

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

November 29, 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

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

The day will come, says the Lord, when I will do all the good I have promised. At that time I will bring forth a righteous descendant, and he will do what is just and right throughout the land.

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls; in you we put our trust. For you guide the humble in what is right, and teach the lowly your ways of love.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray.

O God, we have lit this candle as a symbol of expectation. May your light shine in our darkness to show us the way to salvation. In the name of the One who comes, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn: #9** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

***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

Coming Lord,

**As we wait and watch and yearn and ache,
we look around for signs of your presence.**

**But what we see mostly are indications of our
sinfulness.**

The needy are overlooked.

Selfishness has the upper hand.

**Hatred and violence triumph over peace and
reconciliation.**

Our commitments waver;

our resolve weakens;

**and we find ourselves further away from the path
for which you have marked us in Christ.**

**We long for a word of forgiveness and direction,
and for a sense of purpose and meaning.**

Come quickly, Lord.

With mercy and grace, come quickly Lord. Amen.

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #473 verse 1**

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

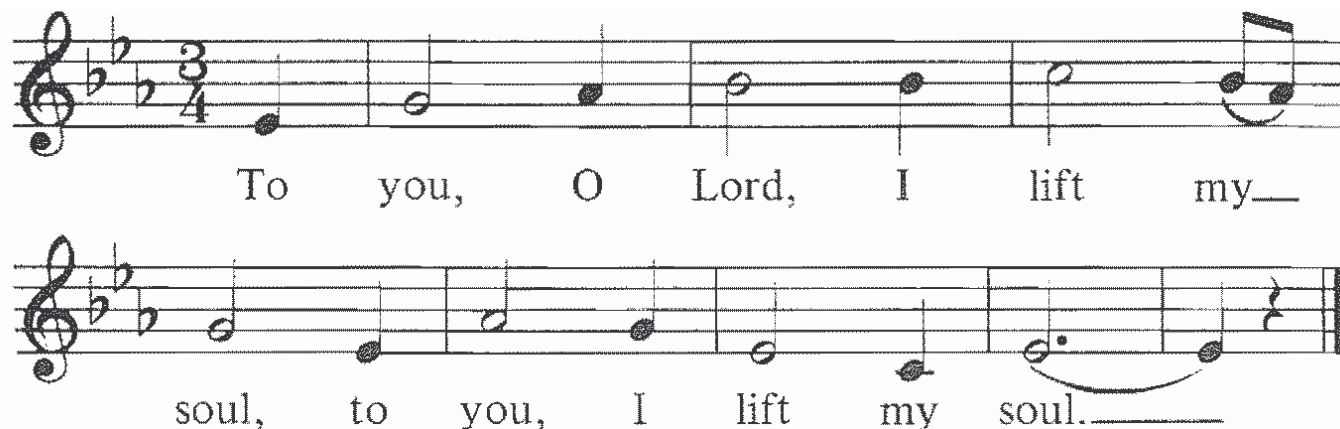
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Anthem: "Come, Emmanuel"
The Choir

Price, Besig

A Scripture Conversation

Psalm 25



To you, O Lord, I lift my—
soul, to you, I lift my soul.

*Lord, make me know your ways,
teach me your paths, and keep me in the way of your truth,
for you are God, my Savior. Refrain*

*For the Lord is good and righteous,
revealing His way to those who seek Him,
gently leading the poor and the humble. Refrain*

*To the ones who seek the Lord,
who look to His Word, who live His love,
He will always be near, He will show them great mercy.*
Refrain

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

Page: NT 85

Sermon: *“Keep Your Head Up”*

*Hymn: #7 “Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth”

*An Affirmation of Faith: **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 (#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: "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

John Bowring, 1825



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George J. Elvey, 1859





1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are:
2. Watch-man, tell us of the night; High - er yet that star as-cends:
3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn:




Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo - ry - beam-ing star!
Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, Peace and truth, its course por - tends.
Trav - eler, dark-ness takes its flight; Doubt and ter - ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, doth its beau-teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?
Watch-man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch-man, let thy wan-derings cease; Hie thee to thy qui - et home.



Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom-ised day of Is - ra - el.
Trav-eler, a - ges are its own, And it bursts o'er all the earth!
Trav-eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God, is come!



*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

Shut-Ins:

Annabelle Witt

119 Stuyvesant Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-4983



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Elizabeth Hopkins Hamilton
1913-1969

Edna A. Deakyne
1894-1969

This morning, our Ushers are:
Mark & Kelly Chandler

Someplace Else (Children's Bible Study and Activities):
Yueming Guo & Bev Stoudt

Advent Family:
The Session



Join us at our Annual Fall Churchyard Cleanup!

- Who? Church members and friends
- What? Clean leaves from flower beds, and take them to the street for city removal. Bring rakes and brooms.
- When? Saturday, December 5, 9AM-12Noon
- Where? Church yard; coffee and donuts provided!
- Why? Fun, fellowship, food, and the satisfaction that comes from helping
- Questions? Call Jane Fouracre at (302)328-5450



Ralph Johnson Memorial Cookie Drive

We will be assembling 125 bags of cookies to be given out at the Friendship House Breakfast on December 20th at the 8th and Shipley location. Our church will not be serving that day, but we would like to continue the tradition of sharing a bag of cookies with friends. This tradition began a few years ago when we had many leftover cookies from Ralph's Memorial service. We decided to bag them up and distribute them to the individuals who come to the Sunday breakfast program at Friendship House. Although a very small token of caring, these bags of cookies were very gratefully received, appreciated and enjoyed. Please consider donating some homemade or store purchased cookies. We will need the cookies by Friday, December, 18th. Please put them in the kitchen in the CE building. If you are able to help by sending in cookies or to help bag the cookies on Friday evening, please sign up on the volunteer sheets in the CE Building. We will start at 7:00 and should be done in about an hour. Thank you again for all you do!



CALLING ALL HOMEMADE SOUP & BREAD MAKERS

We need your help again to make those delicious soups and breads for the 2009 Spirit of Christmas celebration. Please bring only fresh soup (no frozen). Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Christian Education building for you to volunteer for this labor of love. These items may be brought to the C. E. building on Friday, December 11 from 8:30-3:00, or anytime on Saturday, December 12 after 8:30 A.M.

Notice: Containers, lids, and labels for the soup makers are now in the church kitchen for you to take at your convenience. Please place the labels on the lids to be seen from the top.

There are separate sign-up sheets for you to choose a time to help with the sales. If you can donate a couple of hours to help with this pleasant task, please put your name in one of the time slots.

SHOE BOXES

Shoe boxes make the perfect carrying cartons for our homemade soup. Please check your closets and bring any boxes you can spare to the Christian Education building to be used for that purpose, beginning today. Put them in the corner of the room near the donated books.

Thank you!

Spirit of Christmas – Book Corner



Please save your CD's – DVD's – books* you no longer need. Bring to CE Building from Thanksgiving Day to December 10th.

*We sell paperback, children's and hardback books. Please **no** serial publications like National Geographic or encyclopedias.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	11/29	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
			First Sunday in Advent
		11:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
		12:00pm	Fellowship Hour
Tuesday	12/1	12:00pm	Noon Circle @ Prince on Delaware
Wednesday	12/2	8am-8pm	Arasapha
		1:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	12/3	8am-3pm	Arasapha
		5:00pm	Literacy Volunteer
		6:45pm	Colonial Chimers
		7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting
		8:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	12/4	8am-3pm	Arasapha
Saturday	12/5	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:30am	Qi Gong
SUNDAY	12/6	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
		11:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
			The Lord's Supper
		12:00pm	Fellowship Hour
		12:30pm	Youth Fellowship