

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

September 17, 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

Choral Introit

**Call to Worship**

from Psalm 103

“Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits -

**Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases**

**Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast  
love and mercy.”**

For the depth of God's love and the wideness of God's mercy,

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

\***Hymn #435**

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**O God, your mercy to us is our greatest gift. We confess that our mercy toward others is our greatest challenge. Forgive us for holding on to hurts and offenses. Forgive us for seeking blame and nursing wounds. Forgive us for pride that will not let go or move on, and that forgets the great mercy we have been given. Renew in us gratitude for the gift of forgiveness, and the willing to give it to others. In your mercy, hear our prayers.....**

(silent prayers)

## Assurance of Pardon

### **\*Response #31 v.1**

**Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:  
For God's mercies shall endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Anthem: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Temple/Holstein  
The Choir**

*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Speak to us through your Word, O God. Give us faithful ears to hear, and faithful wills to live as those who have not only heard but believed. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson      Psalm 107:1, 23-32      Page 559

## **A Scripture Conversation**

Scripture Lesson      Matthew 18:21-35      Page 20

Sermon      *“Of Mice and Mirrors – the Call to Mercy”*

\* **Hymn #445**      “God, How Can We Forgive”

\* **Affirmation of Faith**      Steve Garnaas-Holmes, UMC

**We believe in God, maker of all things,  
provider of all things, who loves all people.  
We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us:  
he sees us for who we are,  
heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.**

**In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.  
We live by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
which empowers us for self-giving love.  
We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ,  
and for the gift of forgiveness,  
the power of resurrection  
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

## Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

\*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 your gifts to us, and your gifts within us, we offer all to you. Use them, use us, to meet this hurting world with your forgiving love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## 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.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn #749** "Come! Live in the Light!"

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

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

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**Thank you for serving today:**

Worship leader: Brett Watson

Ushers: Mark Rappold & Ringo Keka

Counters: Carol Mayhew & Jane Fouracre

Nursery: Bev Stoudt, Ron & Susan Studd

Sunday School: Bruce Raker

Fellowship Hour: Susan Townsend & Conchita Showell

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***William E. Hill***

***1916-1968***

***Helen T. Andersen Johnson***

***1906-1990***



## **DON'T COME TO CHURCH WITHOUT YOUR CLOTHES!!**

Remember, September is our annual clothing drive for the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Special needs are for underwear for children and adults, and 2x+ clothing for men and women. All other clothes welcome, as well as linens, bedding and leather goods (shoes, belts, etc.). Bagged donations should go to Room 204 in the CE Bldg. Thank you!

## **PARLEZ-VOUS ANOTHER LANGUAGE?**

Sunday Oct 1 is World Communion Sunday, and we'd like to bring some of the world to NCPC that morning. If you could manage to read John 3:16 in another language (Jenny will provide the text), please let her know – and SIGN UP in the CE Bldg. Dust off that high school Spanish, or the German from your travels, or teach it to yourself with Google Translate-whatever! Danke! Merci! Gracias!

## **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING - Sunday Oct 1**

This PC(USA) peace offering is received on World Communion Sunday each year. This year, Session has designated 2 recipients for our 25% of the offering: Doctors without Borders and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Harvey Response. Please give generously, so we can make a difference in the lives of those desperate for help.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS TOMORROW – Monday, September 18. We have a lot going on—make sure everyone knows about it!

To learn more about the mission of the Seamen's Center of Wilmington, visit their website at [www.scwde.org](http://www.scwde.org). And plan to join in the "Ditty Bag" assembly on Sunday, November 19 after church, as we pack up gifts for the seafarers for the holiday season.

## **Prayer List:**

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

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***This Week's Schedule***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9/17</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b>  <b>11:45pm</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>Fellowship Hour</b> - All are Welcome! <b>Christian Ed Comm Meeting</b> <b>Colonial Chimers</b> <b>Peace Week Concert</b> <b>@ Immanuel Episcopal</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>7:00pm</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Deadline for Newsletter</b> <b>English Country Dancers</b> <b>Trustees</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/19</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Presbytery Mtg @ First</b> <b>Presbyterian, Newark, DE</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/20</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Worship Meeting</b> <b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/21</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/22</b>	<b>8-9am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9/24</b>	<b>10:30am</b>  <b>11:30am</b>  <b>11:40am</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>Shannon Hanson - Preaching</b> <b>Fellowship Hour</b> - All are Welcome! <b>Resource Development</b> <b>Colonial Chimers</b>

**Rev. Jenny will be on vacation September 20-October 1**