

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 23, 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: Joel 2

Pour out your Spirit, O Lord;

we call upon your name.

Rain down your mercy, O God;

we depend upon your grace.

***Hymn: #401 “Here in This Place”**

***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 celebrate our achievements
and look down on our neighbors.**

**We boast about our virtues
and deny the worth of others.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

Be merciful to us,

for we are indeed sinners

in great need of redemption;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(silent prayers)*

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #439, verse 2 alt.**

**God forgives all our transgressions,
all diseases gently heals;
God redeems us from destruction,
and with us so kindly deals.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

Page: NT 81

Anthem: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Hart/Walker/Rouse

The Choir

Carolyn Hendrix, Cello

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

*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.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

A Scripture Conversation

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:23-32

Page: OT 847

Sermon: "Life Afterwards: Pure Gratitude"

***Hymn: #430 "Remember Not, O God"**

***Affirmation of Faith: Psalm 65**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose

and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water; you provide the

people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy.

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: "A Little Prayer"

M. Landry

Carolyn Hendrix, Cello

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #712, verse 3**

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.**

**O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #37 "Let All Things Now Living"**

*Charge and Benediction

Choral 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:

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 201 and 203). *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

Continuing Care Homes:

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)

Barbara Beaumont

The Watermark at Logan Sq
2 Franklin Town Blvd.
Room 526
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215)575-9697

At Home:

Judy Hentkowski

128 E. 2nd Street
New Castle, DE 19720

Dot Campbell

The Summit
5850 Limestone Rd,
Apt, 1215
Hockessin, DE 19707
(302) 635-2059

Chris Fagles

201 Tralee Drive
Middletown, DE 19709
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The Flowers are given to the glory of God by
Joanne Hopkins
In Memory of John W. Hopkins



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Bethlene Wick
1902-1980

Judith A. Wolfe
1932-2012

This morning, Our Ushers are:
Jim & Barbara Whisman

Nursery Attendants: Amanda & James Anderson

Someplace Else: Bev Stoudt

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Lyn Briggs

Worship Leader: Gail Seitz

UNICEF PARTY

Bring your family and friends to a fun event on Friday, October 28th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm! Come out for the spooktacular fall activity. Decorate pumpkins, stretch the imagination with tangible but not visible fun boxes. Take your guess at what is in the box and see if your fingers and mind agree! You don't want to miss Mummy's hotdogs, Cheesy bones, witches' fingers, and other fun and edible delights! Feel free to create your own snack and share with the group! Then the evening will wrap up with Charlie Brown's "It's the Great Pumpkin" movie.

There will be UNICEF boxes available prior to the party so that you can fill them up and donate to a great cause.

DATE: 10/28/16

TIME: 6:30-8:30

LOCATION: EDUCATION BUILDING

Please RSVP with the number of guests no later than October 27th, to Heather at hmraezer@hotmail.com (aka wolvesluv2@hotmail.com) or text or call 302-562-6128 (c).

Stewardship 2017

*"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."*

— II Corinthians 9:6-11

Dear Living Saints of New Castle Presbyterian Church,

How much should I pledge? It's a question we are often asked. Each year we prayerfully consider what to pledge to the church. We face a special challenge in 2017 and into 2018. Nancy will move on to another chapter in her life. Our congregation will also move on to another chapter in our rich spiritual history. In coming months, we will examine our mission and vision for the future as we seek an interim pastor, and eventually, a full-time pastor to lead us on that journey. While parting with Nancy will be difficult, the church will respond by becoming even more vibrant in our spiritual journey together. The coming year is not a time to reduce our stewardship commitment. The challenges will be greater and we need to respond in kind.

You are invited to fill out your pledge card and return to any member of the Resource Development Committee, Treasurer Dan Knox, or Recording Secretary Shirley Knox by **November 13**. You may also return your pledge during the **Stewardship Celebration Brunch** on **October 30** following worship. Sign up to come in the Fellowship Hall or call Kris at 302-328-3279.

Members of the Resource Development Committee:

Andrew Lundgren, Chair

Kay Fry

Monty Gerhart

Scott Matthews

Jane Fouracre

Peter McCurdy

Seamen's Center Mission Project - 2016

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." These are words spoken and unspoken every day at the Seamen's Center of Wilmington, Inc. New Castle Presbyterian Church has the opportunity once again to be a part of this wonderful program. We will be one of many groups helping to provide "ditty boxes" to the approximately 1,200 seafarers who arrive at our port by ship during the month of December.

We hope to be able to provide 40 shoe boxes full of various items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy, pens, notepaper, etc. as well as hand knitted scarves and hats. It is easy to help. Just take a Christmas package or two containing suggested ditty box items from the Seamen Center poster in Fellowship Hall. The lists are just a guide. You can purchase those items or use your imagination, except PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE. We like to fill our boxes to the top so don't hesitate to donate as many items as you would like. Items should be brought to church no later than Sunday, November 13. ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP ASSEMBLE THE DITTY BOXES THAT SUNDAY AFTER COFFEE HOUR.

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Seamen's Center Knitted Scarves and Hats

Many scarves and hats have already been donated. We would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the wonderful people who have been filling the shelves in the Mission Room with their knitted contributions.

It is not too late to make a hat or scarf. Worsted weight acrylic yarn in masculine colors should be used. Our yarn supply is low so please feel free to purchase your own yarn for your project and/or donate yarn for use by others in the church.

If you are interested, contact Ellie Gerhart (328-0908) or Barbara Whisman (322-6234) to obtain a pattern or for additional information.

Worship Committee News

Seat Cushions: Because of the historical integrity of the Meeting House and the preservation of its remarkable acoustics, we do not cushion all our pews. However, several excellent individual cushions are available for use. Simply ask an usher for a personal seat cushion of your choice.

Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10 Book Donations

We are looking for book donations for Spirit of Christmas - last year books about New Castle, Delaware, coffee table and Christmas themed books were great sellers. Please drop off at the Continuing Ed Building any time after Thanksgiving. Contact Peter McCurdy at petermccurdy@yahoo.com with any questions.

Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10, 2016 Cookies

Calling all Cookies!!! It's that time again and, as you may know, the beverage/cookie table is always appreciated by Spirit of Christmas visitors. Please deliver your cookies (home-baked or purchased) to the church kitchen Friday, 12/9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or early Saturday morning. Thank you, Brenda Walters & Conchita Showell.

Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10, 2016 **Soups, Breads, and Homemade Goodies!**

Now is the season to open your recipe book. Tis the season to think about your culinary contributions for Spirit of Christmas.

If you would like to offer not only your delicious homemade soup and bread for sale, but also your homemade jams, jellies and fudge (*hint hint*). Some of these have been donated in the past, and were a great hit with the patrons. If you are talented in that way, please share your gifts in jars as well.

There will be soup containers and bread bags plus labels available in the kitchen closer to the date.

If you need further information, please call:

Janet Reed (302-328-6749)

Ray Snyder (302-328-1662)

Susan Townsend (302-328-5533)

**Get in the Thanksgiving and Holiday Spirit for
Our Spirit of Christmas
Community Mission for Friendship House, Dec. 10, 2016**

October and November are the perfect times to donate items for the Look What \$20 Will Buy table. The \$20 table consistently drives a large percentage of the funds we donate to Friendship House.

We are asking everyone to gather and shop for items valued at more than \$20.

If you have interesting pieces in your home to donate, or happened upon things during your summer travels - even clearance items found at summer sales - we are ready to receive them!

We encourage donations of Gift certificates/cards and event tickets worth more than \$20 for local and Wilmington restaurants and events.

Vera Bradley bags and accessories, jewelry, small appliances, housewares, holiday and New Castle and Delaware-themed items are always perennial favorites. Also, small items can be often be paired with other items to make a larger grouping.

Think about making it a family challenge to see who can find the best value for the \$20 table this year!

We are accepting items up to and including December 4th, 2016. If you need somewhere to store items you have, please see Carol Mayhew, 328-5194 or Joanne Viola, 545-0794.

Miranda Matthews, Pat Taylor & Kelly Koczak McCurdy
2016 Spirit of Christmas Chairs



Coffee Hour

A couple of volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour on Sunday Nov 6th.

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

October & November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Luca Monzo, 10/22

Barbara Beaumont, 10/23

Don Reese, 10/23

Mariah Graham, 10/24

Mason Reilly, 10/26

Rachel Handy, 10/29

Kelly Koczak McCurdy, 11/5

Thomas Truman, 11/5

Jean Swanson, 11/6

Amanda Anderson, 11/7

Dean MacEwen, 11/10

Robert Spring, 11/11



Caroline Monzo, 11/13

Brenda Walters, 11/14

Patricia Bird, 11/15

Mary Pratt, 11/16

Jonathan Flook, 11/16

David Taylor, 11/18

William Wilson, 11/19

Susan Flook, 11/20

Judy Hentkowski, 11/23

Sarah Werkheiser, 11/24

Griffon Anderson, 11/27

Carl & Susan Witt, 10/25

Annie & Leo Sotomayor, 10/28

Doug Esham & Laura Gearheart-Esham, 11/2

Gail & C.J. Seitz, 11/19



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/23	10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Monday	10/24	7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting
Tuesday	10/25	7:00pm	Session
Wednesday	10/26	1:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/27	3:30pm	Art Classes
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	10/28	6:00pm	Family UNICEF Party
SUNDAY	10/30	10:30am	Worship
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:45am	Stewardship Brunch
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers