

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8, 2017

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 at Manse

Announcements – please use microphone

*A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell & Choral Introit

The Story of Our Lord's Baptism: Matthew 3:13-17

Call to Worship: Psalm 29

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

and in the temple God's people say: Glory!

***Hymn: #490 “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”**

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess
that we have not sought your face.
We adore the high and mighty
and ignore your humble servant.
We act with prejudice and partiality
and fail to share your love for all.
Forgive us; give us grace.
Pour out the power of your Spirit
and renew us in our calling:
to show the wonder of your love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Anthem: “The Lord Came Down to the River” Pepper Choplin
The Choir**

When the Lord came down to the river to be baptized by John, the Holy Spirit led the way. When he came up from the water, he saw the heavens open wide as he heard a voice from heaven come to say: "This is my Son in whom I am well-pleased. This is my Son who comes to follow me." Then a dove from heaven came down and there was glory all around. And the Spirit led the way as the Lord began his ministry that day. Now another comes to the water to be baptized today. The Holy Spirit leads the way. As we gather by the water, God's blessings shower down and now the Holy Spirit seems to say: This is my child in whom I am well pleased. This is my child who comes to follow me. And my Spirit will come down, my love and power will surround. And I will lead the way as this child begins a life of faith today. Now another comes to the water, and the Spirit leads the way.

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Opening Words

Renunciations and Affirmations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

We will, with God's help.

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

*Prayer

*Remembrance of Baptism

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

*The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Sung Response: #482** “Baptized in Water”

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Page: OT 670

A Scripture Conversation

Sermon: *“God’s Delight”*

***Hymn: #293** *“Loving Spirit”*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn: #156** *“Sing of God Made Manifest”*

*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

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

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

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1900 Lovering Avenue
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At Home:

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New Castle, DE 19720
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The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Bob & Joan Appleby
In Memory of Loved Ones



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Samuel Truss Bacon

1872-1897

Bruce H. Gordon

1903-1983

This morning, our Ushers are:
Andrew, Allie, Julie & Cora Lundgren

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Someplace Else: Laurie & Mark Powell, Diana Reilly

Nursery: Molly Shaw & Heather Raezer

Coffee Hour: Lindy Ballance

How to Plan a Funeral

The Worship Committee will be offering a workshop on *January 29* to enable members and friends to pre-plan funerals, or at least become acquainted with the process. The Directory for Worship in the Book of Order says:

“Because it is difficult under emotional stress to plan wisely, the session should encourage members to discuss and plan in advance the arrangement which will be necessary at the time of death, including decisions about the Christian options of burial, cremation, or donation for medical purposes. These plans should provide for arrangements which are simple, which bear witness to the resurrection hope, and in which the Christian community is central.”

This workshop will include a pot-luck brunch at 11:30am. Snow date is February 5. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to participate in the brunch and/or the workshop.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Cynthia Beam, 1/1
Mary Duncan, 1/1
Lynn MacEwen, 1/1
Mark Stallard, 1/2
Rachel Briggs, 1/2
Kris Stone, 1/6
Olivia Viola, 1/6
Mariellen Boyle, 1/8



Linda Twyford, 1/10
Wren Esham, 1/14
Daniel Dunson, 1/16
Jim Whisman, 1/17
Louise Thornton, 1/22
Mildred McGraw, 1/25
Julia Spock, 1/27

Bob & Janet Swick, 1/21
Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25
Charles & Joanne Ward, 1/26





Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for the upcoming year. Call Susan Flook at 328-7346 if you are interested. Substitutes needed, too. No weekend deliveries. Thanks. Consider this as your call in Christ!

Our next delivery is January 9-13. If anyone is interested in delivering meals to shut-in Seniors in the New Castle area, please contact the office at 302-328-3279. The 2017 schedule is posted in the CE Building entrance way.

Monday 9

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 10

Ray & Lynn
Snyder
Joan Smith

Wednesday 11

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 12

Cynthia
Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 13

Susan & Jim
Flook

WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better teaching and ruling elders. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church fostering full participation in decision making. It is how Presbyterians support our core structure that keeps us together as a church. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (Book of Order, G-4.0101)

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO??

Glad you asked! It supports the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in the following areas:

- Leadership Development
- Communications
- Vocations
- Resources
- Preservation of History
- Ecumenical Relations
- Committees and Commissions
- Meetings

Per capita supports your Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly staff whose work and witness enhance the work of congregations!

In other words paying per capita is similar to:

- Contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- Paying to be connected to the Internet
- Paying for the benefit of utilities, like electricity, water, and telephone
- Pitching in with other passengers to pay for gasoline for a road trip!

Per Capita

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic	\$.80
General Assembly	\$7.50
New Castle Presbytery	<u>\$23.35</u>
TOTAL 2017 Per Capita	\$31.65

You can help out New Castle Presbyterian Church by making a contribution equal to your per capita expense. Make a check out to the church for \$31.65 and mark in the memo "per capita." Thank you!

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	1/8		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
		10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:40am	Christian Education Meeting
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Monday	1/9	7:00pm	Deacons
Wednesday	1/11	6:15pm	Worship Committee
		7:30pm	Choir
Friday	1/13		<i>Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
Saturday	1/14	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	1/15	10:30am	All Family Worship
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:40am	Resource Development Meeting
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

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