

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 6, 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 Second Advent Candle**

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and he will purify your descendants and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

**By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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

**O God, we have lit this candle as a symbol of proclamation.  
May your Word sent through the prophets lead us to the way  
of salvation. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #11**            “O Lord How Shall I Meet You?”

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Cleansing God,**

**We hear the call to repentance,  
but we struggle to respond.**

**A voice tells us to turn around,  
but we prefer our own ways.**

**You seek to purify us in the furnace of your love,  
but we constantly elude your searching hand.**

**Our sin leads us in other directions,  
away from you, away from life.**

**Look with mercy on us.**

**Clear a place within us so that something new might  
be born,**

**something that will return us to way you have shown  
us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(silent prayers)

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response: #8 verse 3**

**Redeemer, come!**

**I open wide My heart to Thee;  
here, Lord, abide.**

**Let me Thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Page: OT 889

Anthem: "Advent Canon"

Sharp

The Choir

Handbells: Shirley Knox, Minerva Lermond

A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:5-25, 57-67

Page: NT 56

Canticle: Luke 1:68-79

**Hymn: #601** "Song of Zechariah"

Sermon: "*Shut Your Mouth*"

**\*Hymn: #602** "Song of Zechariah"

## 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**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

**Hymn of Preparation: #5**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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

*You may say to your neighbor:*

*“The Body of Christ”, then “The Cup of Salvation”*

Closing Prayer

*Please dispose of your cups in the basket near the exit as you leave.*

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

**\*Hymn: #2**                    “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

*You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.*

\*You may stand, if able.

## **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:**

***Arline Olds***

32 Buena Vista Dr., New Castle, DE 19720  
phone: 302-326-4121

#### **Cokesbury Village:**

***Isabel Klein***

726 Loveville Rd; Hockessin, DE 19707;  
Attn: Rm 1026 phone: 302-235-6017

### ***Shut-Ins:***

#### ***Annabelle Witt***

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

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

*Carl & Annabelle Witt*

**In Memory of Loved Ones**



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Hattie G. Matthews*

*1890-1969*

*Fred Krebs*

*1899-1969*

This morning, our Ushers are:

Bob & Lyn Briggs and John & Joanne Hopkins

Preparing and Serving Communion this morning are:

Joe Harrington\*, Corky & Jo Viola,

Nanette Nichol and Mary Pratt

Someplace Else: Esther Lindell & Sue Townsend

**Advent Family:**

Bill & Marcia Quillen, Dick & Ginny Appleby



## **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!

## **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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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



## **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.

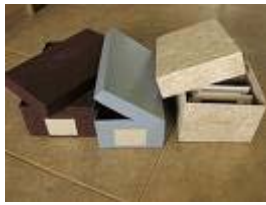
**Notice:** Containers, lids, and labels for the soup makers are now in the church kitchen for you to take at your convenience. Please place the labels on the lids to be seen from the top.

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.



## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

Since our cookies are sooo delicious and our # of visitors continues to grow, we are hoping to collect **MANY MORE COOKIES** this year! Please consider sending in a batch of your favorite cookies. If you do not bake or have a very full schedule, we will cheerfully accept any store-bought donations. Leftovers after the Spirit of Christmas will go to the Ralph Johnson Memorial cookie Drive.



## **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!**



## **Each Sunday of Advent** **“White Gifts”**

The Deacons will collect donations of non-perishable food for the local New Castle food cupboard operated by St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Peter’s Catholic Church for hungry people who live in New Castle. The food will be collected each of the four Sundays in Advent, as well as Christmas Eve. Please bring donated breakfast or canned meat and protein items, juice, soup, vegetables, fruit or even dessert items and place them in the marked box in the narthex of the Meeting House.

The term “White Gifts” referred to the white wrapping paper around each donated can or box. We no longer wrap individual items. However, our celebration of the hope, love, joy, and anticipation of Christ in our lives will wrap each donation with the sparkling glory of God’s working presence in our midst.

Thank you,  
The Deacons



## **Angel Tree**

Be an angel and take a tag from the Angel Tree today, located in the Christian Education building. The Deacons are coordinating a ministry to our four friends from Seton Villa who worship with us each week. Gift requests are written on the backs of the tags with the name of the person.

Please take one to purchase. Return your wrapped gift with its tag attached and place at the bottom of the tree by December 20th. Your kindness and generosity will be appreciated by each person who receives your gift.

Thank you and Merry Christmas. If you have any questions please call Susan Townsend at 328-5533



## **Donate a Frozen Turkey**

If you earn credit for a free turkey this fall please consider donating that free turkey to a Christmas Food Basket project being organized by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Beverly Stoudt is co-chairperson of this large undertaking. Approximately 350 families and senior citizens will receive a week's worth of non-perishable food on Saturday December 19. Each basket also will be accompanied by a frozen turkey for Christmas dinner.

Many grocery stores are offering bargain prices and offers of free turkeys before Thanksgiving. And, some companies give their employees a free turkey for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. If you have accumulated credit or expect a gift of a turkey and do not want it, please consider giving it to our Christmas Food Basket project.

We will need your donated turkey by **Saturday, Dec. 19**. If you plan to donate please call Beverly Stoudt, as soon as you get the turkey, at 368-9354 to arrange for pick up and storage. We have a facility that will store as many turkeys as we can get. If you would like to bring it along to any Sunday church service that would be wonderful and hopefully easy for your family.

If you want to purchase a turkey and donate it we will be very grateful. Remember the prices are much better **before** Thanksgiving than after.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will pledge a turkey.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will bring our donated turkey to church.

\_\_\_\_\_ We do not have space to store a turkey and will  
need to have our donated turkey picked up.

Please call \_\_\_\_\_ family at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for considering this loving project and taking the time to secure a frozen turkey.

Beverly Stoudt (368-9354)  
Newark Area Welfare Committee  
P.O. Box 951, Newark, DE 19715

**This Week's Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/6</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Cook Emmanuel Dining Room</b>
		<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b>
			<b>The Lord's Supper</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/7</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/8</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/9</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/10</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</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>12/11</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>9:30-5:30</b>	<b>Spirit of Christmas</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/13</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</b>
		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Resource Development</b>