

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 20, 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

Bell Prelude: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” arr Behnke
Colonial Chimers

A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. “And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord. And they shall live secure; and he shall be the one of peace.”

“My soul glorifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. Alleluia!”

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

God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of him who is Ruler of all. Amen.

***Carol: #48** “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”

***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.**

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 80:1-7 (tune: #145)

O hear our cry, O Lord.

Now hear us as we pray.

You guide us as a shepherd leads,

So keep us in your way.

O come, Lord, come,

Restore and save us now.

Enthroned above all worlds,

You shine with holy light.

Lord, pour your power upon us all

And save us with your might.

O come, Lord, come,

Restore and save us now.

**O Lord, the God of Hosts,
Turn not your face away.
Our tears have been both food and drink,
Foes mock us night and day.
O come, Lord, come,
Restore and save us now.**

**O Lord, our God, return.
Bring peace into each home.
So Let your face shine on us all.
Restore us as your own.
O come, Lord, come,
Restore and save us now.**

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Prayer For Grace

Lord God of Hosts, shepherd of Israel and guide to the flock of Joseph, you have come to us as the Good Shepherd in Jesus Christ. Shine upon us with the radiance of his resurrection. Guide us in his way that we might know his peace. Stir up in us your power. Lord, come and save us. We ask it in the name and for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance

Psalm 23:1-3, 6 “God Is My Shepherd”

(tune: Brother James Air)

God is my shepherd, I'll not want,

I feed in pastures green.

God grants me rest and bids me drink
from waters calm and clean.

Through daily tasks, I'm blessed and led
by one I have not seen.

Goodness and mercy all my days

will surely follow me;

and where God reigns in heaven and earth,
my dwelling place will be.

My shepherd blesses, cares, and leads
through all eternity.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Lesson: Isaiah 40:3-11

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Anthem: "Prepare"
The Choir

J. Martin

A Scripture Conversation

Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

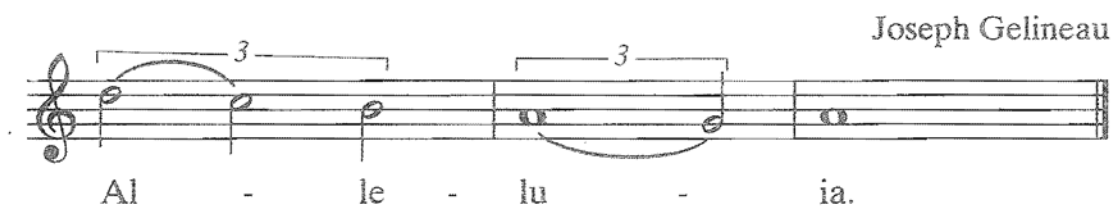
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Carol: #43 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Lesson: Luke 1:26-46

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Canticle: Luke 1:47-55



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*My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. Alleluia.
You look on your servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call
me blessed. Alleluia.*

*The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is your name! Alleluia.
Your mercy is from age to age on those that fear you. Alleluia.*

You put forth your arm in strength and scatter the proud-hearted.

Alleluia.

You cast the mighty from their thrones and raise up the lowly. Alleluia.

You fill the starving with good things, send the rich away empty. Alleluia.

*You protect Israel, your servant, remembering your mercy, Alleluia,
the mercy promised to our forebears, for Abraham and his children
forever. Alleluia.*

Lesson: Romans 8:28-30

Page: NT 158

***Carol: #28** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Reflection

***Carol: #49** “Once in a Royal David’s City”

***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

Lesson: Matthew 2:9b-11

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Offertory: "The Little Drummer Boy"

arr: Wagner

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**

Lesson: Luke 1:68, 72
Pastoral Prayers

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GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Carol: #27** “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

*Charge and Benediction: Luke 2:29-32

Page: NT 59

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Congregational Meeting

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

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by:
The Flower Guild



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Mary M. Denney
1888-1971

Gladys T. Quillen
1899-1970

This morning, our Ushers are:
Bob & Lyn Briggs and John & Joanne Hopkins

Someplace Else (Children's Bible Study and Activities):
Esther Lindell & Connie Reese

Advent Family: Jenna, Sam and Luke Duncan



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

We Welcome the King



Invite your friends and family to Christmas Eve at New Castle Presbyterian Church!

December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship (Thursday)
5:30 p.m. Children's Service
(Meeting House)
7:30 p.m. Traditional Service
(Meeting House)



Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the congregation today following worship for the purpose of receiving the 2010 Budget as information and acting on changes in the pastor's terms of call.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	12/20	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
		11:00am	Angel Tree Gifts due
		11:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
		12:00pm	Congregational Meeting
		12:10pm	Fellowship
		12:30pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday	12/21	6:45pm	Dancers
Wednesday	12/23	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	12/24		CHRISTMAS EVE
			Office Closed
		5:30pm	Family Worship
		7:30pm	Traditional Worship
Friday	12/25		CHRISTMAS DAY
			Office Closed
Saturday	12/26	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	12/27	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
		11:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
		12:00pm	Fellowship Hour
		12:30pm	Youth Fellowship