

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LESSONS AND CAROLS**

December 18, 2011

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Handbell Prelude:

“The King Shall Come”

arr. John A. Behnke

Colonial Chimers

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 Fourth Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

“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: #27 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”**

***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.**

Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6

Page: OT 725

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord,

**as we wait and watch and yearn and ache,
we look for signs of your coming.**

You enter our world to bring your unconditional love.

**You call us to love you,
to love our neighbors,
to love even our enemies.**

**We confess that often love is not in our hearts
and we lack courage to show love in our actions.**

**We need your mercy;
we long for the coming of your Light.**

We wait, but we also pray,

“Come quickly, Lord!”

Assurance of Pardon

*Carol: "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

English carol, 18th century

GOD REST YOU MERRY: Irregular, with Refrain
English melody, 18th century
Har. in *Christmas Carols Old and New*, 1871

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav - en - ly, Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came;
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright,
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour Was born on Christ - mas Day;
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same;
This day is born a Sav - iour Of a pure Vir - gin bright,
And with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - brace;

To save us all from Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
To free all those who trust in Him From Sa - tan's power and might."
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas All oth - ers doth de - face.

REFRAIN

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and joy;

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Lesson: I Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Page: OT 281

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

Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Page: NT 56

Canticle: #600 “Song of Mary” (Luke 1:47-55)

A Scripture Conversation

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

Page: NT 1

Anthem: “What You Gonna Call Him?”
The Choir

arr. Fettke

Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Page: NT 165

***Carol: #38** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Reflection

***Carol: #55** “That Boy-Child of Mary”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Lesson: Matthew 2:9b-11

Page: NT 2

Offertory: "He Is Born, the Holy Child"

arr: Kenyon

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

Pastoral Prayers

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Carol #602** "Song of Zechariah"

*Charge and Benediction: Luke 1:78-79

Page: NT 58

Choral Benediction: Luke 2:29-32

Congregational Meeting

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

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



Use this space to make note for yourself of prayer concerns raised and insights received:

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:

Dick Appleby

Methodist Country House
4830 Kennett Pike
Greenville, DE 19807

Arline Olds

The Arbors at New Castle
32 Buena Vista Dr, Room 207B
New Castle, DE 19720
phone: 302-328-1216

To place a name on the Prayer Chain,
contact Fran Gingher, 994-5988
silverfran@aol.com

At Home:

Sarah Reeves

101 Edge Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 652-4492

Charlotte Mitchell

1031 Bear Road
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 834-1621

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



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Alice Irene Eberly
1922-1973

Sarah Culp
1907-1958

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

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

Advent Family: Jennifer, Matt and Samuel Kim

Ralph Johnson Memorial Cookie Bake

Thank you all so much for your wonderful donation of cookies for the Ralph Johnson Memorial Cookie Bake. On Thursday evening, December 15th, Janet Reed and I packaged up 150 bags of cookies to be delivered to the Friendship House Breakfast Program on Sunday, December 18th. We had an incredible assortment of delicious cookies and the bags were filled almost to the top.

Considering the past three weeks have been extremely busy for our church and all the cookie bakers, I can only say, "God Bless us everyone!"

I would like to include a brief explanation of this tradition. Ralph Johnson was a much beloved pastor of our church for more than 25 years. After his death, a memorial service was held in his honor. There was so much food left over after the service (mostly cookies), I decided to take the leftovers to the Friendship House Sunday Breakfast program. Needless to say, the cookies were a big hit! Since Ralph was such a passionate advocate for mission and outreach, it seemed a fitting tribute to him. Thank you all again for allowing our church to continue this tradition.

Janet Spring

Mission and Outreach Committee

WORKSHOP FOR LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Explore the possibility of participating in worship in a leading way. On January 22, 2012, our Pastor Nancy will moderate a workshop for former, future, and potential lay worship leaders. We will meet in the Meeting House toward the end of Coffee Hour with coffee and cookies in hand. You will have a chance to hear about the reasons for lay worship leadership, to try your voice at the microphone, to ask questions, and to learn hints of do's and don'ts from experienced lay leaders as well as from our Pastor. A new Lay Worship Leaders sign-up sheet will be posted in the CE building in January. Everyone, including our young people, is welcome to this workshop. Questions?
Call Marcia Quillen (302) 656-5799.

White Gifts

Every season continues to bring people and their families hunger. During the Season of Advent, we particularly invite you to give generously. Our White Gifts continue to help to put food on the tables of the needy. All of our food contributions are received by the St. Peter's food closet in New Castle. There is a white box in the Meeting House which is waiting to receive your contributions.

Please purchase protein items like:

- Peanut butter- the price of peanut butter is going up in November and we all know this food is a favorite of many children.
- Tuna fish
- Beef stew
- Canned meats of all kinds

Envelopes will be in the bulletin throughout Advent/Christmas for your monetary contributions.

Contact Susan Townsend at home 302-328-5533 or cell 302-562-3647 for further information.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lisa Fries, 12/5

Conchita Showell, 12/6

Victor Clark, 12/8

Robert McCullough, 12/8

Daniel Barry, 12/9

Jennifer Kim, 12/9

Ruth Moore, 12/16

Pat Taylor, 12/16

Sharon Graybeal, 12/17

Lyn Briggs, 12/22

Charlotte Mitchell-McDowell, 12/30

Lisa & Bruce Raker, 12/14

Dot & Jason Campbell, 12/26

Irv & Susan Lipp, 12/28

Connie & Don Reese, 12/28

Jim & Susan Flook, 12/30



Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	12/18		4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		9:30am	Adult Bible Study
		11:00am	Worship & Someplace Else
		12:00pm	Fellowship
			– All are Welcome!
		12:15pm	Congregational Mtg
		12:30pm	Colonial Chimers
Monday	12/19	6:45pm	Dancers
Wednesday	12/21	1:00pm	NO BIBLE STUDY
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	12/22	7:00pm	Al Anon
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	12/23		OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	12/24		CHRISTMAS EVE
		5:30pm	Family Worship
		7:30pm	Traditional Worship
		9:30pm	Traditional Worship
SUNDAY	12/25		CHRISTMAS DAY
		11:00am	Family Worship
			- No Someplace Else
		12:00pm	Fellowship

Kris Krawczyk will be on vacation 12/19 & 12/20.