

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
LESSONS AND CAROLS**

December 21, 2008

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Handbell Prelude:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Kenyon

Colonial Chimers

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

## **Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

**“My soul glorifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. Alleluia!”**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray.

**God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of him who is Ruler of all. Amen.**

**\*Carol: #2      “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

**\*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.**

Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6

Page: OT 725

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of surprises, we pretend not to hear your  
messengers calling our names.**

**We look away, sure that there must be a mistake,  
for we are afraid to believe that you would trust us  
to bear you into the world.**

**We are just ordinary people trying to get by.**

**We wish you would choose someone else.**

**Have mercy on us, O Most High.**

**Help us to believe with Mary.**

**Send your Spirit upon us,**

**that we may indeed live for the sake of  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

**\*Carol: #48** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Lesson: Isaiah 40:6b-8, 10-11

Page: OT 667

**\*Carol: #9** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Page: NT 56

Canticle: Luke 1:47-55

Page: NT 56

A Scripture Conversation

Lesson: Haggai 2:6-9

Page: OT 878

Anthem: “Advent Jubilate”  
The Choir

Parker/Shackley

Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Page: NT 165

**\*Carol: #38** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Reflection

**\*Carol: #49** “Once in Royal David’s City”

The Sacrament of Baptism  
Presentation and Promises

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Act of Baptizing  
Reception of New Members

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Lesson: Matthew 2:9b-11

Page: NT 2

Offertory: "Sing We Now of Christmas"  
Colonial Chimers arr: Moglebust

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

Lesson: Luke 1:78-79

Page: NT 58

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Carol #29** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

\*Charge and Benediction: Luke 2:29-32

Page: NT 59

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

*Isabel Klein*

## **Prayers for:**



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Alice M. McCallion*

*1920-1998*

*Samuel F. Nichol*

*1907-1996*

This morning, our Ushers are:

Bob & Lyn Briggs, Joanne & John Hopkins

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

Molly Fouracre

Reader: Beth Hentkowski

Advent Candle Family:

Bev & Jim Stoudt and Miles & Mason Harding

This morning the Sacrament of Baptism is administered to Brian, Sarah and Brad Werkheiser. They are received upon their profession of faith. Their parents, Susan and Jim Werkheiser, are received upon reaffirmation of faith. Holding the baptismal bowl of water is Earl Reed, Susan's father.

The Beautiful Christmas Display of Flowers  
In the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God



*Loving*  
*Memory* and

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OF



Phoebe Dill	In Honor of the Choir
Ruth Moore	In Memory of my husband David Moore and my parents Margaret & Henry Laughlin
Loise Thornton	In Memory of Morrial G. Thornton
Irv and Susan Lipp	In Honor of Family & Friends
Gene and Carol Mayhew	In Honor of Loved Ones & Friends
Joe and Debbie Harrington	In Memory and Honor of Loved Ones
Carlo and Joanne Viola	In Memory of our Loved Ones
Dick and Ginny Appleby	In Memory of Loved Ones
Jim and Bev Stoudt	In Memory of Robert and Lottie Stoudt
Bill and Marcia Quillen	In Memory of Jim Quillen and In Honor of Janet Spring, Mission Leader
Bruce and Kay Gordon	In Memory of Loved Ones
Chuck and Joan Smith	In Memory of William and Carrie Hopkins
Susan Townsend	In Memory of Loved Ones
Richard and Chris Fagles	In Memory of George and Peg Twyford and Jean Fagles
Sharon V. Graybeal	In Memory of Loved Ones
Bob and Janet Spring	In Honor of Bill and Marcie Perkins
Bob and Joan Appleby	In Memory of Loved Ones
Scott and Amy Selheimer	In Memory of Ian Watkins and Charles Selheimer
The Dobson Family	In Memory of Erle "Buddy" Dobson
Don and Connie Reese	In Memory and Honor of our Parents
David and Pat Bird	In Memory and Honor of Loved Ones
Mary Cebenka	In Memory of Frank and Betty Tyler (parents)
Jason and Dot Campbell	In Honor of the Swanson Family

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Nancy L. Rowland	In Memory of Richard H. Rowland and In Honor of Janice C. Rowland
The Krawczyk Family	In Honor and Memory of NCPC Members and Members of our Families
Barbara Quillen	In Memory of R. James Quillen Jr.
Bob and Ruth McCullough	In Honor of our Dear Friends at NCPC
Nancy Coning and Tom McDowell	In Honor of our Many Blessings
Sidney Wilson	In Memory of Hess Wilson
Dean and Lynn MacEwen	In Memory of Loved Ones
Anita Johnson	In Memory of Ralph Johnson
Herb and Jean Swanson	In Honor of our Wonderful Loving Family, Mike, Ché, Christi and Family
Nanette Nichol	In Memory of Loved Ones
Pat and David Taylor	In Memory and Honor of our Parents
Bill Anthony	In Memory of Parents William and Wilma Anthony
Dan and Shirley Knox	In Memory of Erle "Buddy" Dobson
John and Joanne Hopkins	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Hopkins and Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Murray
Jim and Susan Flook	In Memory of our Parents
Rob and Juliann Barry	In Honor of our Parents
Pat Adair	In Memory of James A. Adair III
Steve Martin, Cynthia Robbins and Katie Martin	In Memory of Ann Fulmer and Milt and Thelma Kern
Monty and Ellie Gerhart	In Memory and Honor of our Family
Earl and Janet Reed	In Memory of Loved Ones
Fran Handy	In Memory of Loved Ones

**Arbors Art Exhibit - Arline M. Olds  
December 21<sup>st</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**OPEN HOUSE  
December 21<sup>ST</sup>  
2:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

Arbors at New Castle is proud to present an art exhibit for our resident, Arline M. Olds. We welcome all of Arbor's residents and their families, Arline's family, church family, and her Delta Kappa Gamma sorority to view her water colors.

Some light refreshments will be served.

Please come and visit with Arline and enjoy her art work.



**Adult Education**

You are invited and encouraged to join us for our Advent and Christmas Bible study at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Our course for November 30 through January 4 will be "Celebrating Christmas: Scripture and Culture in Conversation." Come and see why we do what we do!

## **Last Minute Contributions**

Please be advised that in order to have any contribution to the church count as a gift for 2008, it must be received by the church or postmarked by December 31, 2008. The IRS rules are stringent and there is no “grace period”.

## **Each Sunday of Advent** **“White Gifts”**

The Deacons will collect donations of non-perishable food for the local New Castle food cupboard operated by St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Peter’s Catholic Church for hungry people who live in New Castle. The food will be collected each of the four Sundays in Advent, as well as Christmas Eve. Please bring donated breakfast or canned meat and protein items, juice, soup, vegetables, fruit or even dessert items and place them in the marked box in the narthex of the Meeting House.

The term “White Gifts” referred to the white wrapping paper around each donated can or box. We no longer wrap individual items. However, our celebration of the hope, love, joy, and anticipation of Christ in our lives will wrap each donation with the sparkling glory of God’s working presence in our midst.

Thank you,  
The Deacons

**Weekly Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/21</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Friendship House Breakfast</b>
		<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b>
			<b>The Sacrament of Baptism</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
		<b>12:10pm</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour @ Manse</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Caroling in New Castle</b>
		<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Refreshments @ the Mayhew's</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/24</b>		<b>Christmas Eve</b>
			<b>Office Closed</b>
		<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/25</b>		<b>Christmas Day</b>
			<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/27</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/28</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>