

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

November 11, 2007

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Handbell Prelude: “Celebration #5” Keller
 Colonial Chimers

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 (Psalm 145)

O Lord, your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all words;

The Lord is gracious in all deeds.

You open your hand;

You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

***Hymn: #276** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***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

Gracious God,

**You call us to faithful living,
giving ourselves to you and to one another
after the example of Jesus.**

Yet sin prevents us from following your directions.

**We pursue our own goals,
worship our own gods,
and place our hope in things that cannot last.**

**Wash us anew.
Forgive us again.
Give us the courage to hear your call
and the faith to follow where Christ leads.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #579 “Gloria Patri”
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: Haggai 1: 15b-2: 9

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Anthem: “With Wings as Eagles”
The Choir

Harlan

A Scripture Conversation

Psalm 145: **Hymn #252** “O Lord, You Are My God and King”

Epistle Lesson: II Thessalonians 2: 13-17

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Sermon

“Building for the Next 350”

***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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again 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.

***Hymn #375**

“Lord of All Good”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Colonial Chimers

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

You are invited to present your pledge cards for 2008 as part of your offering today.

*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

***Anniversary Hymn** “Looking Back, O God We Wonder”

Looking back, O God we wonder
of that time in history
When the early settlers gathered,
building this community.
Children did their chores and played here;
men and women worked the land.
Sundays, Lord, they knelt and prayed here,
seeking your protecting hand.

Looking to your love, we worship
as your people long have done,
Sharing bread and Word and friendship,
singing praises to your Son.
Bricks of old are such a treasure,
well-worn pews proclaim our past;
But your love beyond all measure
is the treasure that will last.

Looking out, we see our neighbors,
and – in each one – Jesus' face.
God, we offer you our labors
so that all will know your grace.
As we witness all around us,
as we welcome strangers in,
As we help those lost and homeless,
your church welcomes you again.

Looking on to where we're going,
God, we wonder what will be;
Yet we trust your Spirit, knowing
you will guide our ministry.
You give each new generation
ways to praise you, work to do;
God, be with this congregation
as we keep on serving you.

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*Charge and Benediction

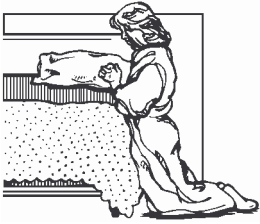
Choral Benediction

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

The Arbors at New Castle:

Mail c/o 110 W 7th Street, NC DE 19720
phone: 302-328-5533

Arline Olds

Calvert Manor Healthcare Ctr.:

1881 Telegraph Road, Room 1B; Rising Sun, MD 21911
phone: 410-398-6554

Emma Nichol

Cokesbury Village:

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

Isabel Klein

Prayers for:

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Kay Wilder & Lee Ivison

In Memory of Leighton & Francis Dunlap



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Carlo F. Viola

1914-1971

Mary M. Denney

1888-1971

This morning, our Ushers are:

Jason Campbell*, Ellen Matthews, Linden Ballance

Someplace Else: Molly Fouracre

Worship Leader: Tom McDowell

NOTICES

Now Hear This

Clean out your bookshelves!

Support our annual Spirit of Christmas book sale!

Bring those books you don't need

To the Christian Education Building

No later than Friday, December 7th.

A large box will be waiting for your contribution.

All proceeds will go to support local and global missions.

(All books except textbooks or encyclopedias will be welcomed

Spirit of Christmas Craft Table

We would like to encourage our members and friends to contribute home crafted items for sale at our Spirit of Christmas craft table. Please bring your finished items to the church by Sunday, December 2nd and place them in the tubs marked CRAFT TABLE. Please have your items priced. (There will be pricing labels attached to the CRAFT TABLE tubs if you need any.) Your contributions will help support the valuable ministry of Friendship House at their Corner House location at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

A SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The annual Spirit of Christmas celebration is Saturday, December 8, 2007. This is the 7th annual event and is a special occasion, since the church will conclude its 350th celebration with the 2007 Spirit of Christmas.

We also need homemade crafts and Christmas ornaments, seasonal home decorations, cooks for homemade soup and breads, all your favorite books, and cookie makers for the free refreshment stand.

We hope you can help once again this year. If you can provide one of the needs, please give either of us a call, send us an e-mail or simply sign up on one of the volunteer pages in the Christian Education Building.

- Susan and Irv Lipp

Soup and Bread Makers for Spirit of Christmas

There will be sign-up sheets in the C.E. building next week waiting for your name! We will need your delicious fresh homemade soup and bread to sell on December 8th. Containers for your homemade soups are in the church kitchen. Please take whatever you need plus lids and labels. Place the label on the **LID** and bring your soups and breads to the CE building any time on Saturday, December 7th, or on the morning of Dec. 8th. If you have any questions, please call Mary Pratt at 328-7273. **THANK YOU!**

O Christmas Tree

As our year long celebration of our 350th Anniversary draws to a close, we would like to do something special to decorate the Christmas tree in the foyer for our Spirit of Christmas celebration. Since the history of any church includes the history of its membership, we would like each member of our congregation to donate an ornament for our tree. Many of you have a long history with our church and some of you have joined just recently, but all of you are a vital part of who we are as a congregation. We hope you will find an ornament that has a special meaning for you and contribute this ornament to our tree. Our goal is to have a tree decorated with ornaments as unique and special as our members are. Please bring your ornament in some kind of box or container and label it with your name or family names. There will be a collection box for the ornaments in the foyer of the CE Building. All ornaments are due by November 25th. Thank you.

Arasapha Wreath Making Workshop

Dates: Wednesday, Nov. 28th 9am to 7pm

Thursday, Nov. 29th 9am to 4pm

Location: The Christian Education Building

New Castle Presbyterian Church, 2nd St.

For anyone interested in making the gorgeous wreaths that adorn the businesses and public buildings of New Castle, please plan to join us for 2 days, one day, or several hours. **Everyone is welcome.** Bring your clippers or heavy scissors and lots of enthusiasm. We will teach you to make the one hundred beautiful, natural, colonial wreaths that grace our city.

A pot luck lunch is served on Thursday, Dec. 1, at noon. Bring a dish to share, and please join us for a fun-filled working session. A limited number of hand made wreaths are being offered for sale to the public this year. The cost is \$65.00, prepaid with your order. To place your order, call Nancy Coning at 328-3739, or email nconing@comcast.net. Orders will be taken until Friday, Nov. 16th.

Ralph Johnson Memorial Cookie Bake

This year we would like to continue the outreach that started last year after the funeral of Ralph Johnson, our beloved Pastor Emeritus. At the conclusion of the funeral, there was a reception at First & Central Church and many of you will remember the many tables of cookies that greeted you. There were so many left over cookies that we bagged them up and took them to the Friendship House Breakfast Program the next day and gave a bag to each person who came to breakfast that day. After hearing about this event, Corky Viola suggested that we continue this outreach as a tribute to Ralph. This year we will be serving breakfast on the Sunday of December 23rd, so we would like to distribute the cookies on this date. If you would like to donate a batch of cookies, please bring them to the CE Building kitchen by Friday, December 21st. If you would like to help bag the cookies, we will meet on Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the CE Building. We are hoping to make a hundred bags of cookies for distribution. Look for a sign-up sheet after the Spirit of Christmas celebration.

****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	11/11	9:30am 11:00am 12:00pm 5:00pm	Sunday School Worship Fellowship Hour 350th Anniversary Banquet Wilmington College
Monday	11/12	12:00pm 7:00pm	Meals on Wheels Deacons
Tuesday	11/13	10:00am	Presbytery-West Nottingham OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday	11/14	6:00pm 7:30pm	Worship Committee Choir
Thursday	11/15	6:45pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Colonial Chimers (Youth) Al-Anon Meeting Celebration Ringers (Adult)
Sunday	11/18	12:30pm	Youth Deliver Ditty Boxes