

ORDER OF WORSHIP
18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 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

Come, let us gather to praise our God!

For we are grateful to know that God claims us.

Come, let us gather to hear how to follow our God!

For we are called to live and walk as God leads us.

Come, let us gather to give thanks to our God!

For we are blessed with God's holy company on this journey of life.

For God's claim, God's leading, God's company,

Let us praise and worship our God!

***Hymn #743**

“O God, You Are My God”

Choir will sing through once and congregation sings twice.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, forgive us. We are prone to wander from your way, too easily distracted by the ways of this world. We forget your calling, we forget our purpose, we lose sight of the vision. Forgive us for words and actions that are hurtful to others. Forgive us for closing our eyes to your image in others, and to the deep needs in a hurting world. Restore us to your path of righteousness and keep us moving toward your will. Grateful for 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

"I Will Sing Praise"

J. Martin

The Choir

I will sing praise to the Lord, my God, Lift up my voice in the sanctuary. I will sing praise to the Lord, my God; I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy name. Sing the glory of his name; I will praise his name forever. Oh, the name above all names! I will sing praise to him, give all my life to him. Sing Alleluia, all heavens rejoice! Sing Alleluia, lift high your voice. Sing alleluia and make a joyful noise.

Prayer for Illumination

Shine your holy light on your Word to us today, O God. Hold it out before us, so we can see how you call us to live. And as those who see, inspire us to be those who follow. In the way of Jesus, Amen.

A Scripture Conversation

Sermon *“Ruhleben”*

***Hymn #741** *“Guide My Feet”*

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**

You have blessed us with much, O God. Hearing your call, seeing your vision, we give in order to be a blessing to others. Use what we give, and how we live, to be your faithful presence in the world. In the way of Jesus Christ. 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 846**

Fight the Good Fight

*Charge and Benediction

Choral 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: Ray Snyder

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Nursery: Lyn Briggs & Susan Townsend

Sunday School: Bev Stoudt

Fellowship Hour: Ron Studd & Bev Stoudt

Counters: Cynthia Robbins & Jo Viola

The flowers today are given by *Steve Martin, Cynthia Robbins & Katie*
In Memory of Ann Fulmer

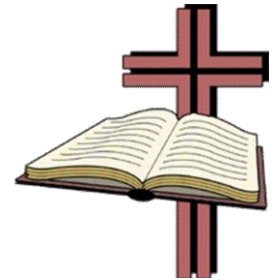
Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Hattie Matthews

1890-1969

Morrial G. Thornton, Jr.

1926-1991



THE PICTURE WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT U on OCTOBER 22!

Calling all church folk! We will be taking some congregational photos during/after worship on Sunday October 22 and need all faces! This is a fun way to show prospective pastor candidates – and others who check us out on the website – who we are. Please make every effort to be here – and encourage others to bring their faces, too! And then, plan to stay for the....

GIVING BRUNCH – OCTOBER 22

We'll celebrate all the giving in the past that has given us the gift of our church today, and the ways we can give now to insure that our church's vision and vitality continue. We'll share good food, some creative opportunities – like a photo booth – and most of all, the good company of our church family. Don't miss it!

THANKS FOR ALL THE CLOTHES!

The Clothing Bank of Delaware van arrives TODAY to collect ALL THOSE BAGS of clothing that you've donated over the past month. If you can help haul them downstairs, we'd appreciate it! Thanks for this wearable witness to helping others!

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

We began receiving this PC(USA) Offering last Sunday, supporting programs working for the much needed peace in our world, nation and community. This year, Session has designated that our 25% of the offering support Doctors Without Borders and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Response. If you have not yet contributed, special envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Thank you!

WHAT'S THE WORD? A weekday Bible Study begins THIS WEDNESDAY October 11 at 1 pm

Jenny will lead a Biblical journey through Biblical journeys, beginning in the fall with Old Testament journeyers. Come join the journey and the discussions of how transition affects us all in many ways, for many reasons – and how to seek to live in it, and through it, faithfully.

COME AND GET CRAFTY – NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 15!

All hands welcome, as we prepare a project for Spirit of Christmas together! No experience required and lots of help needed as we work on making children's fleece hats and scarves. All supplies provided. Any questions – contact Ellie Gerhart (753-9632)

SEAMEN'S CENTER CHRISTMAS AT SEA

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to remind everyone that we will again be supporting the Seamen's Center **Christmas at Sea** program. As in past years, we hope to provide approximately 40 "ditty boxes" which will include various items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, candy, etc., as well as hand knitted scarves and hats. Over 1,000 "ditty boxes" are given each year to the seamen who arrive at our port by ship during the month of December. This is our opportunity as a church and as individuals to be a part of the "bigger world" as we share our resources and our gratitude with those who work hard all year long to provide us with essential goods. For those wishing to participate, please see the poster in Fellowship Hall. Items should be delivered to church by November 19, 2017. The "ditty boxes" will be assembled after worship that day.

Anyone with questions about the program should contact Ellie Gerhart (328-0908) or Barbara Whisman (322-6234).

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	10/8	10:30am 11:30am 11:40am 11:40am 12:00pm 12:00pm	Worship & Sunday School Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome! Christian Education Mtg Deacons Meeting Rm 206 Clothing Bank Pickup Colonial Chimers
Monday	10/9	6:00pm	Mission Study
Tuesday	10/10	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10/11	1:00pm 7:30pm	Bible Study Choir
Thursday	10/12	7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	10/14	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	10/15	10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 12:00pm	Worship & Sunday School Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome! SOC Crafter Workshop Colonial Chimers