

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

January 7, 2018

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

We come to worship,

As beloved children of God.

Jesus is with us,

As he stood with sinners on the river bank.

We seek the Spirit,

Who filled and empowered Jesus, and does so for all who follow him.

Let us rejoice in our baptisms and worship God!

*Hymn #482 "Baptized in Water"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and turn to Jesus Christ. But we stray from his ways, and do not heed your call.

Lord, have mercy.

In baptism, you gave us the Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. Lord, have mercy.

In baptism, you call us to unity, but we do not nurture the ways of peace. We allow hatred to grow, putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you've entrusted to us, and ignore the suffering of the poor and oppressed. Lord, have mercy.

O God, remember the promises you made to us in our baptisms.

Forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness, so that in Jesus Christ we may be your faithful servants... (Time of Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Response Hymn #475 v.1**

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem "The Lord Came Down to the River" Pepper Choplin
The Choir

When the Lord came down to the river to be baptized by John, the Holy Spirit led the way. When he came up from the water, he saw the heavens open wide as he heard a voice from heaven come to say: "This is my Son in whom I am well-pleased. This is my Son who comes to follow me." Then a dove from heaven came down and there was glory all around. And the Spirit led the way as the Lord began his ministry that day. Now another comes to the water to be baptized today. The Holy Spirit leads the way. As we gather by the water, God's blessings shower down and now the Holy Spirit seems to say: This is my child in whom I am well pleased. This is my child who comes to follow me. And my Spirit will come down, my love and power will surround. And I will lead the way as this child begins a life of faith today. Now another comes to the water, and the Spirit leads the way.

Prayer for Illumination

May your Word to us today, O God, be water to our thirsty souls, quenching our need for your assurance and helping us to grow in wisdom and faithfulness. In the way of Jesus, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

Page: NT 34

A Scripture Conversation

Sermon "After the water dries..."

***Hymn #288 "Spirit of the Living God"**

(If you have a prayer request card, please give it to an usher during this hymn)

***Re-affirmation of Baptismal Vows**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

....Let us remember our baptism and be thankful, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

We are claimed and called as God's own! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN (back page) "I Believe in God Almighty"

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

The Partaking

*Please come forward to receive the sacrament,
and then draw out a baptism bead from the font as a sign
of the renewal of your baptism vows.*

Prayer

God, you have claimed us as your own at the font, and fed us the gift of salvation at the table. So claimed, so saved, so loved – may we live as those who know we belong to you, and who seek to follow the way of our Savior. In whose name we pray, Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

***Response (#711 v.1)**

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to your will.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we thank you for the covenant of love you have made with us in our baptisms. May the gifts that we give, and the way that we live, show us to be living signs of that covenant. Filled and led by your Spirit, may we witness to the world just whose we are. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

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

*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: Salina Brett

Ushers: Andrew, Julia & Allie Lundgren & Susan Townsend

Communion: Joan Appleby, Amy Selheimer, Joan Smith, Heather Raezer
& Susan Townsend

Nursery: Molly Cooney & Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Melissa Boris

Fellowship Hour: Makenzie & Andy Schulz

Counters: Carol Mayhew & Jane Fouracre

The flowers today are given by ***Bob & Joan Appleby***

In Memory of Loved Ones

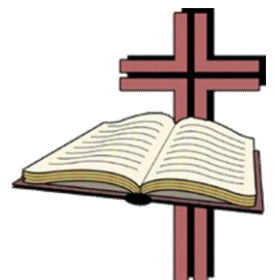
Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Florence K. Ballard

1892-1973

John Allen Wallace

1903-1993



HELP KEEP SEAFARERS WARM

The Seamen Ctr of Wilmington is always in need of men's warm winter clothing (**coats, sweatshirts, pants, gloves and hats.**) Donations can be left in the second floor craft room of the CE Building. Questions, call Ellie Gerhart at 328-0908.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Thanks to all who helped make our 2016 Spirit of Christmas celebration a great success! Because of your sharing of talent and time, this year we will be sending Friendship House at least \$8,500!

We will hold a meeting January 23rd at 7:00pm to review our 2017 Spirit of Christmas celebration. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact one of us or notify the church office by email at office@newcastlepreschurch.org.

We're looking forward to another great celebration in 2018!

Pat Taylor, Miranda Matthews, and Kelly Koczak McCurdy

“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS” – Wednesday Bible Study

Starting the first Wednesday in January and continuing until Lent begins February 14, we will be focusing on the book of Esther, the various journeys of faith there and then, and how they speak to us here and now. Join us Wednesdays at 1:00 pm!

BAPTISM NEXT SUNDAY!

Come and celebrate the baptism of Lia Mae Esham, daughter of Laura and Doug Esham and big sister Wren. May God bless this family in this new beginning!

ENVELOPES

Don't forget to pick up your church offertory envelopes. They are located in the entrance way of the CE building.

SNOWATCH

Not sure if anyone was aware but on Thursday, January 4th we had our first snow day and the office was closed. We now have an account on SnoWatch through WDEL and WSTW. You will be able to find any updates there under Religious Organizations. SnoWatch reports are broadcast on 1150 AM WDEL and 93.7 FM WSTW and are available online at wdel.com and wstw.com.

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	1/7	10:30am	BAPTISM OF THE LORD Worship – Lord's Supper & Sunday School
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome
		11:45am	Continuing Education Mtg
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Monday	1/8	7:00pm	Mission Study
Tuesday	1/9	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1/10	1:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	1/11	7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	1/13	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	1/14	10:30am	Worship & Sunday School - Baptism Lia Esham
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome
		11:40am	Deacons Meeting
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

“I Believe in God Almighty”

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3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

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Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

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