

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 27, 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

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise God, sun and moon;

praise God, all you shining stars!

Let all creation praise the name of the Lord;
for God's glory is above earth and heaven.

**All people; young men and women alike,
old and young together,
praise the Lord!**

***Hymn: #22** "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

*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

**Redeeming God,
you sent Jesus to live among us
and to give us new life by his incarnation, death and
resurrection.**

**We confess that we keep this good news to ourselves.
We are silent when we could tell others of your love.
We fail to invite others into fellowship with you and
with your people.**

**Forgive us of our selfishness;
free our frozen tongues;
enflame us with zeal for your gospel;
that we may be your faithful witnesses
to those around us every day,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #23 verse 3**

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo
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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:21-24, 39-40

Page: NT 59

Duet: “Baby, What You Goin’ to Be?”
Eileen Dunham, Minerva Lermond

Sleeth

A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:15b-20

Page: NT 58

***Hymn: #59** “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Sermon: “*On the Way Back from the Manger*”

***Hymn: #50** “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow”

***An Affirmation of Faith:**

Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts
Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology** #56 verse 6

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: #29** "Go, Tell It on a Mountain"

*Charge and Benediction: Colossians 3:12-17

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

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:
Bob & Lyn Briggs
In Memory of Herb Swanson



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Aileen B. Nixon
-1971

Carlo F. Viola
1914-1971

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

Someplace Else (Children's Bible Study and Activities):
Esther Lindell & Janet Spring

Worship Leader: Mary Pratt

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	12/27	11:00am 12:00pm 12:10pm	Worship & Someplace Else Congregational Meeting Fellowship Hour
Wednesday	12/30	1:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	12/31		NEW YEAR'S EVE Office Closed
Friday	1/1		NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed
Saturday	1/2	8:00am 9:30am	Tai Chi Qi Gong
SUNDAY	1/3	9:30am 11:00am 12:00pm	Adult Bible Study Worship & Someplace Else Lord's Supper Fellowship Hour