

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

September 18, 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:

O people of God, praise the Lord!

Blessed is God's name forever.

From break of day to setting sun,

let us praise the name of the Lord.

***Hymn: #390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord" (*sung 3 times*)**

***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

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we have not turned away from sin.**

**We seek our own self-interest
instead of serving others.**

**We glorify power and wealth
instead of worshiping you.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Teach us to treasure your gifts
and to seek the good of all,
so that we may be a blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

OT 856

Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision"

Stopford

The Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my armor and be thou my might: thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power. Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, through all my days; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of Heaven, when battle is done, grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun! Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

NT 79

Sermon: *“Debt Free”*

***Hymn: #697** "Take My Life"

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged, and that God calls the church to follow him in this.

We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #450, verse 3**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #716** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Choral Benediction

*Postlude

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

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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 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:

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 Street
New Castle, DE 19720

Joan Smith

126 W. 8th Street
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-1491

Dot Campbell

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

Chris Fagles

201 Tralee Drive
Middletown, DE 19709
(302) 376-0331

The Flowers are given to the glory of God
Carol & Gene Mayhew
In Honor of the Choir & their Director Eileen Larkin



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Robert G. Scott
1921-1980

Elaine E. Sullivan
1928-2012

This morning, Our Ushers are:
Kay Fry and Lindy Ballance

Nursery Attendants: Andrew Lundgren & Bev Stoudt

Someplace Else: Diana Reilly and Laurie & Mark Powell

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Sandy Wilson & Patti Isaacs-Hansen

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, pillow s, 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 204 during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) or after church on Sundays. **Deadline is Friday, September 30^h**. 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!

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.

Craft Room Move

All craft items, as well as Seamen Center and Spirit of Christmas items, have been organized and moved to Room 204. Please stop by and peruse the supplies:

1. Cotton fabric – perfect for making quilts and other items for Spirit of Christmas. (We would like to see these fabrics go to a good home, whether for use in making a church-related project or for your own personal projects.)
2. Yarn, yarn, yarn – lots of colors and types (wool, mohair, acrylic, etc.) for use in making Seamen Center scarves and hats, baby blankets and sweaters, Spirit of Christmas items, etc.
3. Scrapbooking – beautiful paper and many supplies. Available for church or personal use.
4. Miscellaneous items – zippers, fleece, etc.



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!!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF PEACE

Sunday September 18

Children's Peace Art Exhibit @ The Delaware Contemporary museum in
Wilmington

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Breaking Bread Together @ Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew in
Wilmington

5:00 pm

Restorative Justice: Peace-Building in Latin America and the U.S. @ Epworth
United Methodist Church in Rehoboth

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Monday, September 19

Peace Books Display, Lewes Public Library

10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 20

Film: Requiem for the Dead: American Spring 2014 @ Trinity Episcopal Parish

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Transforming Anger and Violence Through the Alternatives to Violence Program
@ Wilmington Friends Meeting

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Wednesday, September 21

Dedication of Peace Pole, Rehoboth @ Rehoboth Band Stand

4:00 pm

March for Peace in Rehoboth @ Grove Park

4:00 pm

Interfaith Address and Vigil in Wilmington @ First Unitarian Church, Wilmington

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thursday, September 22

Peace Cookout in Wilmington @ Save United Neighborhoods Park (S.U.N. Park)
22nd & Lamotte streets

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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 11th 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 4th. 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

Ray Snyder, #302-302-328-1662 or email oilworks32@verizon.net

Thank you for your continued support.

- Susan Townsend

About the CROP Hunger Walk and CWS

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

Why should I register?

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. For nearly half a century, CROP Hunger Walks have ensured that more people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service. Stand with neighbors in your community who rely on food assistance programs. Partner with parents worldwide as they ensure a bright future for their children. Support those struggling in the face of grinding poverty and open up new doors of opportunity for them. Tens of thousands of CROP Hunger Walkers are committed to building a hunger-free world. Join the movement!

Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community. CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

Background

With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are “viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks,” notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009). On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. As far as we know, York County, Penn., was the first walk officially called the CROP Walk for the Hungry – and that event has been continuous since 1970. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide. Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone.

What does CROP stand for?

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

October 2

The Lasting Value in A Gift Of Peace

During this Season of Peace, our thoughts turn to the meaning of peace and how, through Christ, we can nurture it inside ourselves and out in the world. Yet, to understand the value of peace, we must also understand the cost of conflict, and the many forms it can take. Conflict can be individual, collective, domestic, international, historical, and contemporary. To help address these diverse challenges, the Peace & Global Witness Offering on October 2 supports a range of ministries devoted to peacemaking and reconciliation. This includes bearing witness in communities of conflict around the world, hosting education programs to raise awareness, driving local peacemaking efforts, offering catalyst support to our mission co-workers, and much more. Please give generously at worship on World Communion Sunday, October 2. The 25% locally-designated portion of this offering will go to support the Delaware Clothing Bank.

You may also give by texting PEACE to 20222 to give \$10, or by clicking presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global.



Coffee Hour



A couple of volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour on Sunday Oct 2nd.

If you can contribute a dish or two and/or help with either set-up or serving there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board, or on the internet at <https://mealtrain.com/k4mo6d>

I will make the coffee and clean up. See me with any questions.

- Patti Isaacs-Hansen

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



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	9/18	10:30am	Worship
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:45am	Resource Development Mtg
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Monday	9/19	7:00pm	English Country Dancers
		7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting
		7:30pm	Trustees
Wednesday	9/21	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	9/22	7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	9/23		OFFICE CLOSED <i>Pastor Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
SUNDAY	9/25	10:30am	Worship
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

Kris Krawczyk will be on vacation September 23.

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