

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 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:

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;
our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

***Hymn: #826 “Lift High the Cross”**

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess

that we look for the living among the dead.

**You speak to us through your living Word,
but we refuse to listen.**

**You feed us with the bread of life,
but we hunger for other things.**

Forgive us; give us new life!

Lead us to repent

and remember the claim of our baptism:

**the life that death cannot destroy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Page: NT 90

Anthem: "You Raise Me Up" Graham/Loveland/Knight

The Choir

Bruce Raker, Baritone

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary; when troubles come and my heart burdened be; then I am still and wait here in the silence, until you come and sit a while with me. You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. I am strong, when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up, to more than I can be. There is no life, no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly. But when you come and I am filled with wonder, sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity. You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up, to more than I can be.

A Scripture Conversation

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 121

Page: OT 571

Words of Endings and Beginnings

***Hymn: #691** "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

Reaffirmation of Baptism – Public Profession of Faith
Presentation and Promises

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**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, dead
and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he arose from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Laying on of Hands

Reception of New Members

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #526, verses 1-2**

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

*Prayer of Thanks

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Words of Institution & Distribution

You may say to your neighbor:

"The Body of Christ", then "The Cup of Salvation"

Closing Prayer

Please dispose of your cups in the basket near the exit as you leave.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: “Looking Back, O God We Wonder”** (Tune: #611)
(350th Anniversary Hymn)

**Looking back, O God we wonder
of that time in history
When the early settlers gathered,
building this community.
Children did their chores and played here;
men and women worked the land.
Sundays, Lord, they knelt and prayed here,
seeking your protecting hand.**

**Looking to your love, we worship
as your people long have done,
Sharing bread and Word and friendship,
singing praises to your Son.
Bricks of old are such a treasure,
well-worn pews proclaim our past;
But your love beyond all measure
is the treasure that will last.**

**Looking out, we see our neighbors,
and – in each one – Jesus' face.
God, we offer you our labors
so that all will know your grace.
As we witness all around us,
as we welcome strangers in,
As we help those lost and homeless,
your church welcomes you again.**

**Looking on to where we're going,
God, we wonder what will be;
Yet we trust your Spirit, knowing
you will guide our ministry.
You give each new generation
ways to praise you, work to do;
God, be with this congregation
as we keep on serving you.**

Tune: HYMN TO JOY Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

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Dissolution of a Pastoral Call

Words from Session and Pastor

Prayer

Let us pray

for the saving presence of our living Lord:

In your world,

be present, Lord.

In this congregation,

be present, Lord.

In this community,

be present, Lord.

In this presbytery and the whole church,

be present, Lord.

In the homes and hearts of all your people,

be present, Lord.

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:
For work begun but not completed,

Lord, have mercy.

For expectations not met,

Lord, have mercy.

For wounds not healed,

Lord, have mercy.

For gifts not shared,

Lord, have mercy.

For promises not kept,

Lord, have mercy.

Let us give thanks

for our journey together in this place:

For friendships made, for joys celebrated
and for times of nurture and growth,

thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met,
gifts given and promises kept.

thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ,
and for the love of God which has sustained us,

thanks be to God.

The Dissolution

Do you, the members and friends of New Castle Presbyterian Church, release Nancy L. Rowland from service as your pastor?

We do with thanks to God.

Do you, Nancy, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

Nancy: I do with thanks to God.

Prayer

....through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

Declaration of Dissolution

Charges

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

Go in peace.

Go in peace.

Choral 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. *Please see an usher for a child safety registration form.* Children 4 through 10 are to remain in worship today. 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
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Barbara Beaumont

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The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Lyn & Rachel Briggs

In Honor of Rev. Nancy Rowland



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ira Dare Duling

1879-1961

Jean S. Hatter

1928-1987

This morning, our Ushers are:

Gail & C.J. Seitz

Communion Servers: **Bruce Raker***, Bob Appleby,
Ringo Keka, Kaitlyn Raker, Nanette Nichol

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Nursery: Melissa Boris & Molly Cooney

Fellowship Hour: Noon Circle

Welcome to Winnie Wagner

We welcome to the leadership of worship this morning Ruling Elder Winnie Wagner, Moderator of New Castle Presbytery. Winnie is a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newark.

Our New Interim Jenny Warren

At its meeting on Tuesday, February 28, the Session approved the employ of the Rev. Jenny Warren to be our Interim Pastor beginning June 1. Our contract with her has now been signed by Jenny, Conchita Showell, and the presbytery Committee on Ministry.

Jenny is a resident of Wilmington and has previously served six congregations in our presbytery as Interim Pastor. Be watching for the June edition of this newsletter to learn more about Jenny and her ministry among us.

The contract with Pastor Jenny is for the same compensation that Pastor Nancy received; however, because Pastor Nancy occupied the manse, her housing allowance could be in-kind. Since Pastor Jenny has her own home, she will need to receive her housing allowance in cash; to meet presbytery minimum salary requirements, her work schedule will need to be defined as three-quarters time. The Session is confident that our officers will be able to assume such duties as needed to keep this body of Christ healthy and active during the interim period.

Many thanks to the Session's Interim Pastor Search Committee: Ruling Elders Andrew Lundgren, Conchita Showell, Ray Snyder, Janet Spring, and Ron Studd; and Deacons Jennifer Dunham and Miranda Matthews.

Together, we look forward to new ways of experiencing our common ministry!

We welcome into the active membership
of New Castle Presbyterian Church
by their Profession of Faith this morning:



Dylan Cy Reilly
Mason Cy Reilly
Zarina Eugenia Stone

We are one in Christ's Spirit!

"And day by day the Lord added to their number...."
Acts 2:47

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Monty Gerhart, 5/1 | | Karen Dobson, 5/18 |
| Mark Rappold, 5/1 | | Steve Martin, 5/20 |
| Kaitlyn Raker, 5/2 | | Corky Viola, 5/23 |
| Ringo Keka, 5/2 | | Megan Graham, 5/23 |
| Christopher Raker, 5/5 | | Harper Zarker, 5/23 |
| Chad Atherton, 5/7 | | Ellie Gerhart, 5/24 |
| Mickey Singleton, 5/8 |  | Barbara Whisman, 5/25 |
| Rob Barry, 5/9 | | Bruce Gordon, 5/26 |
| Brad Werkheiser, 5/11 | | Joan Appleby, 5/27 |
| Karen Spring, 5/12 | | Earl Reed, 5/29 |
| Bruce Raker, 5/14 | | Liam Collins, 5/30 |
| Kay Gordon, 5/15 | | Dylan Reilly, 5/31 |
| Lindy Ballance, 5/17 | | |

Megan Graham & Will Turnbull, 5/26
Dean & Lynn MacEwen, 5/29



This Week's Schedule

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| SUNDAY | 4/30 | 10:30am | Worship – All Family Worship Confirmation/The Lord's Supper Dissolution of the Pastoral Call |
| | | 11:30am | Fellowship Hour |
| | | 12:00pm | Colonial Chimers |
| Wednesday | 5/3 | 7:30pm | Choir |
| Thursday | 5/4 | 7:30pm | Celebration Ringers |
| Friday | 5/5 | | Brownies Due |
| Saturday | 5/6 | 8:00am | Tai Chi |
| | | 9:15am | Emmanuel Dining Room Prep |
| SUNDAY | 5/7 | 10:30am | Worship & Someplace Else Rev. Jim Moseley, preaching |
| | | 11:30am | Fellowship Hour |
| | | 11:45am | Christian Education Committee |
| | | 12:00pm | Colonial Chimers |

The Rev. Tom Euston is on call for pastoral emergencies. Please call the church office with any need, or the Ruling Elder on duty for this week: