

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

January 25, 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: Psalm 65**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

You silence the tumult of the peoples.

**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds  
are awed by your signs.**

**\*Hymn: #288**      “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**\*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**

**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.**

**O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.  
As you have chosen us,  
and claimed us in our baptisms,  
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.**

(silent prayers)

### Assurance of Pardon

**\*Sung Response: "Our God Is an Awesome God"**



Our God is an awe - some God; he  
reigns from heav-en a - bove with wis - dom,  
pow'r, and love. Our God is an awe - some God!

WORDS: Rich Mullins (Deut. 10:17; Ps. 33:8; Matt. 13:54; Mark 6:2; Rev. 5:12; 19:6-7)

MUSIC: Rich Mullins

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**AWESOME GOD**  
Irregular

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 65:5-13

Page: OT 528

A Scripture Conversation

Anthem:

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” Larkin

The Choir

Minerva Lermond, Recorder

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

Page: NT 35

Sermon

*“Unlikely Miracles”*

**\*Hymn:** “Sing Praise Unto the Name of God” Tune: #562

**Sing praise unto the name of God.**

**Come, servants, now and offer laud,**

**From this time forth and evermore**

**O'er all the world from shore to shore.**

**Blest is your name, O living Lord,**

**O may your name be long adored.**

**You, Lord, are ruler of all lands.**

**Their governments are in your hands.**

**There is no other like you, God,**

**Your power is great, your love is broad.**

**All you that live within God's power**

**Sing praise in this and every hour.**

**You help the needy in distress,**

**You give them life that conquers death.**

**You grant the homeless sheltered space**

**And fill the empty with your grace.**

**The great and small for you are one.**

**In all things, Lord, your will is done.**

**Come praise the Lord with all your breath**

**Who gives us victory over death.**

**Praise to the Spirit who brings life**

**And nurtures us in every strife.**

**Praise Christ who conquers and is King,**

**O Three in One, to you we sing.**

**\*An Affirmation of Faith:**

The Presbyterian Church of South Africa

**We believe in God the Father  
who created all the world,  
who will unite all things in Christ  
and who wants all people to live together  
as brothers and sisters in one family.**

**We believe in God the Son  
who became human, died, and rose in triumph,  
to reconcile all the world to God,  
to break down every separating barrier  
of race, culture or class,  
and to unite all people into one body.**

**He is exalted as Lord over all.**

**He summons both the individual and society,  
both the Church and the State,  
to seek reconciliation and unity between all  
and justice and freedom for all.**

**We believe in God  
who gives the Church power  
to proclaim the good news to all the world,  
to love and serve all people,  
to strive for justice and peace,  
to warn that God judges both the individual and the  
nation,  
and to summon all the world to accept Gods reign here  
and now.**

## 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: #563**      “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

\*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:

*Lisa Fries*

In Memory of David Fries



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*James E. Nichol*

*1938-2000*

*George T. Twyford*

*1921-1998*

This morning, our Ushers are:

Earl & Janet Reed,

Brian & Brad Werkheiser

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

Molly Fouracre

Worship Leader:

Bruce Raker



## Congregational Potluck Supper

Winter is the best time to gather with church family and friends! We will come together with potluck dishes this evening 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.



## Souper Bowl

In conjunction with the Girl Scouts and the New Castle Senior Center, the Mission and Outreach committee will be sponsoring a "Souper" Bowl Drive during the month of January. Please bring **cans of soup** to the collection boxes in the CE Building all month. Your donations will be taken to the Food Bank on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Super Bowl Sunday. Last year our congregation was very generous and we are happy to support our friends at the New Castle Senior Center and the Girl Scouts under the leadership of Nancy Ciuffetelli with their efforts.



## **Grief Support**

***GriefShare*** is a weekly Christian support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Each session includes a 30 minute video featuring grief specialists discussing a particular aspect of grief and time for group sharing and prayer. ***GriefShare*** meets every Sunday afternoon, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Rodney Street. Parking is available behind the church, with entrance at the 1502 13<sup>th</sup> Street doors. For more information, contact Rev. Anne Ledbetter, [anne@wpc.org](mailto:anne@wpc.org), 654-5214, ext. 124.

## Weekly Schedule

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1/25</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>
		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Youth</b>
		<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Potluck Supper</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/26</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/27</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Spirit of Christmas Committee</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/28</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/29</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Literacy Volunteer</b>
		<b>6:45pm</b>	<b>Colonial Chimers</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon Meeting</b>
		<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1/30</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Youth Lock-In</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1/31</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship-Someplace Else &amp; Lord's Supper</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Christian Education Committee Meeting</b>