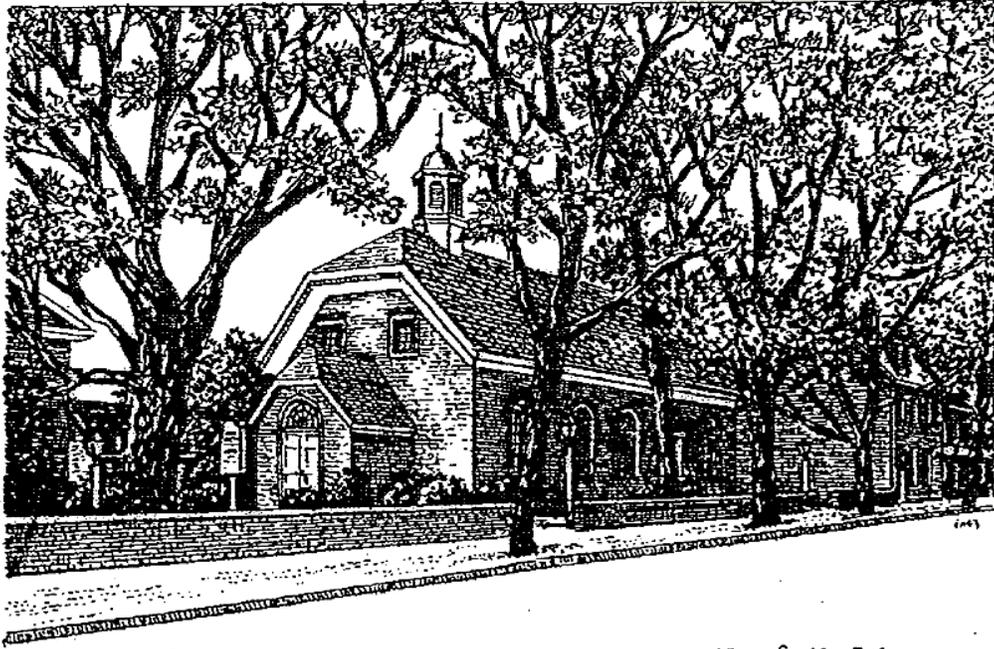


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

Our Mission

New Castle Presbyterian Church offers a nurturing and supportive church community where all are welcomed to join in prayer and song, study and service as all are called to demonstrate understanding, compassion, and acceptance.

By God's Spoken Word and Holy Spirit, we seek to live out the Gospel of the Risen Christ, as we grow spiritually, in strength, and with inclusiveness.

We worship God in simplicity and with clarity; we study God's Word to direct our lives; and we nurture the young and the searchers in our midst.

As a congregation and in cooperation with others, we engage in service and outreach with the local community and the world.

We work to feed, clothe, and shelter our brothers and sisters while sharing the selfless and forgiving love of Jesus Christ.

As we have been blessed, we seek to use all that we have to bless others with this good news of grace and joy.

Welcome to New Castle Presbyterian Church!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, seeking and serving the God we know in Jesus Christ. May this worship service remind you that you are God's own and that together we are called to live out God's way of love, justice and peace.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a seat cushion.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery; children age Kindergarten through 5th grade may go to Sunday School. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship "code": * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on 2nd Street are for handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

I Know Whom I Have Believed arr. Marilyn White
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

Greeting of Peace

As Jesus greeted his disciples, so let us greet one another:

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Please wave at your neighbors and extend Christ's greeting, "Peace be with you".

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

You call us, O Christ, to live as your disciples,

With new life, by way of new paths, seeking new ways.

In your call toward deep waters, grant us faith.

In your command not to fear, grant us courage.

In your invitation to follow, grant us surrender.

Restore to us the joy of living as your disciples, that we might live all our days with you.

***Hymn #1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty!
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you, thwarting even our best efforts. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities. Focus us on your call to worship and to serve as we follow after Jesus Christ... (Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3x)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

We Walk by Faith

Williams and Sanborn

Bethany Faiz - Piano

We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might. For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight. Sometimes trials come our way. We don't know what to do or say. But we know God will make a way if we will trust, trust and obey. We trust in God and in His Son. What God has promised will be done. And as each journey is begun His Holy Spirit makes us one. We may not fully understand, but we are guided by his hand. And as we follow faith's command, God leads us to the promised land.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, heaven and earth resound with your glory, and all creation sings your praise. Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, and renew our call to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our teacher and savior, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

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Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

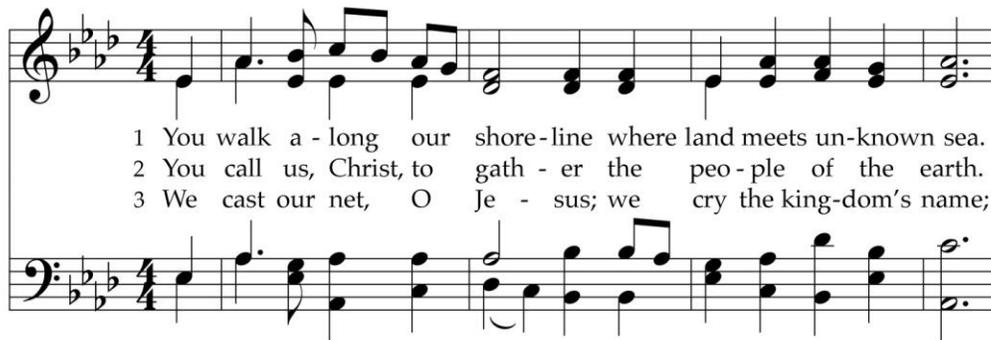
Sermon

Fish Tales

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #170

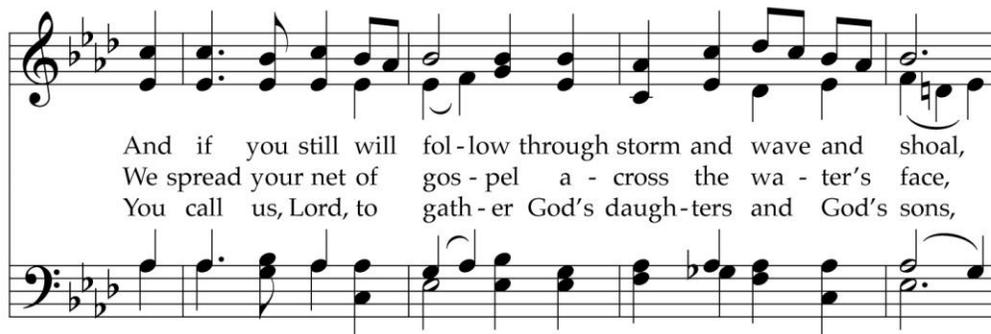
You Walk along Our Shoreline



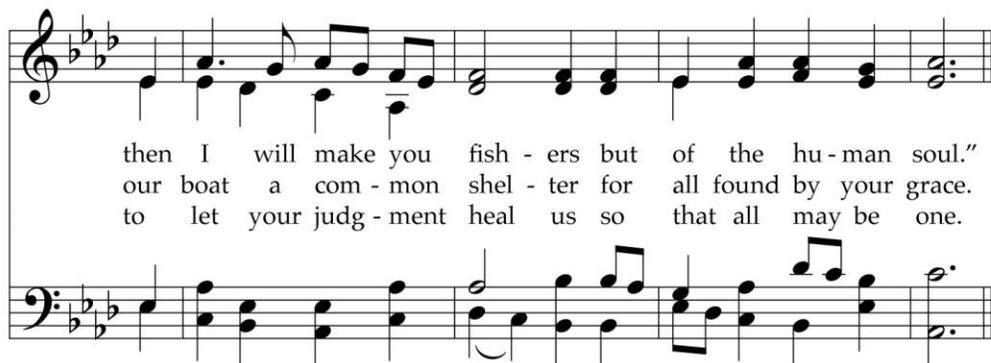
1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.
2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king - dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:4–11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Statement on Ordained Service from I Corinthians 12:4-6

***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.

Presentation of Candidates

Questions to Candidates & Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Ray as Elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (We do.)

Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? (We do.)

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration and Welcome

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Bethany Faiz - Piano

***Response #607**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful God, you have appointed us as your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but through these offerings of our time and treasures, may we joyfully share the good news of your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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,

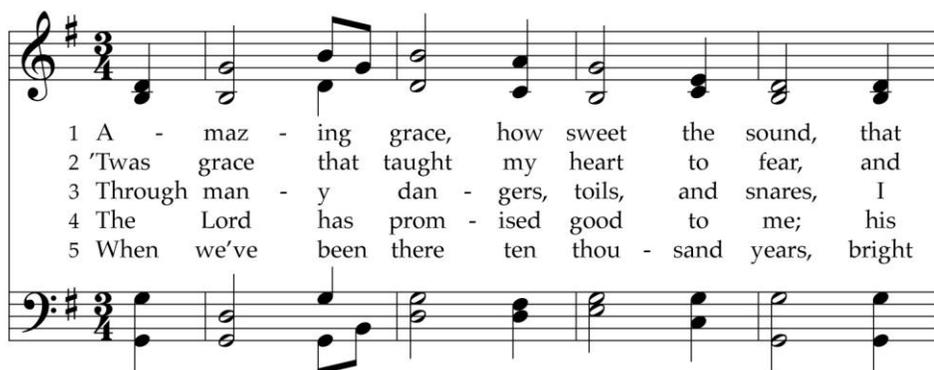
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

forever. Amen.

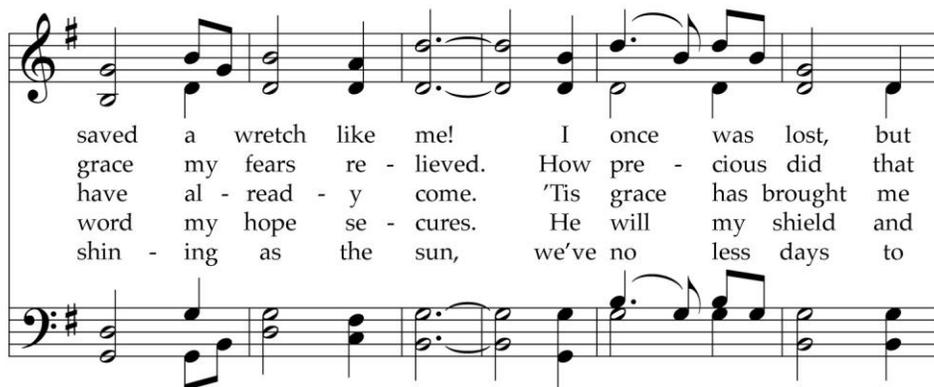
GO IN GOD'S NAME

Amazing Grace

*Hymn #649



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónítgo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinígí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie

AMAZING GRACE

MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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***Charge and Benediction
Choral Benediction**

**Steeple Bell
Postlude**

God Leads Us Along
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Nancy Kersey

Counters: Sarah McCann/Gail Seitz

Ushers: The Fooks Family

Coffee Hour: Session

Nursery: Lynn Smith/Julia Spock

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Robert J. Quillen
1896-1968

Sandra Dugan Rigby
1968-1995



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	2/9	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
Tuesday	2/11	6:30pm	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday	2/12	3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	2/13	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	2/14	7-10:00pm	Pride Prom @ 1st & Central Pres. <i>(Canceled due to safety concerns)</i>
Saturday	2/15	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	2/16		Undie Sunday
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	No Coffee Hour
		12-2:00pm	All Ages visit to Clothing Bank + Youth Group
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

FILMING AT NCPC

Possum Pictures, a non-profit theater company, will be filming a Sherlock Holmes original film in the Meeting House on Saturday 2/15. Director Ray Crews and the team will be filming all around New Castle throughout this spring!

UNDIE SUNDAY UNDERWEAR DRIVE – FEB. 16

Undie Sunday is almost here! The M&O Committee is collecting new underwear (underwear, socks, bras, t-shirts, sweats, etc) for Friendship House's Clothing Bank. Mark your calendars for an All-Ages field trip on 1/16 after worship to the Clothing Bank! RSVP by February 9 to Scott Selheimer, selheime@udel.edu or 302-562-5129

CODE PURPLE

First & Central Presbyterian welcomes Wilmington's unhoused neighbors into their social hall every Saturday until the end of March. Sign up at <https://shorturl.at/X6Vyd>

GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TRIP

Amy Selheimer and the Presbytery Delegation returned safely from Guatemala! Check out their news about our amazing partnership on the travel blog:

<https://ncpguatemala.com/>

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Check out our flyers to learn more about recent PDA responses to the wildfires in California. Support ongoing relief efforts by praying and making an online donation:

<https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/southern-california-wildfires>

FIELD TRIP TO HOCKESSIN COLORED SCHOOL - MARCH 2

Join Chief Justice Seitz and members of our church community to learn about and tour the Hockessin school – one of the schools at the center of the US Supreme Court's Brown v Board of Education decision. We'll meet at the School at 1:00 (25 minute drive from NCPC). Contact Connie Reese 302-584-4512 if you wish to carpool.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Join us for a worship service at 7 pm in the Meeting House.

During Lent, our Ecumenical Supper Series will on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crockpot of soup or stew for the first dinner at NCPC on Wednesday, March 12! (And check out the purple flyers for the order of churches.)

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