

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Lloyd Larson
Colonial Chimers

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

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle:

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

"The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (God is with us)."

**“Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.”**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Let us pray.

O God we have lit this candle as a symbol of your holiness. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit ready us for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

***Hymn: #88 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" verses 1, 5**

***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

**Holy God, we confess
that we do not walk in your light.**

**We choose what is evil
and refuse what is good.**

**We scorn our neighbors
and laugh at others' troubles.**

**Forgive us; deliver us;
let your face shine on us,
so that we may be ready
to meet our Emmanuel,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #88, verse 6**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16

Page: OT 636

Songs: "Away in a Manger" & "Go, Tell It on a Mountain"
Someplace Else Children

A Scripture Conversation

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Page: NT 1

Anthem: "Our Lord Emmanuel" McGee/Fettke
The Choir

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the
everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, pleased as man with men
to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we
pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas
angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7

Page: NT 152

Sermon: "Chrismons"

***Hymn: #104** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation and Promises

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our
Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he arose 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness
of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

The Act of Baptizing

Welcome

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: “Silent Night”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Colonial Chimers

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #147, verse 6**

**Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #110** “Love Has Come”

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction and Steeple Bell

Postlude

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Madeline Jane, infant daughter of Molly and Matthew Cooney and Stella Isabel, infant daughter of Annie and Leo Sotomayor. Madeline is sister to Benjamin and Stella is sister to Leo and Zoe. Madeline and Stella are the granddaughters of member Jane Fouracre. “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God. For that is what we are!”

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

128 E. 2nd Street
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-8266

Esther Lindell

1 Shaw Alley
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 324-8889

The Flowers are given to the glory of God



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Mary Ann Register

1816-1854

Harry Montgomery, Jr.

1894-1983

This morning, Our Ushers are:

Conchita Showell & Kay Fry

Nursery Attendants: Lyn Briggs & Susan Townsend

Someplace Else: Diana Reilly, Ron & Susan Studd

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Worship Leader: Jo Viola

Coffee Hour: Ringo Keka & Miranda Matthews

Advent Family: The Sotomayors and the Cooneys

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.



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*

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

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 & Spaghetios (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!

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 **Today**. The cost is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to NCPC.

NAME: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

How many: _____



Caroling in Old New Castle

Be sure to attend for a great evening of Christmas Caroling **tonight!** 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	12/18		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		10:30am	Worship – Sacrament of Baptism & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Congregational Meeting
		11:40am	Fellowship Hour
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
		7:00pm	Caroling
		8:00pm	Refreshments @ Mayhew's
Monday	12/19		Deadline for the Newsletter
Wednesday	12/21	7:30pm	Choir
Friday	12/23		OFFICE CLOSED <i>Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
Saturday	12/24		CHRISTMAS EVE
		8:00am	Tai Chi
		5:30pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship
		7:30pm	Traditional Christmas Eve Worship
SUNDAY	12/25		CHRISTMAS DAY
		10:30am	All Family Worship
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour @ Manse

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

She will be on vacation December 26-28.

Kris will be on vacation, Monday, December 19th