

ORDER OF WORSHIP
9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Organ Prelude

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Call to Worship

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

We come to worship the Giver of all good gifts.

God's love for us knows no limit –

May we match it with an abundance of praise!

With full and grateful hearts,

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your way is one of abundance.

Forgive us for not trusting your limitless presence and power.

We confess seeing the glass half empty, instead of overflowing with your goodness, love and promise.

We confess that we hold back what we can give and do, out of fear that we will not have or be enough.

Forgive us for limiting ourselves to what we know and what we've done, rather than moving out in new and called for directions.

By your mercy, renew our trust in you, and restore us to faithful living in your image.

Ever grateful, hear our prayers... (silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***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. (sing 3x)

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Music of the Day "Set Me as a Seal Upon Thine Heart" M. Larkin
Rhonda Gage & Minerva Lermond**

Prayer for Illumination

Fill us with your Word, O God, for we hunger for your wisdom. Open our hearts to be fed, and our wills to be led, as we seek to follow the way of Jesus. Amen..

A Scripture Conversation

Scripture Lesson Matthew 14:13-21

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Sermon *“Morphing the Mission”*

* **Hymn #507** Come to the Table of Grace

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

*Please come forward to receive the sacrament by intinction,
breaking off the bread and dipping it into the cup.*

Prayer

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Jean Pasquet
Rhonda Gage & Minerva Lermond

*Presentation

***Doxology (#606)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Grateful for all of the ways you feed us and lead us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to you, O God. Use us, we pray, to meet the hungers of this world with your abundant love. In the way of Jesus, Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn #526** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship leader: Conchita Showell

Communion: Scott Matthews

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Nursery: Molly Cooney & Jane Fouracre

Fellowship Hour: Patti Isaacs Hansen & Barbara Whisman

The flowers today are given by *Conchita Showell*

In Loving Memory of My Mother Arnita Showell

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Samuel H. and C. Elizabeth Carothers

Regina Hopkins

1891-1989

Prayer Requests

We welcome your prayer requests, and will gladly include them in our prayers during worship. We regret that some have become hidden in the offering bags. To ensure that they reach the pastor, please give your prayer request form directly to an usher at the offering time.

Jenny Warren is on study leave through August 13. In case of a pastoral emergency, Reverend Brad Martin is on call. Please contact Miranda Matthews, 838-2764, Conchita Showell, 832-9226 or Kris in the office 328-3279.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In my discussions with Nancy Rowland prior to her retirement, she talked about many of the hopes she had for this congregation. But one hope that she addressed with great passion was the hope for a new name for the “White Gift” donations and offerings. We could trace the name back in our own memories to the olden days when church folk, especially in the South, would wrap food items in white paper and bring them to church at Christmas time. A little research has yielded the following tidbit of trivia:

The Presbyterian Church resource files credit the beginning of White Gift Sunday to the wife of a Methodist minister in 1904 in Ohio. She knew the legend of the Chinese people who loved their king so much that they each brought him a gift on his birthday. The gifts were all wrapped in white paper in order to emphasize the love of the people and the intent of the gift, not the size or value of it.

The minister's wife and his daughters asked their congregation to bring a gift wrapped in white for their king, Jesus. These were often packages of food, the kind of thing that even the poorest in the congregation could bring. They were Christmas love gifts to be distributed to people in need in their community. This beautiful idea quickly spread around the Christian world in the early 1900s, and is still celebrated today as White Gift Sunday.

So – from Methodists in Ohio, recalling the Chinese and their devotion to their king made known through gifts wrapped in white paper – to New Castle Presbyterian today, and your donations of money, non-perishable goods and toiletries, none of which are wrapped in white paper. Seems a bit of a stretch.

What does a name like “White Gift” communicate to those who don't know the history or tradition? Nancy left with the hope that we could come up with something that speaks of the nature and spirit of such giving more plainly. I second that emotion, and the Deacons and I would welcome your ideas!

(and, while you are thinking on such things, I have also heard from some folks about the name “Someplace Else”, and what it has felt like to them. Is it time for a name change there, too?)

National Night Out – Thank You!

National Night Out took place on Tuesday night in New Castle, and by all accounts was a big success! I'm not sure of the exact numbers in terms of turnout, but there was a nice showing of people, particularly families (I would estimate 200-250 people) that joined us for the evening, and the weather was perfect.

I've included some photos from the event, including the activities at our booth. I thought the set up and the offerings we had were great. We distributed lemonade, juice boxes and water for beverages; watermelon slices, granola bars and fruit popsicles for snacks; and there were a variety of games and activities for children to play.

Our NCPC materials were displayed nicely, and we also shared information about Spirit of Christmas. We had a few individuals who stopped by interested in our congregation, and we invited them to join us one Sunday to learn more.

All in all, a great, fun evening that brought our community together and gave NCPC enhanced visibility - one I think we'd participate in again. Many thanks to everyone who helped in some way: Jo, Joan, Diana, Patti, Cork, Peter, Bev, Kris and I'm sure others who I may have inadvertently left off.

Thank you-
Kelly

Worship Leader

Need worship leader, August 27. We had a cancellation – can you fill in? Sign up in Fellowship hall.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Gingher, silverfran@aol.com

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	8/6	10:30am	All Family Worship & Lord's Supper
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome!
		11:40am	Resource Development Mtg
Monday	8/7		OFFICE CLOSED
			Meals on Wheels
		9:30am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
Tuesday	8/8		Meals on Wheels
Wednesday	8/9		Meals on Wheels
Thursday	8/10		Meals on Wheels
Friday	8/11		Meals on Wheels
		6-8pm	Private Party Setup
Saturday	8/12	8-9am	Tai Chi
		1-6pm	Private Party – Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY	8/13	10:30am	All Family Worship Nona Holy Preaching
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome!