

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 21, 2007

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Organ Prelude

The Life and Work of the Church

Welcome, friends and members

Nursery care available in Education Building

Restrooms found in Education Building

Prayer requests for offering plate

Fellowship Hour following worship

Announcements – please use microphone

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Luke 4:14-19, 21)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

He has anointed me to bring good news –

To the poor, the captives, the blind, the oppressed;

To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Today this is fulfilled in our hearing!

***Hymn: #299 “Amen, Amen”**

(the congregation will sing the “amens”)

***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

God of freedom,

Jesus came to bring good news,

to mend and to heal,

to release and to redeem,

and to proclaim your reign.

We confess that we have ignored his message.

We remain captive to sin,

bruised and broken by our transgressions.

We are convinced that the news is always bad,

and that we are forever stuck where we are,

as we are.

Help us to hear the truth of the gospel.

Inspire us with your liberating word.

Let your Spirit cleanse us and change us

so that we may receive all that you have declared

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #579**

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-12

Page: OT 436

A Scripture Conversation

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Page: NT 174

Anthem: "God Be in My Head" Larkin

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-30 Page: NT 61

Sermon "An Inconvenient Grace"

***Hymn #298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

***An Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 #332 **“Live Into Hope”**

*Charge and Benediction

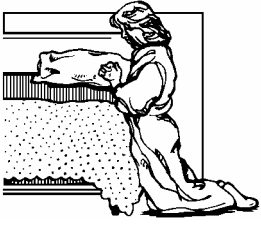
Choral Benediction

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 (in the CE Building) or remain in worship. Children of any age are always welcome in worship.



Prayer List:

Nursing Home and Hospital

Calvert Manor Healthcare Ctr.: *Emma Nichol*
Cokesbury Village: *Isabel Klein*

Prayers for:

*The Flowers are given to the glory of God by:
Jason & Dot Campbell
In Honor of our children,
grandchildren & great grandchildren*



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Hiram Handy
1916-2001

Whitney Scofield
1919-2002

This morning, our Ushers are:
*Earl & Janet Reed, Ellen Matthews

Someplace Else: Molly Fouracre

Organist: Brenda DiMichele

NOTICES

I Remember When

The New Castle Antiques Show was started in order to help with the meeting house restoration expenses. My mother, Mary Gebhart, and the church Circle which she belonged to were the originators of this project. It was originally held in the old Academy building and then in the Arsenal on the Green. When the Christian Education building was completed, the antiques show was moved to that site. This project included most of our congregation and was great socially for all of us. The Women's Association held many projects, including dinners, to help with these expenses. The camaraderie among the congregation was fantastic. My father, Chandler Gebhart, Sr., was the treasurer of the restoration committee as well as for the church, for many years.

- Elizabeth (Betty) Gebhart Carpenter
November 1, 2006

Photo Directory

The Board of Deacons will be updating the photo directory in the coming weeks. If you would like a new picture of you and your family taken for the photo directory, please see Shirley Knox after worship any Sunday. We would like to have the directory updated by Easter so please contact Shirley by March 31st if you want a new picture. If you have any questions, please call 322-0225.

Friendship House

During the month of January we will be collecting toilet paper for Friendship House. There will be a basket in the CE building for your donations. Thank you.

- Janet Spring

New Telephone Directories

Our new directories are now available, in regular format and large print. One will be mailed to each household. Pick up extra copies or the large print edition in the Christian Education Building today.

Recycling

Please help our church be a good neighbor to our environment! Bring your used printer cartridges to the church office (a marked recycling bin for just them is provided). Our office is now using renewable cartridges.

Our office kitchen already contains recycling bins for cans, plastic containers, and office paper. Please use them while you're at the church!

NCPC Book Night February 13 at 7:00 P.M.

Our book selection for February is “Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt” by Anne Rice.

From a review of the book:

"Christ the Lord is a bold piece of historic fiction...Minutely researched, Anne Rive delivers a fictitious life of Jesus written in the first person....Rice wrote her narrative with great attention to the scholarly consensus about political, economical, religious and living conditions in first century Egypt and Israel...Rice gives us a Jesus fully integrated into an extended human family...If you have ever wondered what kind of human beings it took to raise the Son of God, you find the answers in this book and you will not be disappointed."

Please join us on Tuesday evening and bring a friend. This book can be found in the library, in bookstores or can be purchased online.

The Corner House at Calvary Presbyterian Church

We are very excited that the Corner House at Calvary Presbyterian Church is up and running. The money raised from Spirit of Christmas will be very useful in getting the residents furniture, bedding, etc. On February 11, our committee will be sponsoring a Valentine brunch to introduce Bob Richardson, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, and the committee from Calvary whose vision enabled Bill Perkins from Friendship House to establish the Corner House as a residence for older men. We have also invited Bill Perkins and the residents of the home to worship with us and then share their thoughts about what this home means to them during our brunch. The snow date will be February 18th. To help with needed supplies at all the Friendship House shelters we are asking members to bring in packages of toilet paper during the month of January. There will be a collection basket in the hallway of the Christian Education building. As we continue the celebration of our 350th anniversary, please plan on joining us for brunch and see how our faith is put into action.

"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

- Romans 12:13 NIV

Janet Spring, Co-Chair Mission and Outreach

****Regular Scheduled Weekly Events**

Wednesday	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:45 pm	Colonial Chimers (Youth)
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
	8:00 pm	Celebration Ringers (Adult)
Sunday School	9:30 am	Sunday School

SUNDAY	1/21	9:30am	Sunday School
		11:00am	Worship
		12:00pm	Fellowship Hour
Monday	1/22	Meals On Wheels through 1/26	
		7:00pm	Session
Wednesday	1/24	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	1/25	9:00am-	NC Senior Center Health & Wellness Committee Meeting
		6:45pm	Colonial Chimers (Youth)
		7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting
		8:00pm	Celebration Ringers (Adult)
Saturday	1/27	9:30am	Presbytery @ Limestone P.C.
Sunday	1/28	12:30pm	Youth & Parents lunch