

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 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

Announcements – please use microphone

*A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship: Exodus 17, Romans 5

The people cry out: “Give us water to drink!”

“Is the LORD among us or not?”

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit

God’s love is poured into our hearts.

***Hymn: #475** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*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, the fount of every blessing,
your streams of mercy never cease to flow.
We confess that we doubt at the first sign of trouble.
We harden our hearts
and insist you solve all our problems.
We quarrel amongst ourselves
and hoard what we fear we might lose.
We abandon hope,
while you shower us with love and power.
Forgive our faithless hearts
and make them more like yours –
steadfast and full of love.**

(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

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Page: OT 64

A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

Page: NT 94

Anthem: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Larkin

The Choir

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done. I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Page: NT 155

Sermon: "Just As You Are"

***Hymn: #623 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”**

***Affirmation of Faith: Romans 5:6-11**

**We believe that while we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**

**God proves great love for us
in that while we still were sinners
Christ died for us.**

**Now that we have been made right by him,
we will be saved from God’s righteous judgement.
And so we boast in God,
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #490, verse 3**

O how deep your holy wisdom!

Unimagined, all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor!

With our lives we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you,

water-washed and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer.

Re-create us; God, transform!

***Prayer of Thanks**

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #547** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*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

Dot Campbell

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

William Wilson

Brandywine Nursing Ctr.
505 Greenbank Road, Rm C6B
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

Don Reese

112 W. 7th Street
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 322-2773

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Pat & Dave Taylor

In Honor of Loved Ones



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Margaret Walz

1861-1951

Hazel F. Rausch

1905-1985

This morning, our Ushers are:

Jim Stoudt & Joan Smith

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Someplace Else: Heather Raezer & Diana Reilly

Nursery: Molly Cooney & Molly Shaw

Fellowship Hour: Bev Denison & Jennifer Dunham



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

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm:

Continuing March 22 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 22 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 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.

Speer Trust Emergency Grant

One of the ways New Castle Presbytery works with local congregations is to provide grants through the Speer Trust Fund. New Castle Presbyterian Church has just received an “emergency” grant from the Presbytery in the amount of \$2,000 to help us continue to fund the Sunday Breakfast Program of Friendship House during this winter season when costs are highest.

Someplace Else Food Ministry

Help us contribute one item per month per family to the White Gift collection of food:

January - Capri Sun

February – Dinty Moore Stew

March – canned fruit or fruit cup

April - tuna

May – crackers or cereal

June - pasta

July - apple sauce

August - juice or lemonade

September – peanut butter

October – cranberry sauce or stuffing

November – boxed potatoes

December – canned vegetables

Thank you!



Pastor Nancy's Retirement Dinner

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:

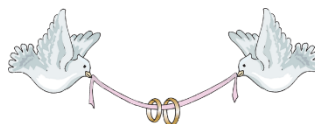
Lyn Briggs	Scott Matthews
Monty Gerhart	Gail Seitz
Kelly Koczak-McCurdy	Conchita Showell
Eileen Larkin	Ray Snyder
Miranda Matthews	Ron Studd

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Howard Sowden, 3/5	Katherine Martin 3/16
Charles Smith, 3/6	Jane Fouracre 3/19
Ginny Appleby, 3/9	Gene Mayhew 3/20
Amy Selheimer, 3/10	Lucy Armstrong, 3/25
Brian Werkheiser, 3/10	Jamie Kern, 3/25
Carl Witt, Jr., 3/10	Nancy Rowland 3/25
Jennifer Dunham, 3/12	Sandra Wilson, 3/30
Chad Viola, 3/12	Barbara Toccafondi 3/31
John Handy, 3/16	



Dana & Eric Monzo 3/24





Flower Donations

In the spirit of the season of Easter, the sanctuary will be decorated with spring flowers. If you would like to donate a flower in memory of a Loved One, or honor of someone, please fill out this form and return it with your check in the amount of \$15.00. Please order as early as possible.

Deadline to order is April 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday).

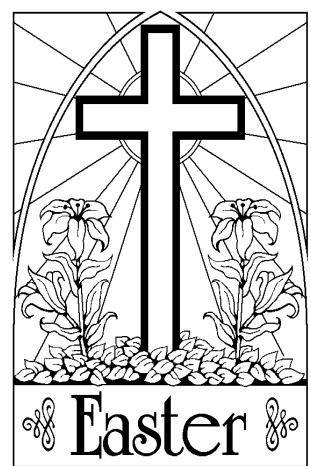
NAME: _____

AMOUNT: \$ _____

(check one) IN MEMORY _____/HONOR _____ OF:

**Please make all checks payable to:
New Castle Presbyterian Church
25 E. 2nd Street
New Castle, DE 19720**

Thanks again for your support!



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	3/19	10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:40am	Planning Committee Mtg Rm 206
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
		12:30pm	Confirmation Class
Monday	3/20		Meals on Wheels
		6:45pm	English Country Dance Class
		7:30pm	Trustees
Tuesday	3/21		Meals on Wheels
Wednesday	3/22		Meals on Wheels
		1:00pm	Bible Study @ Mary Pratt's
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper @New Castle UMC
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	3/23		Meals on Wheels
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	3/24		Meals on Wheels
			<i>Pastor Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
Saturday	3/25	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	3/26	10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:45am	Resource Development
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
		6:00pm	Nancy's Retirement Dinner @
			Wilmington University

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