

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 30, 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

Welcome of new member Melissa Boris

\* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

**Call to Worship:** Luke 19

Jesus Christ is here today.

**We have come to see the Lord.**

Jesus Christ is in this place.

**Amen. The Lord is with us!**

**\*Hymn: #385 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**

**\*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 follow the crowd around you  
but stand apart, keeping our distance.**

**We ask for your mercy and favor,  
but begrudge your blessing to others.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Come to us and save us,  
for without you, we are lost,**

**but in you, our lives are found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(silent prayers)*

## Assurance of Pardon

**\*Sung Response: #649, verses 1 & 4**

**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.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures.**

**He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:1-10

Page: NT 82

Anthem: "Come, Flood This Heart of Mine"

Lantz

The Choir

Kaitlyn Raker, Violin

*Come, flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine. Come, Spirit, make Your home, my heart is Yours alone. Come flood this year of mine with Your pure joy divine. My every sin forgive, as one with You I live. Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your power. Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour. Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place. Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace. Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine. Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray. Come fill this heart of mine with Your true light divine.*

### A Scripture Conversation

Sermon: *“The Freedom of Faith”*

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** A Brief Statement of Faith, Sec.3

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves**

**and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven**

**and new earth,**

**praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

\*Presentation

**\*Doxology: #643, verse 1**

**Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**\*Prayer of Thanks**

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn: #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**\*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](mailto: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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
(302) 376-0331

The Flowers are given to the glory of God



Special Gifts Memorial Case:  
*Pauline Steele Appleby*  
*1901-1981*

*Mildred Mathew*  
*1915-2012*

This morning, Our Ushers are:  
Amy & Scott Selheimer

Nursery Attendants: Andrew Lundgren & Bev Stoudt

Someplace Else: Diana Reilly & Pat Taylor

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Noon Circle



## 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 **today** following worship.

### 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, 2016** **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](mailto: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)

**Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10, 2016**  
**Craft Table**

Crafters, please keep up the good work on items to contribute to the Spirit of Christmas craft table! We welcome more pocketbooks, mittens, ornaments, scarves, etc., which many of you have already perfected--or surprise us with something entirely new! The church craft room upstairs is stocked with material, yarn, buttons, and zippers for your use. Please call Miranda Matthews (302-838-2764) or Ellie Gerhart (302-328-0908) if you have questions.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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



**Never too early to  
Donate a Frozen Turkey!**



If you earn credit for a free turkey this fall please consider donating that free turkey to a Christmas Food Basket project being organized by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Beverly Stoudt is co-chairperson of this large undertaking. Approximately 375 families and senior citizens will receive a week's worth of non-perishable food on Saturday, December 17. Each basket also will be accompanied by a **10—15 lb. frozen turkey** for Christmas dinner.

Many grocery stores are offering bargain prices and offers of free turkeys before Thanksgiving. And, some companies give their employees a free turkey for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. If you have accumulated credit or expect a gift of a turkey and do not want it, please consider giving it to our Christmas Food Basket project.

We will need your donated turkey **any time** before **Sun. Dec. 11**. If you plan to donate please call Beverly Stoudt, as soon as you get the turkey, at 368-9354 to arrange for pick up and storage. We have a facility that will store as many turkeys as we can get. If you would like to bring your donated turkey to any Sunday church service that would be wonderful and hopefully easy for your family. Put it in the kitchen freezer and tell Beverly it is there.

If you want to purchase a turkey and donate it we will be very grateful.

**Remember the prices are much better before Thanksgiving than after.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ We will pledge a turkey.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We will bring our donated turkey to church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We do not have space to store a turkey and will need to have our donated turkey picked up.

Please call our family at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for considering this loving project and taking the time to secure a frozen turkey!

-Beverly Stoudt (368-9354), Newark Area Welfare Committee, P.O. Box 951, Newark, DE 19715

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Michael 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

Doug Esham & Laura Gearheart-Esham, 11/2

Gail & C.J. Seitz, 11/19



## Welcome

We welcome into the membership of New Castle Presbyterian Church Melissa Boris. She comes to us by letter of transfer from First United Church of Christ, Quakertown, PA. She is married to Frank and mother to Parker and Mackenzie. Welcome!

## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10/30</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b> <b>Stewardship Brunch</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/31</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/1</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Noon Circle</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/2</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<b>3:30pm</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Art Classes</b> <b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11/06</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> <b>Worship – The Lord's Supper</b> <b>&amp; Someplace Else</b> <b>Fellowship Hour</b> <b>Colonial Chimers</b>

*Pastor Nancy will be on vacation the evening of November 1 through November 5. She is always available for pastoral emergencies.*