

# **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 26, 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:** John 9:5; Ephesians 5:14

Once we lived in darkness;  
**now, in the Lord, we are light.**  
Rise from the dead,  
**and Christ will shine on us.**

**\*Hymn: #452** “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

\*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 great mercy, we confess  
that we have sinned against you.  
We look at outward appearances  
and fail to see what pleases you.  
We look with judgment on others  
and fail to see our own sin.  
Forgive us, by your steadfast love.  
Create a clean heart within us,  
teach us your holy way,  
and restore the joy of salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(silent prayers)*

Assurance of Pardon

**\*Sung Response: #451, verses 1**

**Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: I Samuel 16:1-13      Page: OT 259

Anthem: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" Macbeth  
The Choir

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; in pastures green I lie. The Lord will lead me on my path with quiet waters by. My soul will be restored again; my way the Lord will make. I'll walk the paths of blessedness, e'en for God's own name's sake. Though I may walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill, for you are with me, your rod and staff me comfort still. A table full you will provide in presence of my foes; my head with oil you will anoint, my cup overflows. Your love and mercy all my days will surely follow me. In God's own house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

### A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41      Page: NT 102

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14      Page: NT 194

Sermon: "The Long View"

# \*Hymn: "I Then Shall Live"

1 I then shall live as one who's been for - giv - en;  
 2 I then shall live as one who's learned com - pas - sion;  
 3 Your king - dom come a - round and through and in me,

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my  
 I've been so loved that I'll risk lov - ing, too. I know how  
 your power and glo - ry, let them shine through me; your hal - lowed

name is clear be - fore my Fa - ther; I am his child, and  
 fear builds walls in - stead of bridg - es; I dare to see an -  
 name, oh, may I bear with hon - or, and may your liv - ing

I am not a - fraid. So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an -  
 oth - er's point of view. And when re - la - tion - ships de - mand com -  
 king - dom come in me. The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with

oth - er; the law of love I glad - ly will o - bey.  
 mit - ment, then I'll be there to care and fol - low through.  
 hon - or, and may you feed a hun - gry world through me.

WORDS: Gloria Gaither (1942- )  
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957); arr. Hymnal 1933

FINLANDIA  
 11.10.11.10.11.10.

Words © 1981 Gaither Music Company (Admin. Gaither Copyright Mgmt.)  
 Music Arr. © 1933, Ren. 1961 Presbyterian Board of Education (Admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

**\*Affirmation of Faith: A Declaration of Faith, 10.1**

**In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation  
God has already begun and will surely finish.**

**We do not know when the final day will come.**

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs  
that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering  
in the world, the church, or our own lives.**

**But we see Jesus as Lord.**

**As he stands at the center of our history,  
we are confident he will stand at its end.**

**He will judge all people and nations.**

**Evil will be condemned**

**and rooted out of God's good creation.**

**There will be no more tears or pain.**

**All things will be made new.**

**The fellowship of human beings**

**with God and each other will be perfected.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

\*Presentation

**\*Doxology: #450, verse 4**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**\*Prayer of Thanks**

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn: #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**\*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](mailto: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. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 322-2773

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

*Ringo Keka & Mark Rappold*

**In Honor of Pastor Nancy Rowland**



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Barton T. Hopkins*

*1895-1951*

*Ruth Silverman*

*D. 1985*

This morning, our Ushers are:

Jim Stoudt & Joan Smith

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Someplace Else: Bev Stoudt & Diana Reilly

Nursery: Melissa Boris & Molly Cooney

Fellowship Hour: Steve Handy

Worship Leader: Susan Townsend



## Coffee Hour

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

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 29** 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.





## **Our Kitchen is Now Green**

We are doing our ministry to keep our environment as clean as possible by eliminating plastic or styrofoam products from use in our church.

If there are any kitchen provisions missing or running low, please make note on the list hanging on the cupboard and I will purchase as noted.

Thank you for all your excellent coffee hours.

Susan O. Townsend, Kitchen Deacon



## **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:

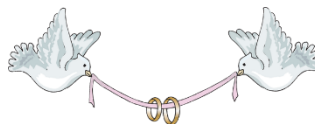
Lyn Briggs	Scott Matthews
Monty Gerhart	Gail Seitz
Kelly Koczak-McCurdy	Conchita Showell
Eileen Larkin	Ray Snyder
Miranda Matthews	Ron Studd

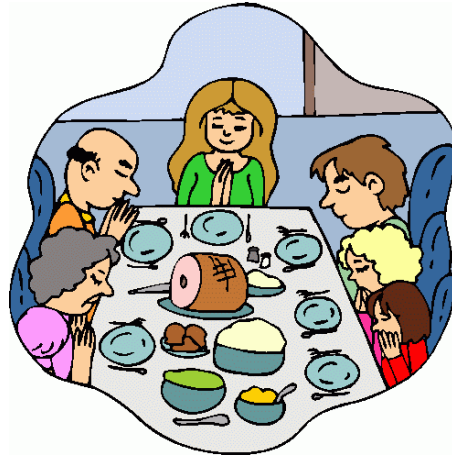
### **March & April Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Lucy Armstrong, 3/25	Fran Ginger, 4/2
Jamie Kern, 3/25	Jo Viola, 4/3
Nancy Rowland 3/25	Cora Lundgren, 4/3
Sandra Wilson, 3/30	Susan Bishop, 4/4
Barbara Toccafondi 3/31	Peter McCurdy, 4/4
Kristel Witt, 4/1	Barbara Ransom, 4/5
Benjamin Cooney, 4/1	Laurie Powell, 4/9



Dana & Eric Monzo 3/24  
Jenna & Sam Duncan, 4/4  
Pat & David Bird, 4/12  
Eileen & Michael Larkin, 4/12  
Rod & Bev Denison, 4/16





## **Ecumenical Lenten Suppers**

Join with your friends in New Castle to observe the season of Lent. We will continue to gather March 29 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 remaining schedule will be:

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.



# 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).*

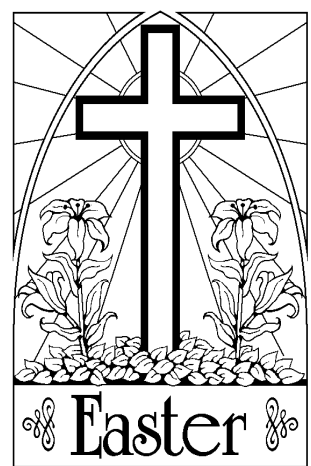
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(check one)* IN MEMORY \_\_\_\_\_/HONOR \_\_\_\_\_ OF:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

***Thanks again for your support!***



## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3/26</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Resource Development</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Colonial Chimers</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Nancy's Retirement Dinner @ Wilmington University</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/28</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/29</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Lenten Supper @ St. Peter's</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/31</b>		<i>Pastor Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship – Lord's Supper &amp; Someplace Else</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Colonial Chimers</b>
		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>

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