

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

January 4, 2009

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

Arise, shout out God's praise!

**The One we seek has come to us.**

Arise, shine with God's light!

**The One who brings peace is among us.**

Arise, give thanks, let your hearts rejoice!

**The One who brings God's love is alive with us.**

**\*Hymn: #411**      "Arise, Your Light is Come!"

**\*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

**God of glory, you send out your love as a beacon,  
that all may find their way to you.**

**All too often we see only our own shadows,  
and take pleasure in the stature we assume,  
sure that we are the keepers of the light.**

**We are surprised-even frightened-when others  
come to your light,  
bringing their gifts in ways that are different  
from ours.**

**Forgive our down-turned eyes, O God.  
Lift our heads to see Jesus Christ, the light of  
the world.**

**Take away our fear and fill us with wonder,  
that we too may worship him with all who come.**

(silent prayers)

### Assurance of Pardon

**\*Sung Response: #579 “Gloria Patri”**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost!**

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Page: OT 690

Anthem: "African Star Carol"

Barrett

The Choir

Minerva Lermond, Drums

A Scripture Conversation

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

Page: NT 193

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Page: NT 2

Sermon      *"The Secret Door"*

**\*Hymn:** #66      "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
In him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.**

**All were created through him;  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is.  
In him everything continues in being.**

**It is he who is head of the body, the church!  
He who is the beginning,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
so that he may be first in everything.**

**It pleased God  
to make absolute fullness reside in him  
and, by means of him,  
to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens,  
making peace through the blood of his cross.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory:

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

\*Presentation

**\*Doxology (#63 vs. 3)**

**Magi offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ to Thee, our heav'nly King.**

**\*Prayer of Thanks**

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn: #67**

**“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”**

**\*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:

*Pat Adair*

In Memory of James Adair III

Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*James T. Eliason III*

*1926-1999*

*Ernest J. Cebrat*

*1918-1997*

This morning, our Ushers are:

Earl & Janet Reed

Someplace Else: Molly Fouracre

### **Our Minister Today**

We welcome Linda Bennett to the leadership of worship today. Linda is an ordained Methodist minister who is now a member of our congregation. Welcome Linda!

Pastor Nancy will be on “grand-maternity” leave through January 14. Direct any emergencies to Administrative Assistant, Kris Krawczyk, Recording Secretary, Shirley Knox or to Linda Bennett.

## Weekly Schedule

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>11:00am</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b> <b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/5</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Membership Evangelism Teams</b> <b>Meeting and Potluck</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/6</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>The Day of Epiphany</b> <b>Noon Circle Lunch @</b> <b>Prince on Delaware</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/7</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Cook Emmanuel Dining Room</b> <b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/8</b>	<b>5:00pm</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>6:45pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Literacy Volunteer Tutor</b> <b>Arasapha Garden Club</b> <b>Colonial Chimers (Youth)</b> <b>Al-Anon Meeting</b> <b>Celebration Ringers (Adult)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1/10</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
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## Noon Circle

January Noon Circle will meet for lunch at Prince on Delaware on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.