

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude: "A Joyful Ring"

Barbara Kinyon

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

Call to Worship: John 3

Jesus says: You must be born from above.

How can these things be?

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
So that the world might be saved through him.

***Hymn: #518 “Your Only Son”**

***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

**Eternal source and goal of all life,
we come before you as people lost,
in need of a Savior,
sinful, in need of forgiveness,
condemned, in need of mercy.**

**Lead us to your fountain of life,
flowing freely from your Son Jesus,
who suffered on the cross,
was raised from the dead,
and lifted into glory;
where with outstretched arms,
he welcomes the lost, sinful, and condemned
into his strong and loving embrace,
and renews them by the Holy Spirit,
to your honor and glory forever.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #441, verse 1**

**Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Page: NT 93

Anthem: "God So Loved the World"

Stainer

The Choir

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

A Scripture Conversation

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Page: OT 10

Sermon: "Stepping Out in Faith"

***Hymn: #829** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

***Affirmation of Faith:** A Declaration of Faith, 9.5

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.**

**Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.**

**No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.**

**Christ calls each of us
to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” arr. Tucker

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 heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #215** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

*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
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Henderson, NV 89012
(302) 824-8030 (cell)

Barbara Beaumont

The Watermark at Logan Sq
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Dot Campbell

The Summit
5850 Limestone Rd.
Hockessin, DE 19707
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Esther Lindell

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The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Susan Olds Townsend

**In Memory and Honor of Mother, Grandmother & Grandfather
Hutchins, Grandmother Olds, Aunt Lottie, Uncle Hadye
& Aunt Helen Olds, Aunt Thelma Olds**



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Harry Montgomery Sr.

1869-1950

Lillian L. Brown

1913-1985

This morning, our Ushers are:

Jim Stoudt & Joan Smith

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Someplace Else: Ron and Susan Studd & Diana Reilly

Nursery: Bev Stoudt & Susan Townsend

Fellowship Hour: Someplace Else Students

Worship Leader: Brett Watson

Adult Bible Study



Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm:

Beginning March 1 in the Fellowship Hall.

In the Steps of Jesus. We will look at the sights and stories of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Course continues through April 12.

Ecumenical Lenten Suppers

Join with your friends in New Castle to observe the season of Lent. We will continue to gather March 15 for Wednesday evening fellowship suppers at 6:00 pm, followed by a presentation by the host church. Participants are free to go by 7:30.

The schedule will be:

March 15 - Hope Lutheran

March 22 - New Castle United Methodist

March 29 – St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic

April 5 – Immanuel Episcopal

For further information, contact the church office (302-328-3279).

Let us together keep a Holy Lent.

Easter Fair

Our annual Easter Fair is Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Sign up today to help out!



SAVE THE DATE

March 26, 2017 6:00 – 9:00pm

Wilmington University, New Castle Campus off Rt.13

Join us for dinner celebrating Pastor Nancy's retirement and her service to the congregation and the community. Look forward to an evening of memories, music, and merriment. For more information see a member of the planning committee:

Lyn Briggs

Monty Gerhart

Kelly Koczak-McCurdy

Eileen Larkin

Miranda Matthews

Scott Matthews

Gail Seitz

Conchita Showell

Ray Snyder

Ron Studd

Please return your RSVP as soon as possible.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Howard Sowden, 3/5

Charles Smith, 3/6

Ginny Appleby, 3/9

Amy Selheimer, 3/10

Brian Werkheiser, 3/10

Carl Witt, Jr., 3/10

Jennifer Dunham, 3/12

Chad Viola, 3/12

John Handy, 3/16

Katherine Martin 3/16

Jane Fouracre 3/19

Gene Mayhew 3/20

Lucy Armstrong, 3/25

Jamie Kern, 3/25

Nancy Rowland 3/25

Sandra Wilson, 3/30

Barbara Toccafondi 3/31



Dana & Eric Monzo 3/24



Refugees Resettlement FUN Raising Table

Please take a look at the various items at the table in the CE building. Over the next few weeks/months various items will be available in limited number.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	3/12		SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
		10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:40am	Planning Committee Mtg Rm 206
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
		12:00pm	Deacons
		12:30pm	Confirmation Class
Wednesday	3/15	1:00pm	Bible Study @ Mary Pratt's
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper @ Hope Lutheran
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	3/16	7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	3/18	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	3/19		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
		12:30pm	Confirmation Class

Pastor Nancy will be at the 239th Assembly of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, March 16-18 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center