

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Reese
Colonial Chimers

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 99

The Lord reigns – let the people tremble!

Let them praise your great and awesome name – Holy is God!

Mighty King, lover of justice -

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool – Holy is God!

Extol the Lord our God and worship at God's holy mountain.

For the Lord our God is holy!

***Hymn #12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we do not choose to see you as you truly are. We prefer to create you in our own image, and see your will as consistent with our own. We prefer comfort to the uphill climb of discipleship.

We confess, O God, that we do not choose to see others as you see them. We are quick to judge and slow to understand.

We confess, O God, that we do not see ourselves as you have created us to be. We deny your gifts within us, and dismiss opportunities to respond to your call.

Forgive us for our short-sighted and selfish vision, and renew in us a desire to follow where you lead. Grateful for your mercy, hear our prayers...(Time of Silent Confession)

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)

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is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hakes

The Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Amen

Prayer for Illumination

Shine your Light upon these words, O God, that in them we would see your Word for us today. Open our minds and hearts by your Spirit that we would be ready and willing not only to hear but to follow them. In the way of Jesus, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

Page: OT 81

A Scripture Conversation

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Page: NT 44

Sermon

"The Upside"

***Hymn #193** "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Here I Am, Lord Schutte/Wagner
 Colonial Chimers

***Response (#610 v.5)**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Glory be to you, O God, for all you have given us in the past, and all you promise us for the future. Receive what we give as a sign of our promise to keep the faith, and to keep walking on, and even walking up, as you lead us in your way. In the way of Jesus, 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 #853** “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

*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: Jane Fouracre

Ushers: Connie & Laurie Bell

Nursery: Molly Cooney & Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Bev Stoudt

Fellowship Hour: Jim Whisman

Counters: Cynthia Robbins & Lyn Briggs

The flowers today are given by *Lisa Fries*

In Memory of David Fries



Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

William Knowles

1913-1973

Sandra Dugan Rigby

1968-1995



WORSHIP LEADERS – NEEDED!

We are in need of a worship leader for Sundays in March. Perhaps this could be something you take on as a Lenten spiritual practice? Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, please!

“It was on the Monday.....Tuesday.. Wednesday...”: a Bible Study on the days of Holy Week

Join us on Wednesdays at 1 pm, starting this Wednesday February 14 (Ash Wednesday), as we spend the season of Lent looking at each of the days of the last week of Jesus’ life on earth. Using poetry from the Iona Community and the gospel texts, we’ll focus on each of the events leading up to and including Jesus’ death and burial. Perhaps this could be something you’ll take on as a Lenten spiritual practice?

COMING THIS LENT: “JOURNEY WORDS”

Next Sunday as we begin the season of Lent, we will be invited forward during the service to take an envelope with 2 small cards. The word on those cards is your “Journey Word” for the season of Lent. One card you will place on the banner on the pulpit, and the other is yours to keep with you. You are to take on that word as one of your Lenten disciplines. Listen for it, pray on it, see it in life around you, sense for what it calls for from you. Listen for how your word is used in worship. Engage with others about their words and what they mean to them. May your “Journey Word” grow on you, and grow in you, as we journey to the cross and empty tomb together this Lent.

NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE APPLEBY FAMILY

On behalf of Pam, Carolyn, Bobby and me. I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire church family for its support and comfort offered during Bob’s funeral. Bob would have been truly touched by the outpouring of love that surrounded the service. We are deeply grateful for all the effort put in by so many to make both the service and reception so very special. This church was a home to Bob his entire life and it was never more evident than on this day.

Affectionately,
Joan

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.

OFFICE NOTES

Jenny Warren will be away on study leave beginning February 26, as she attends the NEXT Church Conference in Baltimore Feb 26-28

<https://nextchurch.net/gatherings/2018-theme-general-information/>

followed by New Castle Presbytery's Beach Retreat/meeting in Ocean City, MD

<http://www.ncpresbytery.org/2018-ncp-beach-retreat/>

Rev. Kaci Clark-Porter will be our guest preacher on Sunday March 4.

Kris Krawczyk will be away on vacation Friday February 16, and the church office is closed for Presidents' Day Monday February 19.

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

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.

ANOTHER LENTEN OPPORTUNITY

Are you a visual person? Handy with your smartphone/camera? On Instagram or willing to try? Consider taking on Rethink Church's Photo-a-Day challenge for Lent. #rethinkchurch. Take a photo showing how you perceive each new word given for each day of lent. Tag @rethinkchurch. Be inspired by all the photos others share! For more info,

<http://www.rethinkchurch.org/articles/easter/2018-lent-photo-a-day>

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	2/11	10:30am	Worship & Sunday School
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour - All Welcome
		11:40am	Resource Development Mtg
		11:40am	Deacons Mtg
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Tuesday	2/13	7:00pm	Session Meeting
		7:00pm	Nueva Vida AA Group Rm 206
Wednesday	2/14	1:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm-7:30pm	Nuevo Despertar Al-Anon and Al-Ateen groups Rm 206/208
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	2/15	7:00pm	Nueva Vida AA Group Rm 206
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	2/16		Deadline for Newsletter OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	2/17	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	2/18	10:30am	Worship & Sunday School
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour - All Welcome
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

Kris will be on vacation, Friday, February 16. The office will be closed.