

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 12, 2008

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Organ Prelude

The Life and Work of the Church

Welcome, friends and members

Please sign welcome folders

Nursery care available in Education Building

Restrooms found in Education Building

Prayer requests for offering plate

Fellowship Hour following worship

Announcements – please use microphone

A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can declare all of God's praise?

**Happy are those who observe justice
and do righteousness at all times.**

***Hymn: #382** “Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

***Prayer of Adoration**

***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.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Great God of Israel,
we have broken faith with you
by fashioning our own solutions to our problems.
We have pressed forward
with our own plans and wishes
rather than waiting confidently upon you
to do that which is for our good and to your glory.
In so doing, we have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

**God of mercy, forgive us.
Guide us to respond to you in faith
and live as your chosen people.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response:** (sung twice)



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low you.



It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low



all of the days of my life. _____

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

Page: OT 78

A Scripture Conversation

Anthem: "His Eye is on the Sparrow"
The Choir

D. Moore

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Page: NT 24

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

Page: NT 198

Sermon "Bad Trade"

*Hymn #244 "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

***An Affirmation of Faith:**

The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.14-15

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service

to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology (#592)**

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 Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #145** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

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

Childcare

Child Care for infants is available. Please see an usher for directions. Children ages 2 and above may exit after the Scripture Conversation for **Someplace Else** (a lesson and activities in the CE Building) or remain in worship. Children of any age are always welcome in worship.

Worship Assistance

Please see an usher to receive hearing assistance, a large print bulletin or bible, or a personal seat cushion.

Prayer List:

Nursing Home and Hospital

The Arbors at New Castle:

32 Buena Vista Dr, New Castle, DE 19720
phone: 302-326-4121

Arline Olds

Cokesbury Village:

726 Loveville Rd, Hockessin, DE 19707;
Attn: Rm 1026 phone: 302-235-6017

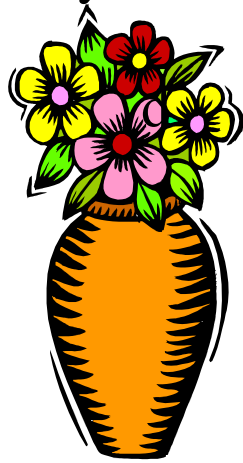
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Prayers for:

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Mark & Phyllis Stallard

In Memory of Loved Ones



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Margaret G. Young

1917-1990

Dorothy J. Beck

1915-1992

Someplace Else (Children's Bible Study and Activities):

Molly Fouracre

Worship Leader: Linda Bennett



Communion Workshop

Nancy will lead a brief information and question answering workshop for all those scheduled to serve communion in the coming year immediately following our worship service this morning. Meet in the kitchen – coffee and cookie in hand. Everyone is welcome. The Communion Server Schedule is posted on the CE Building bulletin board.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Our next delivery will be October 13-17. If anyone is interested in delivering meals to shut-in Seniors in the New Castle area, please contact Ellen Matthews at 302-777-1133.

Mon. 13

Shirley
Knox

Tues. 14

Jean
Swanson
Joan
Smith

Wed. 15

Irv Lipp

Thur. 16

Dot &
Jason
Campbell

Fri. 17

Susan
Flook
Ruth
Moore



Mission and Outreach - Thank You!

On behalf of the Mission and Outreach Committee, I would like to thank all the members and friends of our congregation who helped us bring down all of the clothing items, etc. from Room 205. It is a blessing to see what great things we can accomplish when we act as a community of believers. We are also thankful for your contributions to the Peacemaking Offering on October 5th. The local portion of this offering will go to support the Clothing Bank of Delaware.

"Ditty Box"

Items for the Port of Wilmington Seaman's Center

On **November 9th**, the Mission and Outreach Committee, in conjunction with the youth group, will be assembling the "ditty boxes" for distribution during the holiday season. If you took an "orange" from the Seaman Center poster, please have the items on your list turned in on or before this date. There is a clothes basket in the front hallway of the CE building for collecting purposes.



CROP Walk Sunday, October 19th

Today is the last day to sign up for the CROP Walk. If you are not walking, why not consider making a donation to one or more of the walkers whose names appear on the easel in the CE Building? All donations are due on or before Sunday, **November 2nd**. Cash is accepted. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP. Tax receipts are available at the easel. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk with our friends of other denominations to bring hope and support to people in need throughout our own country and the world. Your pledge can make a difference!

If you are a walker, you only need to bring the top portion of your "pledge" envelope on Sunday, October 19th. All pledge envelopes must be returned to Janet Spring on or before November 2nd. Walkers should report to New Castle Methodist Church by 12:30 p.m. to turn in your registration form. Walk begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. We would like to thank New Castle Methodist Church for sponsoring this event and providing support along the "route".

Solo Singles

You are invited to come on a day trip to Shady Maple with the New Castle Senior Center on October 22nd from 9:30am to 6:00pm. The cost is \$27.00, which includes charter bus and driver tip.

Lunch is on your own at the sumptuous buffet. Also included on site is a gift shop, a department store and grocery store which include many products you can find only in the Pennsylvania Dutch area.

Please make your reservations in a.s.a.p. call Eileen at 326-4209. First come first serve. (Pun intended!)



Spirit of Christmas **December 13**

Sign-up sheets are already available for Spirit of Christmas volunteer positions. We need every member to take part! Visit the Spirit of Christmas station today at the far end of the Fellowship Hall. Volunteer opportunities include making cookies, soup, or bread; selling food, crafts, books, or donated items; serving refreshments; greeting visitors at the Christian Education Building or Manse; making craft items; and other jobs. If you have any questions, contact Susan Flook (328-7346 or suzieflook@hotmail.com).



Calling All Homemade Soup and Bread Makers

We need your help again to make those delicious soups and breads for the 2008 Spirit of Christmas celebration on **December 13**. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Christian Education building for you to volunteer for this gift of love. Remember that the soup is to be freshly made, not frozen, and that the containers, lids, and labels will be on the church kitchen counter for you to take when you need them. There is a separate sheet for your help with the sales. **Thank you!**



Spirit of Christmas – Book Corner **December 13**



Please save the CD's - DVD's - Books* you no longer need. Bring to the CE Building from Thanksgiving Day to December 12th.

*We sell paperback, children's and hardback books - (particular interest in Civil War last year). But no serial publications like National Geographic or encyclopedias – they do not sell.



Spirit of Christmas - Craft Table

December 13

We would like to encourage members of our congregation to donate craft items to be sold at the Spirit of Christmas. We have very many talented individuals in our congregation and have always received a wonderful variety of items. Ellie Gerhart and her "elves" have been busy all summer creating some great gifts and we hope to have a very full table. Items for sale may begin arriving at the Thanksgiving breakfast and any time after that. We encourage you to price your items. Price Tags will be available at the breakfast and at all coffee hours. If you are not able to make anything for the table, please consider donating a few hours to work the table during the Spirit of Christmas. There is a sign-up sheet on the Spirit of Christmas "bulletin board" with 2 hour shifts throughout the day.



LOOKING FOR PENNIES

Are those pesky pennies clogging up your purse and weighing down your pockets? For a number of years, it was customary for other members of the congregation to donate their extra pennies for one of the Noon Circle's chosen charities. Currently, whenever we have collected as much as \$100.00 in pennies, they are donated to Friendship House. So if you have extra pennies you don't need, we would be happy to accept them for this worthy project. You may slip them into a plastic bag and either place them in the Noon Circle church mailbox, or hand them to our treasurer, Gisele Vorrhein, and many thanks!

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	10/12	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
		11:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
		12:00pm	Fellowship Hour
		12:15pm	Communion Workshop
		12:30pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday	10/13	7:00pm	Deacons
Tuesday	10/14	2:00pm	Presbytery Clergywomen's Tea @ Manse
Wednesday	10/15	1:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/16	6:45pm	Colonial Chimers
		7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting
		8:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	10/18	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	10/19	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
		11:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
		12:00pm	Fellowship Hour
		12:30pm	Youth Fellowship Lunch
		1:00pm	CROP Walk (N.C.U. Methodist)