

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 11, 2009

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude: "Processional Jubilee"
Colonial Chimers

Anna Laura Page

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

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship: Mark 1:1-11

***Hymn: #492** "Baptized in Water"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Mighty and merciful God,
you have called us to be your people
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.
We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.
We have been timid and frightened disciples,
forgetful of your powerful presence
and the strength of your Spirit among us.**

(silent prayers)

**O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.
As you have chosen us
and claimed us in our baptism,
strengthen us anew
to choose Christ's way in this world.
Give us your Holy Spirit
that each one in ministry
may be provided with all the gifts of grace
needed to fulfill our common calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Opening Words

Renunciations and Affirmations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

We will, with God's help.

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer

Remembrance of Baptism

Remember your baptism and be thankful.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Time of Greeting

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Page: OT 1

A Scripture Conversation

Anthem: "Down to the River to Pray" arr. Sheldon Curry
The Choir

Epistle Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Page: NT 139

Sermon *"Candles and Snowflakes"*

***Hymn #409** "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: “Journey of the Kings” Sharon Elery Rogers
Colonial Chimers

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** “Maillaig Sprinkling Song”

Litingly

Leaving of Lismore



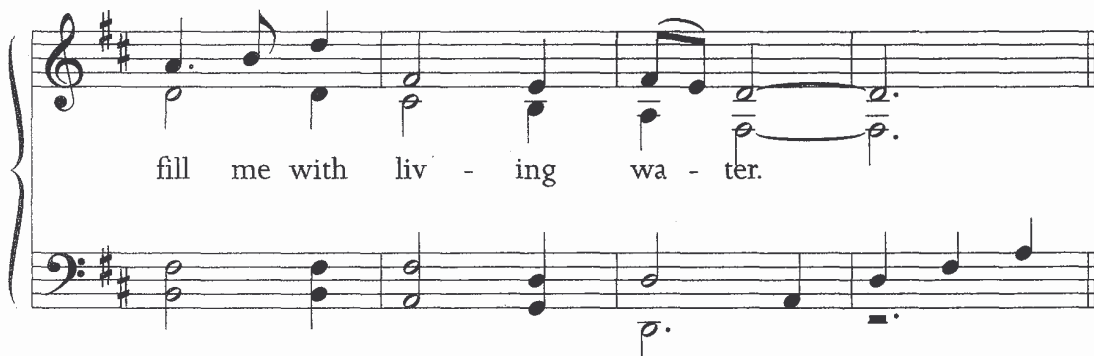
1. Spi - rit of God, come dwell with - in me.



O - pen my heart, O come set me free,



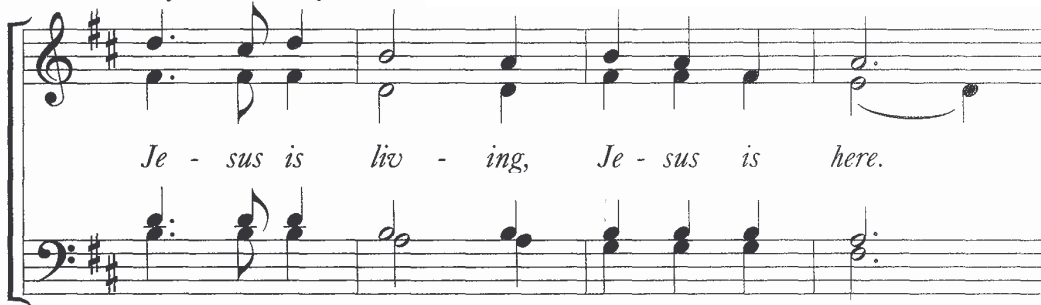
fill me with love for Je - sus, my Lord, O



fill me with liv - ing wa - ter.

2. Lord, how I thirst, O Lord, I am weak.
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek
Lord, you are life, and love and hope,
O fill me with living water.

Refrain (harmony)



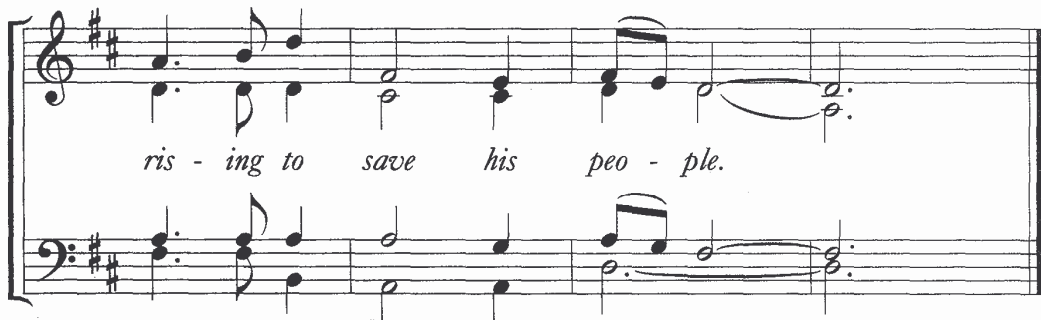
Je - sus is liv - ing, Je - sus is here.



Je - sus, my Lord, come clo - ser to me.



Je - sus, our Sa - viour dy - ing for me, and



ris - ing to save his peo - ple.

*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 Joan Appleby
In Memory of Loved Ones

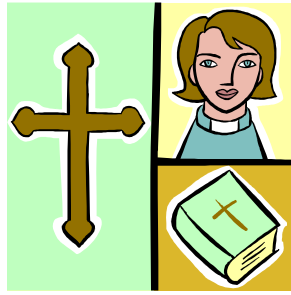


Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Brian A. Low
1954-1999
Gladys Morie Viola
1904-1997

This morning, our Ushers are:
Earl and Janet Reed

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

Worship Leader:
Marcia Quillen



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.

Congregational Potluck Supper

Winter is the best time to gather with church family and friends! We will come together with potluck dishes on Sunday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. and share the warmth of fellowship. We will gather around tables after dinner and practice our conversational skills with newcomers and friends, so that we might better be able to share the good news of God’s love.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	1/11	11:00am 12:00pm	Worship & Someplace Else Fellowship Hour
Monday	1/12	7:00pm	Deacons
Wednesday	1/14	6:00pm 7:30pm	Worship Committee Choir
Thursday	1/15	5:00pm 6:45pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Literacy Volunteer Colonial Chimers Al-Anon Meeting Celebration Ringers
Saturday	1/17	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	1/18	9:30am 11:00am 12:00pm	Adult Bible Study Worship-The Lord's Supper & Someplace Else Fellowship Hour

CE Building Cleanup

There will be a CE Building cleanup on Saturday, January 24th from 9am-12pm. It is being organized by the Trustees. It would be helpful to have someone from each church board attend so we know what belongs to which group and can decide as a group where to store things.