

Date: October 27, 2024
Season of the Holy Spirit
Welcome: Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan,
Missional Presbyter, New Castle Presbytery

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Emilio Castro, UMC, Uruguay
Keep hold of instructions; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

Gathering in the Presence of God
**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively) Liturgist
(from Psalm 107:1-3, 43)

We come to worship this morning from different places.

O God, do not be far from us.

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

O God, do not be far from us.

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

O God, do not be far from us.

Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

Praise God for God's eternal presence. Amen.

*Hymn *God is Calling Through the Whisper* GTG 410

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison) Liturgist

Holy God, in a world rife with suffering, we confess that our primary concerns have to do with our own comfort and convenience. We have to be nudged and challenged to see ourselves as a valuable part of your wondrous creation and not the center of it. Fill us with your Spirit so we are overflowing with grace and gratitude. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear your

call to be part of your work in on this earth. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 20:1-6

Source: New Revised Standard Version

Anthem *Migratory V* Adam Guettel

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Epistle Reading Philippians 2:3-8 Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan

Source: New Revised Standard Version

Reflection *What Other God's?*

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God - Joys and Hopes &
The Lord's Prayer**

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* GTG 720

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

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!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist

All that we have come from you, O God. Let these gifts and these our very lives be instruments of your peace, grace, and healing in this world. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* GTG 307

***Benediction**

Postlude

Next Week's Liturgist: Carol Pillsbury

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Tracy Keenan

Liturgist: Sandra Hrin

Ushers: Greg Estes and Nancy Tompkins

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

Introduction to Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan, Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan is the Missional Presbyterian of New Castle Presbytery. After having pastored four churches in both Pittsburgh, PA and Columbus, OH over the course of 30 years, she entered Mid-County leadership in 2019 because she was inspired by New Castle Presbytery's emphasis on helping churches live courageously into their calling. A graduate of Pittsburgh and McCormick Theological Seminaries, she cherishes friendships among a wide variety of people from various traditions, conditions, religions and opinions. Tracey and her husband, the Rev. Jim Mehler, have two grown daughters. She plays the piano, writes music and stories, performs original poetry at spoken word events and looks for the joy.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where's Eddie?

Pastor Eddie & Pam will be out of town Sunday, Oct. 27 at a family wedding in Virginia and Nov. 3. at a Memorial Service in Michigan. Please come and welcome Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan, Missional Presbytery, New Castle Presbytery on Sunday Oct. 27 and Rev. Dianne Deming, NCP on All Saints Day, Nov. 3. Pastor & Pam will be back in worship on Sunday, Nov. 10.

Jazz at the Little Church by the Sea: The David Libby Trio perform again last Saturday for our 2nd Afternoon Jazz Concert – it was a perfect afternoon, and, our Free Will Offering raised \$658 for the Cape Henlopen Jazz Program. Thank you to all who supported this program.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 @ 3pm at Epworth UMC - Speak Out Against Hate (SOAH) Faith Leaders Action Group invites you to attend an ecumenical community-wide service culminating Peace Week Delaware. The service will include multi-faith liturgies and readings presented by faith leaders from several houses of worship in the local region. Additionally, singers from the participating faith houses will join in song. Intercessions about experiencing hate will be shared, and at a time of discord in our community and country, this service has been organized to unite us.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ 10:00am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION – guest pastor, Rev. Dianne Deming. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for “Soup Sunday”, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee

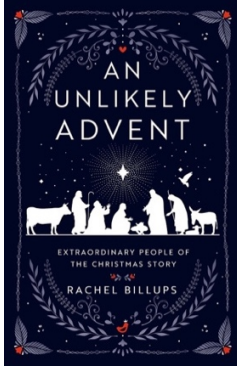
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 @ 3-3:30pm SAILBOAT PRAYER CIRCLE at The Moorings in their Welcome Room

READ ALOUD DELAWARE (RAD) - Stacy Penaranda, Sussex County Director of Read Aloud Delaware (RAD), made an informative and impassioned presentation during Fellowship on October 20, 2024. **RAD** is a statewide non-profit organization that focuses on early literacy for those 3-5 years of age. Their goal is to give them a strong foundation in reading skills for future success in life. Contact Stacy at 302-856-2527 or stacy@readalouddelaware.org for more information. Please let Deb Norton and/or Jim Miller know if you volunteer so that we can organize a required training class at Westminster. Thank You!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mourning

Don Jacobs



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
AN UNLIKELY ADVENT
Advent Study Program
NOV. 19 – DEC. 17 @ 10-11:15am

Join us every Tuesday morning for five weeks in the warmth of Fellowship Hall or Zoom from the comfort of your living room. Check the Back of the Bulletin for the Zoom link.

As you prepare for our first session think about:

1. What were the earlier dreams you remember having about your future? How have these dreams changed as you've gotten older?
2. Advent is a season of waiting. What things have you waited for? What is most difficult about waiting?
3. When have you wondered if you missed out on something or if an opportunity has passed you by?

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	
Nov. 19	1	What If I Missed It?
Nov. 26	2	Playing the Villain
Dec. 3	3	A Curious People
Dec. 10	4	When God Shows Up
Dec. 17	5	Epilogue

Study books or Kindle downloads are available from Amazon