

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

February 4, 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**

*from Psalm 147*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; God's understanding is  
beyond measure!

**The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear God, in those who hope in  
God's steadfast love!**

Trusting in God's power, hopeful in God's love,

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, you have blessed us with faith, but we have not lived it fully.  
For trusting our own judgment more than your Spirit's power,  
For doubting that a new way might be your way,  
For speaking when we should have been silent, and  
For remaining silent when we should have spoken out,  
For backing away when we should have taken a stand,  
For letting fear stifle our love and generosity,  
For all the ways we have not worn the name "Christian" well,  
O God, forgive us. Grateful for your mercy, hear our personal  
prayers for forgiveness...(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

“On Eagle's Wings”

Michael Joncas / Mark Hayes

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life. Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!" And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear. Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you, and hold you, and hold you in the palm of His hand, of His hand, in God's hand.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Open us to your Word now, O God. Make us willing to see not only the assurance that comforts us, but the calling that challenges us to be your faithful people. In the way of Jesus. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

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A Scripture Conversation

Sermon

*“A Nest and a Nudge”*

**\*Hymn #684** “Faith Begins by Letting Go”

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

Prayer

## 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**

**You have offered us yourself, O God – showing us the way, the truth and the life. We now offer what we have, and who we are, as those grateful and willing to follow as you lead us. As we have been blessed, so may we be bold to arise as you send us into the world you so loved. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn #744**      “Arise! Your Light Is Come!”

**\*Charge and 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: Scott Matthews

Ushers: Susan & Jim Flook

Communion: **Janet Spring\***, Karen Dobson, Rachel Briggs,  
Gail & C.J. Seitz

Nursery: Lyn Briggs & Susan Townsend

Sunday School: Heather Raezer

Fellowship Hour: Melissa, Parker & Mackenzie Boris

Counters: Fouracre/Mayhew

The flowers today are given by *Conchita Showell*  
**In Memory of my Beloved mother Arnita Showell**



The additional flowers in the palladium window are given  
by *Joan Appleby* **In Memory of Bob Appleby**

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Paul Witt*  
*1900-1973*

*Carol S. Wiley*  
*1914-1994*



## **WORSHIP LEADERS – NEEDED!**

We are in need of a worship leader for February 18 & February 25. Please sign up!

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

Started 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!

## **CALL FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service **TODAY** for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing an elder nominee.

## **WE’VE OPENED OUR DOORS**

The Session has agreed to act on our call to Christian hospitality and community engagement by welcoming groups to use our facility on a regular basis. The Nueva Vida AA Group will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 206 (Adult Lounge). The Nuevo Despertar Al-Anon and Al-Ateen groups will meet on Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 pm in Rooms 206 (Adult Lounge) and 208 (Trustees Room). We are grateful that these groups are available to those in the community who need them.

## **LENTEN SUPPERS – a New Castle tradition – each Wednesday, 6:00-7:30pm**

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|-------------|---|
| February 21 | New Castle Presbyterian Church “The Last Supper”    |
| February 28 | Immanuel on the Green “The Betrayal”                |
| March 7     | Hope Lutheran Church “The Trial”                    |
| March 14    | St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church “The Crucifixion” |
| March 21    | New Castle United Methodist “The Resurrection”      |

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to help with our hosting event, both the supper and the service. Invite someone to join you as a part of your own Lenten practice, as we listen and learn from our sisters and brothers in other faith traditions in our community.

## **FRIENDSHIP HOUSE BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

On February 10 and 11 our congregation will be responsible for breakfast at the Episcopal Church of St. Andrew and St. Matthew located at 8th and Shipley Street in Wilmington. On Saturday we need volunteers to prepare the quiche at the 8th and Shipley Street location and on Sunday we will need volunteers to serve. Donations are also welcomed. Please 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](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com) or Fran Gingher, silverfran@aol.com

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**This Week's Schedule**

|                  |                      |                |   |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>2/4</b>           | <b>10:30am</b> | <b>Worship – Lord's Supper<br/>&amp; Sunday School</b>            |
|                  |                      | <b>11:30am</b> | <b>Congregational Meeting</b>                                     |
|                  |                      | <b>11:40am</b> | <b>Fellowship Hour - All Welcome</b>                              |
|                  |                      | <b>12:00pm</b> | <b>Colonial Chimers</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>2/6</b>           |                | <b>Baked Brownies Due</b>   |
|                  |                      | <b>12:00pm</b> | <b>Noon Circle</b>  |
|                  |                      | <b>7:00pm</b>  | <b>Nueva Vida AA Group Rm 206</b>                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>2/7</b>           | <b>9:15am</b>  | <b>Emmanuel Dining Room Prep</b>                                  |
|                  |                      | <b>1:00pm</b>  | <b>Bible Study</b>  |
|                  |                      | <b>6:00pm</b>  | <b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>                                  |
|                  | <b>6:00pm-7:30pm</b> |                | <b>Nuevo Despertar Al-Anon<br/>and Al-Ateen groups Rm 206/208</b> |
|                  |                      | <b>7:30pm</b>  | <b>Choir</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>2/8</b>           | <b>7:00pm</b>  | <b>Nueva Vida AA Group Rm 206</b>                                 |
|                  |                      | <b>7:30pm</b>  | <b>Celebration Ringers</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>2/10</b>          | <b>8-9am</b>   | <b>Tai Chi</b>  |
|                  |                      | <b>4:00pm</b>  | <b>Mission Outreach Meeting</b>                                   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>2/11</b>          | <b>10:30am</b> | <b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>                                |
|                  |                      | <b>11:30am</b> | <b>Fellowship Hour - All Welcome</b>                              |
|                  |                      | <b>11:40am</b> | <b>Resource Development Mtg</b>                                   |
|                  |                      | <b>11:40am</b> | <b>Deacons Mtg</b>  |
|                  |                      | <b>12:00pm</b> | <b>Colonial Chimers</b>   |