

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
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

January 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Stan Pethel

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 (from Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day, we hear of God's greatness.

The birds sing; the mountains clap their hands.

Night to night, we hear of God's greatness.

The stars twinkle; the planets spin.

God's word is more desirable than gold.

God's word is sweeter than honey. Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn #20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

Fine

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

to Refrain

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.

MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955
Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

ROYAL OAK
7.6.7.6 with refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the faith, hope, and love you give to us through the blessing of our baptism. We confess the ways that we have wandered from your way. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of you. We accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for change. Lord, in your strength, renew us and bind us together that we may work together to pursue your mercy for all people... (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

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. By Hal Hopson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*God of all heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.*

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out these ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect our crucified and risen Christ, the Living Word, who brings good news to the poor and sets the captives free. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:14-21

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¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God***

Sermon

Caffeinated Conversations

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #634

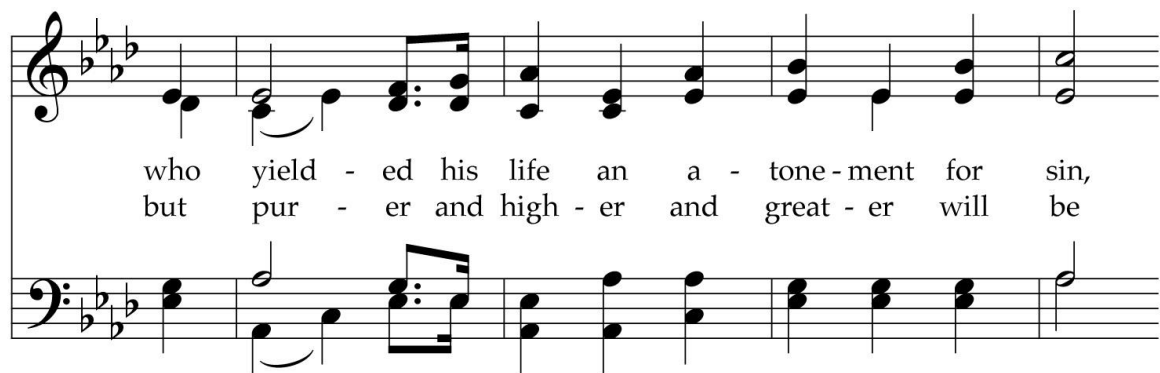
To God Be the Glory



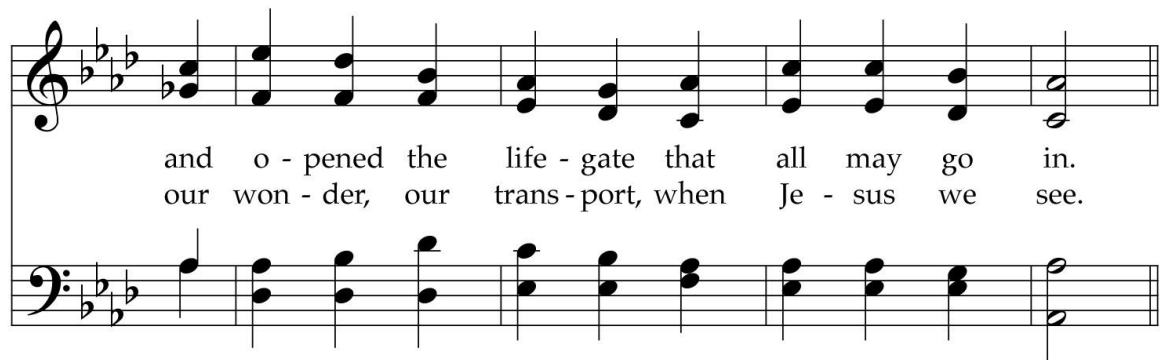
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11.11 with refrain

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Prayer

by Rene Vierende

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**

Holy Lord, your Word shakes the wilderness and transforms creation. Speak through these offerings that all your children would hear your Good News. Transform our lives that we would be messengers of your grace. Your voice is powerful and full of majesty! Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

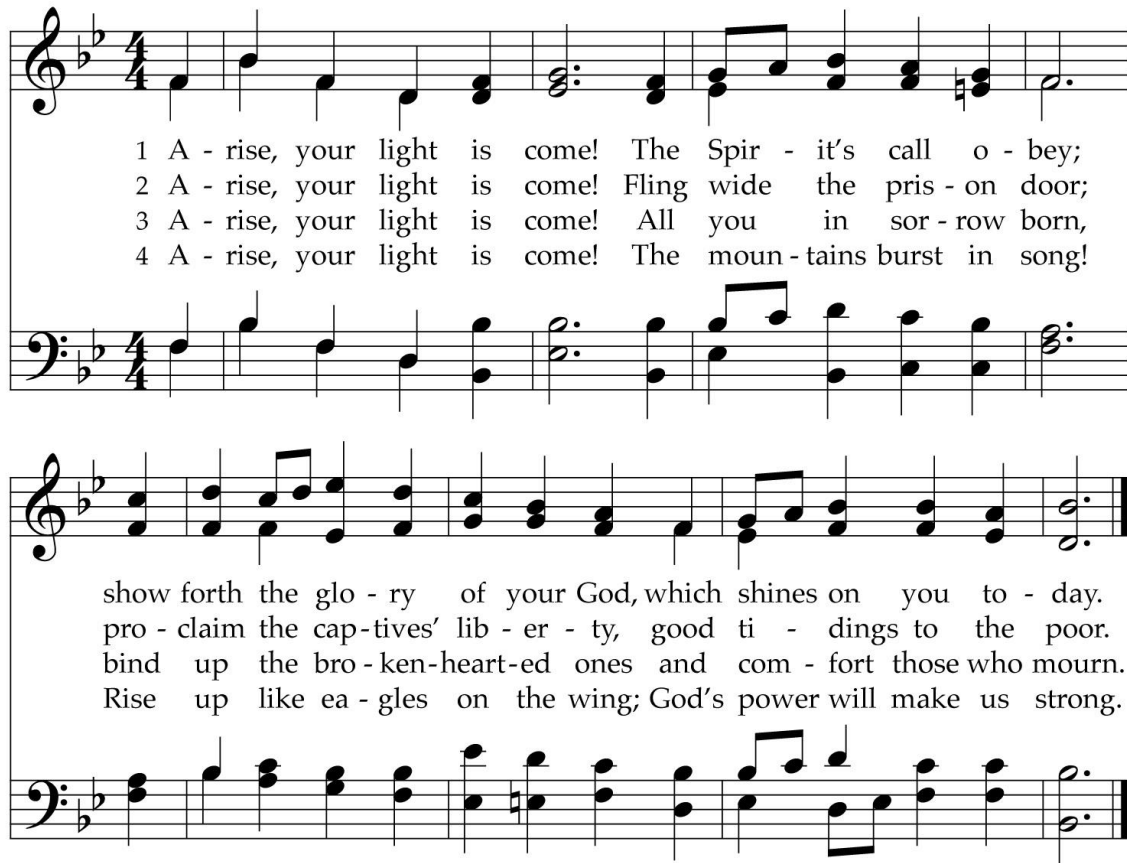
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

***Hymn #744**

Arise Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
SM
(this tune in a lower key, 815)

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above arr. Lloyd Larson
Bethany Faiz - Piano

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: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Melissa Boris/Gary Graham

Ushers: The Fooks Family

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Nursery: Chris Fagles/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Hugh F. Davis
1959-1968

Carol S. Wiley
1914-1994



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	1/26	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		6:00pm	Open Mic Night
Monday	1/27	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Tuesday	1/28	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Wednesday	1/29	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	1/30	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	1/31	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	2/1	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	2/2	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Special Congregational Meeting
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

JANUARY BOOK STUDY

NCPC's Book Club will be reading *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Kawaguchi. We'll have two opportunities to discuss the book - at Noon on Sunday, January 26 and at 3pm on Wednesday, January 29. In life and in death, we belong to God!

SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE: MOVED TO 1/26

Check out the next Open Mic Night at 6:30 TONIGHT in our Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Special Called Congregational Meeting to elect Ray Snyder on to Session on Sunday, February 9.

FILMING AT NCPC

Possum Pictures, a non-profit theater company, will be filming a Sherlock Holmes original film in the Meeting House on Saturdays 1/25, 2/1, and 2/8. Director Ray Crews and the team will be filming all around New Castle throughout this spring!

UNDIE SUNDAY UNDERWEAR DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY

Undie Sunday is back on Feb. 16! 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 a trip on 1/16 after worship to the Clothing Bank!

CODE PURPLE

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

GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP TRIP

Amy Selheimer and the Presbytery Delegation return from Guatemala this week! 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 here:

<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 careese26@aol.com if you wish to carpool.

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