

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 2, 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

## **Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**For the sake of my relatives and friends**

**I will say, “Peace be within you.”**

**For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,**

**I will seek your good.**

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

**O God, we have lit this candle as a symbol of expectation. May your light shine in our darkness to show us the way to salvation. In the name of the One who comes, even Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #11                   “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Call to Confession**

## Prayer of Confession

**God who is with us, and who is on the way,  
we confess that we do not wait or watch for you.**

**Works of darkness encumber and distract us.**

**Petty jealousies, hard quarrels, ambitions rooted  
in selfish desires –**

**they command our attention.**

**We have ceased to hope for peace and harmony  
among the nations**

**or for security apart from the defenses  
we construct.**

**We hear your promises, Lord, but dare not trust them.**

**God of power and love, awaken us to hope  
and fit us for your coming,**

**that we may watch for you with confidence and joy.**

(silent prayers)

## Assurance of Pardon

**\*Sung Response: #40 “Joy to the World” vs. 3**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,**

**Nor thorns infest the ground;**

**He comes to make His blessings flow**

**Far as the curse is found,**

**Far as the curse is found,**

**Far as, far as the curse is found.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Page: OT 631

Anthem: "Creation Will Be at Peace"  
The Choir

Williams/Page

A Scripture Conversation

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13: 11-14

Page: NT 162

Sermon *"In the Day"*

## 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

# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

**Hymn of Invitation: #5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**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.**

Words of Institution

Distribution

Closing Prayer

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon"

1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;

(Hal-le - lu - jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;

(Hal-le - lu - jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King.

Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

- 2. No more dy-ing there,
- 3. No more cry-ing there,

WORDS: Andraé Crouch, 1978 (Rev. 21:3-4)  
MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1978; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1987

VERY SOON  
lrr.

\*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 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NC DE 19720

phone: 302-328-5533

#### **Cokesbury Village:**

726 Loveville Rd; Hockessin, DE 19707;

Attn: Rm 1026 phone: 302-235-6017

*Arline Olds*

*Isabel Klein*

## Prayers for:

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by:  
*Carl & Annabelle Witt*  
*In Memory of*  
*Paul & Theresa Witt and Max & Anna Hamer*



Special Gifts Memorial Case:  
*Florence K. Ballard*  
*1982-1973*

*Marjorie A. Montgomery*  
*1900-1972*

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

Preparing and Serving Communion this morning are:  
Joe Harrington\*, Corky & Jo Viola, Nanette Nichol, Mary Pratt

Someplace Else: Molly Fouracre

Advent Family: The Briggs

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 Friday, December 7th, or on the morning of Dec. 8th. If you have any questions, please call Mary Pratt at 328-7273. **THANK YOU!**

### **Manse Hosts Needed**

The church manse will be open for tours during Spirit of Christmas, and hosts are needed to welcome our visitors. Volunteers are very much needed for these shifts: 9:30-11:00; 12:30-2:00; 2:00-3:30; and 3:30-4:00. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

## **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 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**

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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/2</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>New Member Gathering</b>
		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Advent Wreath Workshop</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/3</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Resource Development</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Christian Education</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/4</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Noon Circle</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/5</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Resource Development</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/6</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>	<b>Colonial Chimers (Youth)</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon Meeting</b>
		<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers (Adult)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/7</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Spirit of Christmas Set-up (until 3:00pm)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/8</b>		<b>Spirit of Christmas 10am-5pm</b>