

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 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

Call to Worship: I Cor. 1:25; Micah 6:8

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom;

God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

So, what does the Holy One require of us?

To be just, kind, and humble before God.

***Hymn: #450 “Be Thou My Vision”**

***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

**God of glory, we confess
that we have not sought your face.**

**We demand signs and desire wisdom;
yet the cross of Christ is all we need.**

**We boast about our strengths;
yet the weakness of Christ has saved us.**

Forgive us; give us grace.

**Teach us what is truly wise and good and blessed:
to show the wonder of your love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #70** (*three times*)

Congregation:

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Choir:

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

Choir:

*To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Page: OT 866

Anthem: "Offertory"
The Choir

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on High? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Page: NT 4

A Scripture Conversation

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-31

Page: NT 166

Sermon: *“Alternative Values”*

***Hymn: #172 “Blest Are They”**

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

We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;**
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**
- that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;**
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;**
- that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #694, verse 3**

**O God, you are our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.**

**For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.**

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #749** “Come! Live in the Light!”

*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

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

Dot Campbell

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

William Wilson

Brandywine Nursing Ctr.
505 Greenbank Road
Wilmington, DE 19808

At Home:

Esther Lindell

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

Mildred McGraw

118 Harmony Street
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 322-4628

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Corky & Jo Viola

In Honor of our Children and Memory of Loved Ones



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Marshall Keegan

1881-1926

Iden Kerney

1898-1984

This morning, our Ushers are:

The Lundgrens

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Someplace Else: Ron/Susan Studd & Diana Reilly

Nursery: Bev Stoudt & Melissa Boris

Fellowship Brunch: Worship Committee & Noon Circle



How to Plan a Funeral

The Worship Committee will be offering a workshop today 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.

BoxTops for Education



Please remember to bring in any BoxTops for cash. I will turn them in to the school on Monday, February 6th.

Each and every one counts! The schools collect them for cash twice a year, October and February.

- Patti Isaacs-Hansen

Bringing Hope to Refugees Around the World

Please be sure to sign up for various opportunities to Volunteer or Donate items to help with refugees. The bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall has all of the particulars. An information session will be held next Sunday, February 5 in Room 206.

- Patti Isaacs-Hansen

Refugee Resettlement Program English Language Tutoring

Literacy Delaware is holding an info session on **January 31st, 7 pm, at Woodlawn library in Wilmington.**

They will be coordinating any volunteers who would like to help in this area, including volunteer training and materials at no cost.

Coffee Hour

A couple of volunteers are needed to help with coffee hour on Sunday April 2nd, May 7th, and June 4th.

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 computer at: <https://mealtrain.com/k4mo6d>

I will make the coffee and clean up. See me with any questions.

- Patti Isaacs-Hansen

Interim Pastor Search Process

The Session is in the process of forming a sub-committee to search for an Interim Pastor. This individual would be an employee of the Session, unlike our future installed pastor, who will be found through a congregational Pastor Nominating Committee and elected by the congregation.

If you would like to serve on the Interim Pastor Search Committee, please let Pastor Nancy or one of the Session members know. It would be best if this committee be composed of persons other than the eventual Pastor Nominating Committee.

Additionally, you can assist the committee's process by filling out the form below.

Name (optional): _____

Qualities/skills I would like to see in our Interim Pastor:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

January & February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Louise Thornton, 1/22

Mildred McGraw, 1/25

Julia Spock, 1/27

Dot Campbell, 2/1

Nanette Nichol, 2/1

Gary Graham, 2/5

Laura Gearheart-Esham, 2/6

Beverly Denison, 2/11



Heather Raezer, 2/12

Dana Monzo, 2/14

Phyllis Stallard, 2/20

Eileen Larkin, 2/21

Cynthia Robbins, 2/25

Zarina Stone, 2/25

Joan Smith, 2/27

Bob & Janet Swick, 1/21

Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25

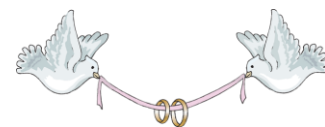
Charles & Joanne Ward, 1/26

Ray & Lynn Snyder, 2/7

Amy & Scott Selheimer, 2/14

Judy & Bill Hentkowski, 2/15

Joan & Bob Appleby, 2/23



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	1/29	10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Brunch
			How to Plan a Funeral
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Wednesday	2/1	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	2/2	7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	2/4	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	2/5	10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
			In the Fellowship Hall
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:45am	Resource Development
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

**Pastor Nancy will be on vacation February 2-4.
She is always available for pastoral emergencies.*