

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 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

Choral Introit: “Light a Candle for Peace” Schram
The Choir

Carolyn Hendrix, Cello; Sarah McCann, Soprano

Light a candle for peace; peace to a world lost in night, waiting, hoping, searching for the light. Say a prayer for peace, and believe that God will provide. He will touch each of us with the light. Light a candle for peace. Dona nobis pacem. Grant us peace. In this prayer for peace lives the faith that peace will begin. May it start in my own heart, as I let Him in. Let His peace come in. Light a candle for peace. Peace.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle:

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. “A new branch will grow from the root of Jesse. The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him. We will live in peace, and a child will lead us.”

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.”

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray.

O God, we have lit this candle as a symbol of peace. May your Word sent through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel! Amen.

***Hymn: # 82 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, Righteous Judge, have mercy upon us.
We have been proud in the thoughts of our hearts;
you would be right to scatter us.
We have grasped at worldly power;
you could surely choose to bring us down.
We have allowed the rich to prosper
and the poor to wither away.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Remind us of your grace in ages past.
Humble us, that we may find our strength in you.
Kindle in us love for all you love,
that we may join you in your work
of mercy, redemption, and joy.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #93, verse 3**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Page: OT 640

Anthem: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Baker/Praetorius
The Choir

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

Page: NT 2

Sermon: "A Just and True Peace"

***Hymn: #373 "O Day of Peace"**

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

We believe that God brings justice and true peace among people, and that God calls the church to follow in this as we love one another, as we experience, practice and pursue community with one another, and as we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. McDonald/Nelson

Carolyn Hendrix, Cello; Bethany Faiz, Piano

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #772**

**Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

*Prayer of Thanks

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and 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.**

Words of Institution
Distribution
Closing Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #87** “Comfort, Comfort Now My People

*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

Mildred McGraw

Kentmere Rehab
1900 Lovering Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806
(302) 652-3311

Dot Campbell

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

At Home:

Linda Twyford

513 East Roosevelt Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-6824

Judy Hentkowski

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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-8266

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by
Lyn & Rachel Briggs
In Memory of Robert Briggs



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Wallace D. Neilson
1904-1982

Richard M. Appleby
1928-2013

This morning, Our Ushers are:
Lindy Ballance, Jim Stoudt & Kay Fry

Nursery Attendants: Amanda & James Anderson

Someplace Else: Diana Reilly

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Bev Stoudt

Advent Family: Brenda Walters & Joan Smith

Communion Servers: **Cynthia Robbins & Steve Martin***,
Ringo Keka, Dan & Shirley Knox

Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10, 2016
Sign Up!



Sign up sheets have been posted in the CE Building. Please sign up early! Sign up often! Your sign up counts! For questions, contact Pat Taylor, Miranda Matthews or Kelly Koczak McCurdy.

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 with any questions.

Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10, 2016
Cookies



Calling all Cookies!!! It's that time again and, as you may know, UIC 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
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.

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.

We need additional helpers for bread and soup sales? The soup containers and bread bags are in the kitchen cupboards.

If you need further information, please call:
Susan Townsend (302-328-5533)



Spirit of Christmas – Saturday, December 10, 2016
Handicapped Parking

If you require a handicapped parking spot in front of the church, please contact Kris in the church office, (302) 328-3279 with your name and hours you will be attending. We will have a limited number of spaces available. There will also be a drop-off area.



TWO HOLIDAY
EVENTS

ONE SPECIAL
DAY

DECEMBER 10, 2016

9:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

HISTORIC NEW CASTLE, DE



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

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 travels - even clearance items - 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.

Today is the last day to donate. 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

Mission and Outreach News

Friendship House Breakfast

On Sunday, November 13th, our congregation served breakfast to the homeless community at the Episcopal Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew located at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington. Many thanks to Bev Stoudt, Connie Reese, Barbara Whisman and Ringo Keka for their donations of food. We would also like to thank Mark Rappold, Ringo Keka, Ray Snyder, and Corky and Jo Viola for serving breakfast at 7:00 Sunday morning.

On a sad note, our dear friend, John Owens, Friendship House Breakfast Coordinator, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, November 15th. We will honor his memory through our December Sock Drive.

Sock Drive

During the month of December our congregation will be collecting socks for men and women to be distributed to the homeless community during the winter months. On November 28th, I was able to deliver a large bag of socks that had already been donated. On cold and wet winter days, the gift of dry and warm socks is a blessing indeed! There is a box located in the CE Building (under the display case) where you can place your donated socks. I will deliver the collected socks every Monday. Thank you for your generosity. White tube socks are the most requested, but we are grateful for any donation.

Christmas Pageant Costumes

The Christian Education Committee is organizing a tableau pageant for children, to be given in the Meeting House during Spirit of Christmas on December 10. We need costumes! If you have anything you can donate or lend that would outfit a Mary, Joseph, angel, shepherd, or wise man, please bring to the church office.

Flower Guild Annual Poinsettias



Donations are being taken for poinsettias. Please fill out the attached form and return to the office. The Sanctuary will be decorated for two weeks. Flowers may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. The deadline for orders will be December 11, 2016. The cost is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to NCPC.

NAME: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

How many: _____

2016 YEAR-END GIVING MESSAGE

As we wrap up 2016, please keep the church in mind when planning your year-end giving. The church closes its fiscal year at the end of December, and every dollar counts. Help us meet our budget in the final weeks of the year!

Did you know . . .

There are lots of ways to give. Even if you have pledged at the beginning of the year, you can still place a check or cash in the basket, visit the website to find a donation form, or sign up for an automatic deduction. Your pledge is not a maximum - what you decide to give is ultimately up to you.

Your generosity makes a difference. \$1, \$10, \$100, \$1,000 - every gift matters, as your contribution is directly invested in the mission and administration of the church.

Your contribution made in the calendar year 2016 is a Christmas gift – to yourself. Every dollar you give is tax-deductible, to the full extent permitted by law so your gift benefits both the church and can reduce your tax bill.

Thank you all for your dedication and personal investment in the success of our church.

Sincerely,
The Resource Development Committee



Last Minute Contributions

Please be advised that in order to have any contribution to the church count as a gift for 2016, it must be received by the church or postmarked by December 31, 2016. The IRS rules are stringent and there is no “**grace period**”. The easiest way to have these in the system is to set up direct bank giving.

Forms for direct bank giving are available in the church office or on the church website: newcastlepreschurch.org/stewardship

White Gift Donations

Needs for the food closet are ever increasing. There is a large need for feminine products, baby diapers and proteins such as tuna and peanut butter. Here is a list of items that St. Peter's suggests and doesn't suggest for their food closet.

Recommended Food:

Apple Sauce

Box Potatoes

Campbell Soup (Tomato & Chicken)

Campbell Chunky Soups

Canned Fruits (Peaches & Pears)

Canned Meats (Spam & Ham)

Canned Vegetables (String Beans, Peas, Corn, Potatoes, Chili, Cannelli Beans)

Capri Drinks

Cereal

Cranberry Sauce (in season)

Canned Turkey & Chicken

Dinty Moore cans & bowls

Fruit Cups (Dole & Mott)

Healthy Choice, Marie Callender prepared meals

Jelly Juices (Apple, Cranberry, etc)

Mac & Cheese

Microwave cups Maruchan and Ramon

Dehydrated soups

Peanut Butter

Prepared Tomato Sauce (Ragu, Prego, Rinaldi)

Progresso Soups (Traditional)

Rice

Spaghetti & Spaghettios (Chef Boyardee)

Stove Top Stuffing (in season)

Tuna

Toiletries

Yams (in season)

White Gift Donations (cont'd)

Not Recommended:

Food Baked Goods (cake mixes, cookies, jello, flour)

Canned Vegetables (mix vegetables, carrots, beets, pumpkin, lima beans, sauerkraut, pineapple) Canned Soups (lentils, onion, vegetarian, cream of mushroom/celery)

Pasta (rigatoni, ziti, shells, bows, fusilli, lasagna)

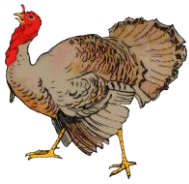
Canned Tomato products (Tutto Russo - diced tomatoes, puree, paste)

Miscellaneous (sodas, gravies, broth, cooking oil, ketchup, mustard, cooking wine, syrups, candies)

The White Gift Tradition

The White Gift tradition goes back several generations in many congregations, when Christmas gifts and canned goods were wrapped in white before being presented ceremonially at worship. Back in that day, we just gave the wrapped gifts to agencies for the poor, expecting that they would then do all the unwrapping.

Nowadays, our food pantries rightly expect that canned goods not be wrapped. In the future, the Deacons will be discussing a new name that reflects a new reality. In the meantime, the need is greater than ever! Please give generously to this utility fund and food drive throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons!



**Last Chance 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



Caroling in Old New Castle

Be sure to mark your calendar for a great evening of Christmas Caroling on Sunday night December 18th! We will meet at the church at 7:00pm and proceed from there walking around Old New Castle and caroling.

We will end up at Gene and Carol Mayhew's house (17 E. 5th Street in New Castle) for refreshments and fellowship (we usually arrive there between 8:00 and 8:30pm).

Please join us at the Mayhew's even if you are unable to walk around and carol.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lisa Fries, 12/5
Conchita Showell, 12/6
Vic Clark, 12/8
Robert McCullough, 12/8
Daniel Barry, 12/9
James Anderson, 12/13



Pat Taylor, 12/16
Kim Beebe, 12/17
Celia Viola, 12/19
Lyn Briggs, 12/22
Annabelle Kern, 12/22
Charlotte McDowell, 12/30

Bruce & Lisa Raker, 12/14
Connie & Don Reese, 12/28
Jim & Susan Flook, 12/30



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	12/4		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		10:30am	Worship – The Lord's Supper Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Tuesday	12/06	12:00pm	Noon Circle @ Jessops Tavern
Wednesday	12/07	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	12/08	3:30pm 7:30pm	Art Classes Celebration Ringers
Friday	12/09	9:00-5:00	Spirit of Christmas Set-up
Saturday	12/10	9:30-5:00	Spirit of Christmas
SUNDAY	12/11		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		10:30am	Worship
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:45am	Resource Development Mtg
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

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