

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

December 28, 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

Let us sing with gladness,
for the love of God has come to dwell on earth.

Let us shout with joy,
for the grace of God is at work in our lives.

Let us praise God, the giver of all blessings,
for the very heart of God is given to us.

Hymn: #22 “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

*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

**O Loving God, you call us to celebrate in fullness
the salvation you have brought to us in Jesus,
your Son.**

**You present Jesus our light and show us his glory.
Yet we hear this story as ancient,
and do not make it our own.**

O God, forgive us.

**Place your Son in our arms and show us
our salvation.**

**Join our voices with those before us
that we may sing your praise to all who will hear
and be bearers of your good news.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #22 vs. 4**

**All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son
Ye, who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-28

Page: NT 59

Canticle: #603 “Song of Simeon”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:33-40

Page: NT 59

A Scripture Conversation

Anthem: “Baby, What You Goin’ To Be?”

Sleeth

Eileen Dunham & Minerva Lermond

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Page: OT 692

Sermon

***Hymn: #53** “What Child Is This?”

***An Affirmation of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts
Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology (#59 vs. 6)**

**All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace:
Good will to all from highest heaven
Begin and never cease!
Begin and never cease!**

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #28** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*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

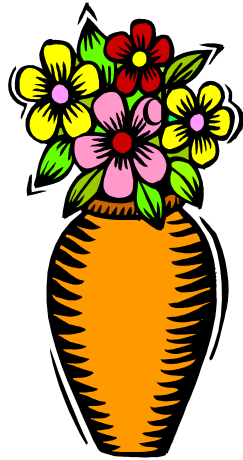
Cokesbury Village:

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

Isabel Klein

Prayers for:

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by:
Bob and Lyn Briggs
In Memory of our Parents



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Evelyn Schooley
1910-1998
Sophie B. Luoma
1900-1996

This morning, our Ushers are:
Bob & Lyn Briggs, Joanne & John Hopkins

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

Worship Leader:
Minerva Lermond

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	12/28	11:00am 12:00pm	No Bible Study Worship & Someplace Else Fellowship Hour
Wednesday	12/31		New Year's Eve No Bible Study
Thursday	1/1		New Year's Day Office Closed
Friday	1/2		Office Closed
SUNDAY	1/4	11:00am 12:00pm	No Bible Study Worship & Someplace Else Fellowship Hour

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".