

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

September 6, 2009

10:00 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

Call to Worship

Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.

We trust in God, who is faithful to us.

Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.

We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.

Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.

We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.

Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.

We trust in God, who endures forever.

***Hymn: #305** “Jesus, Our Divine Companion”

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

forgive us for the many ways we fail you.

You invite us to commit ourselves to your never-failing care, but trust is difficult for us.

You ask us to reconcile broken relationships, but we avoid working that hard.

You call us to live a new life, bold in love and faith, but we are timid and unimaginative.

In these and many other ways, we resist your rule in our hearts.

Forgive us, O God, in your mercy.

Through your Spirit accomplish your will in us, strengthening us for your service and leading us in your grace, we pray through Jesus Christ.

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response:

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me. Oh, hands on me.

1 2 *Fine*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Page: OT 604

Special Music: "Czardas"

by Vittorio Monti

Kaitlyn Raker, Violin

Laura Rogers, Piano

Epistle Lesson: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Page: NT 229

A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:24-37

Page: NT 42

Sermon “*Righting Wrong*”

***Hymn: #386** “O For a World”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: “The Gift of Love”

by Hal Hopson

Lisa & Bruce Raker

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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Words of Institution

Distribution

Closing Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #332**

“Live Into Hope”

*Charge and 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:

Jim & Bev Stoudt

In Honor of Rich & Jill Valiant



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Martha C. Keegan

1879-1955

Howard L. Wilhelm

1887-1954

This morning, our Ushers are:

Jim & Barbara Whisman

Preparing and Serving Communion this morning are:

Amy Selheimer*, Minerva Lermond, Vic Clark,

Mark & Phyllis Stallard

Someplace Else: Yueming Guo



11:00 a.m. Worship Resumes

September 13 marks our return to worship at 11:00 a.m.

Join us that Sunday as we enjoy the return of the choir and the cooler weather!



Adult Education

Sundays:

Join us beginning September 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 206 to revisit a popular video series on Grace by Philip Yancey. We enjoyed this some years ago, and it's back by popular demand!

Wednesdays:

Join us beginning September 16 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a new study of Old Testament Wisdom Literature! Song of Solomon will knock your socks off, and Ecclesiastes will sound the cynical voice of our age. See how contemporary the Hebrew Bible can be!



September Clothing Drive

The Mission and Outreach Committee announces our annual clothing drive to be held during the entire month of September. We will collect items for Friendship House's Clothing Bank of Delaware (CBD) which is celebrating its 11th year of community service. Children's back to school items are in critical demand. Items such as school uniforms (all colors), backpacks, school supplies as well as clothing for school age children are needed immediately. Hopefully you, your extended families and your neighbors will be able to respond either by item or financial donation. While all clothing items and bed linens are welcomed, children's, men's, and larger-sized, work appropriate women's clothing are especially needed. It is important that donations be clean and in 'wearable' condition.

All donations should be bagged (large garbage bags work well) and left in the Christian Education building in Room **201** during office hours (Mon–Fri 8:30 am–12:30 pm) or after church on Sundays. If climbing stairs is a problem, simply leave your donations on the first floor making sure that the bags do not interfere with normal traffic. Tax donation slips will be available along with a guide to help determine the value of donated items.



Spirit of Christmas Craft Table

We are getting under way for the Spirit of Christmas. If you will be providing craft items for sale at the craft table, please put your name on the **CRAFT TABLE** sign-up sheet on the easel in the CE Building. Please let us know what you will be making and the approximate cost of the item so we will know how to price them on set up day, December 11th. We are always interested in a nice variety of crafts and this congregation has a wealth of talent! We know some of you are already busily making handbags, but there will be other ways you can help. Barbara Whisman suggested a great Christmas ornament using clip-on earrings. If you have any in your jewelry box that are just laying around collecting dust, or if you love to go to flea markets, garage sales, or the Farmer's Market, please collect some earrings for us and bring them to church at your earliest convenience. There will be a collection basket for the earrings. We will set up a Sunday "after church" day for making the ornaments for anyone who would like to participate. If anyone has other suggestions for crafts that would involve the congregation, please see Janet Spring or Dot Campbell. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Spread the Good News!!



Volunteer to distribute door hangers in a nearby neighborhood in the next two weeks, and spread the good news about New Castle Presbyterian Church. The Congregational Life and Membership Committee have developed attractive new literature giving nearby residents the basic story about our congregation and its ministries, with an invitation to try us out! Now all we need are willing walkers to hang them on door knobs! Get some good exercise and get the word out at the same time! Door hangers are available in a box in the outer office.

Art on the Green

This year, our congregation will have a presence at Art on the Green, held on Saturday September 26 at Battery Park. We will have a booth with activities for children to create something to take home, as well as information about our congregation and its ministries. We need volunteers to take an hour or so of the day to be present (and friendly!) in the booth. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	9/6	10:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
			Lord's Supper
		11:00am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	9/7		Cook EDR
			Labor Day – Office Closed
Tuesday	9/8	7:00pm	Congregational Life & Membership Meeting
Wednesday	9/9	6:00pm	Worship Committee
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	9/10	5:00pm	Literacy Volunteer
		6:45pm	Colonial Chimers
		7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting
		8:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	9/12	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	9/13	11:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
		12:00pm	Fellowship Hour
		12:30pm	Resource Development Committee