back often to see how the list is expanding. Come and participate!!



## **Looking to make a new friend with different views of the world?**

Look no further! The New Castle Presbyterian Church Christian Education program will be starting a program called Adopt-a-Grandparent. The goal of this program is to help introduce older and younger members of the congregation to each other and to develop friendships.

So how will it work? Children interested in participating will put their name in on a card. Older members of the congregation (you don't need to be a grandparent!) who are interested in participating will pull a card at random from all of the cards submitted, and the name that is pulled will be your partner for the year.

Over the year we're hoping to have at least one social event, and we'd like to encourage participants to reach out to their partner on their birthday and on holidays.

If interested, please reach out to Ron Studd (302-753-4752) for questions or concerns, or if you (or your child) are interested in participating. Partners will be paired up toward the end of August.

## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9/4</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship for all ages</b>
			<b>Shannon Hanson, preaching</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/5</b>		<b>Labor Day</b>
			<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/6</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/7</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/8</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9/9</b>		<i>Pastor Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>9:30-5:00</b>	<b>Delaware Women's Chorus Mtg</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship for all ages</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Aaron Spock Eagle Scout Ceremony</b>

*\*Kris will be on vacation September 6.*

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