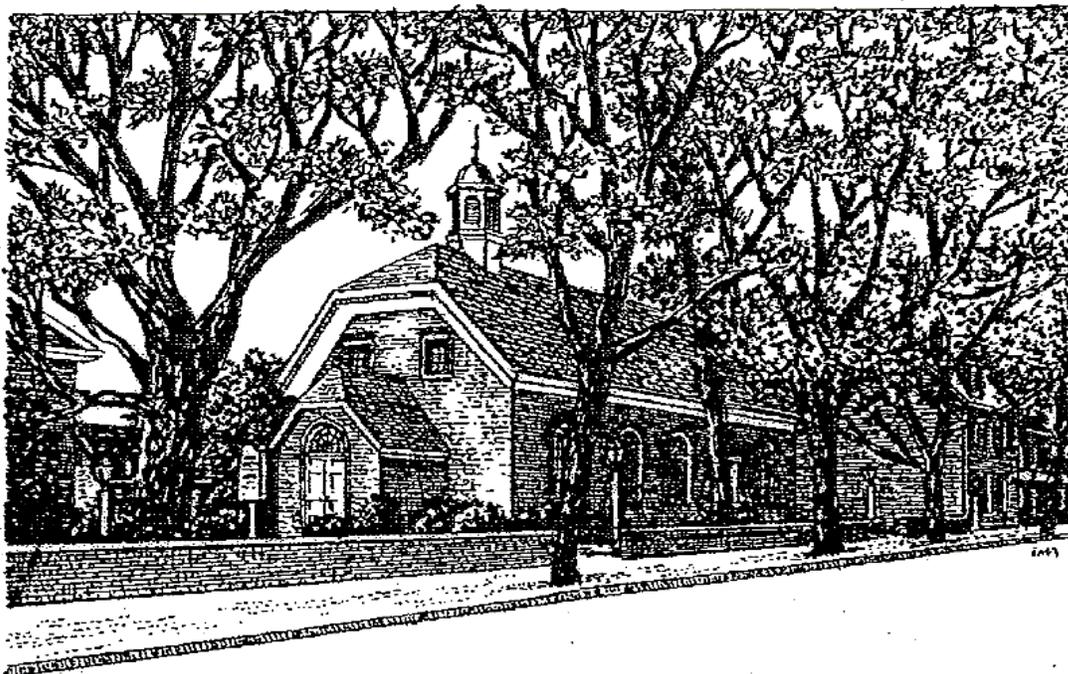


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

## *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!**

Whether you are worshiping with us in-person or joining via livestream, we gather today as a community of faith, 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.

### **For folks joining us for in-person worship,**

**Please take basic COVID precautions with us.** Masks are encouraged but not required in the Meeting House and Education building.

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

**Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today.** Children are invited to begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery; children ages five through eleven may go to Sunday School. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions.

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

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

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

### **Gentle Reminders:**

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the basket at the door as you leave – we recycle!

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is on Mondays.

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

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

This Is My Father's World  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.

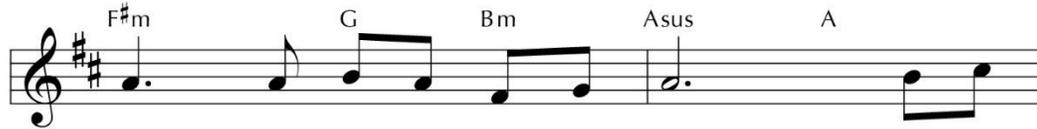
**God is our shelter and our shade. Let us sing to the God of our  
salvation.**

**\*Hymn #29**

**O God, You Search Me**



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my  
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -  
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have  
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I  
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I  
cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with  
known its mean - ing through and through. You are  
search for shel - ter from your light. There is  
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the  
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery  
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my  
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the  
won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.  
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care.

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.**

**Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.**

*(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**

Let It Shine

By Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!*

*You are a light to the world, a city on a hill shining in the night for all to see. So let your light brightly shine that others may see our God who reigns in majesty. God is light, and in Him is no darkness. God is light, the pure and holy Word. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we shall live eternally.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!*

*You are the salt of the earth, redeemed by Christ's great love. Come and share God's grace for all to see. A healing balm for the sick, a vessel of change for those who long to be set free. God is light, and in Him is no darkness. God is light, the pure and holy Word. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we shall live eternally.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors:**

**Through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 3:1-10

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

*"The Lord is Gracious and Merciful, Slow to Anger"*

Commissioning of Guatemalan Delegation

Prayer

*...And let us pray together, using the words in our bulletins:*

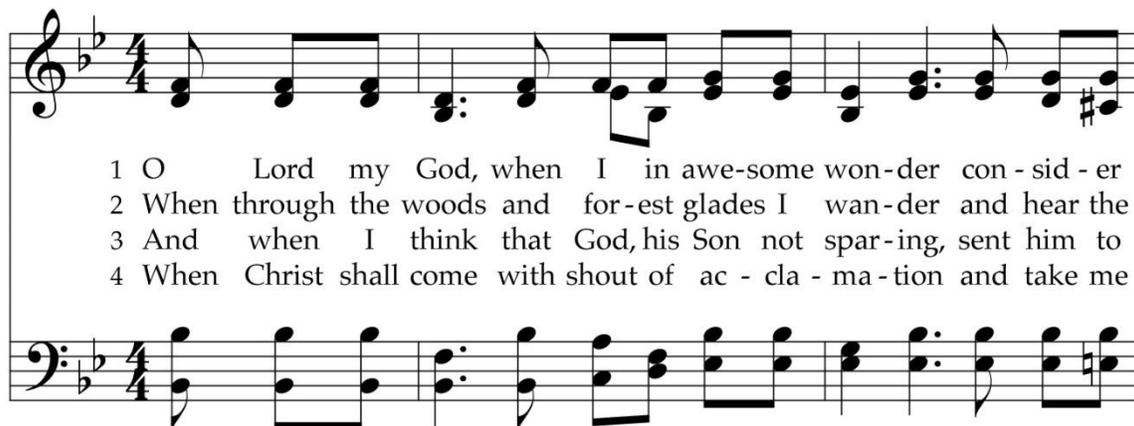
**As your faithful people, we commit ourselves to supporting Candy and Amy with prayer and encouragement, so that Christ's reign of peace, justice, and love will be known throughout the world, until Christ comes. Let your Spirit move in your whole church – from the US to Guatemala – that all your children would rejoice together in your grace and in your mercy. Amen!**



# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #625

## O Lord My God



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the \*worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then \*I shall bow in



hear the \*roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the  
loft - y moun-tain gran - deur and hear the brook and  
bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to  
hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My

*Refrain*

u - ni - verse dis - played:  
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
 take a - way my sin:  
 God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon.

MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

11.10.11.10 with refrain

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Choral Benediction

### Steeple Bell

### Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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.*

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### ***Thank you for serving today:***

Worship Leader: Will Nielsen

Counters: Chris Fagles/Marshall Freund

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Coffee Hour: Gary Graham/Mary Fontinha

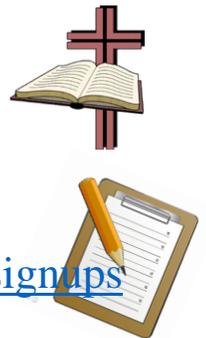
Nursery: Lynn Smith/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Diana Reilly & Beverly Stoudt

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***Helen B. Phillips***  
***1908-1980***

***Janet Warren***  
***1928-2003***



## **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks.

Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurh.org/on-line-signups>

## **NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES**



As we begin a new year, volunteers are needed through the coming months. Please contact:

For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly – [dckr0680@gmail.com](mailto:dckr0680@gmail.com)

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – [mollypaige1@aol.com](mailto:mollypaige1@aol.com)

## **GIFTS OF LOVE**

In Romans 12:13, Paul urges us to “share with God’s people who are in need.” Through your generosity, we donated \$4080 in 2022 to help our neighbors in need pay for overdue utility bills, oil deliveries, rent and mortgage payments. Not ones to rest on our laurels, we will continue to support God’s people in crisis through our quarterly Gifts of Love contributions in 2023. Make a gift through one of our white envelopes today to share with God’s people who are in need.



## **PICTURE DAY – TODAY**

Candy and Amy can take a photo of NCPC to share with our Guatemalan partners, and our last congregational picture includes Interim Pastor Jenny. Time for an update! Join us right after worship on January 22 for a quick snapshot in the Meeting House.



## **¡VAMOS A GUATEMALA!**

A group from New Castle Presbytery will be traveling to Guatemala from January 24-31 to continue strengthening our partnerships there. This is the largest contingent ever sent, with 16 travelers representing 8 churches. Two of the travelers are from New Castle Presbyterian Church: Candy Dunson and Amy Selheimer. We will commission Amy and Candy during worship today. As they meet with our mission partners, learn about the challenges facing our Guatemalan neighbors, and see the impact of our partnership projects, keep up with their travel blog through the partnership's website: <https://ncpguatemala.com/blog/>

## **COUNTING OUR CHICKENS**

Thank you! Gracias! Chjonte! During our recent Guatemalan Chicken Project campaign, we raised funds for 2,240 chickens! This means that 112 indigenous women will each receive a set of 20 chicks, feed and training in 2023. Here's a personal thank you message from one of the participants who just loves her fat and healthy chickens!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYptgi92ft0&feature=youtu.be>

## **SOUPS, STEWS AND STORIES**

On Sunday, January 29, during Coffee Hour, we'll gather for a soup-stravaganza and "Word to Word Workshop" with Sharon Moore.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crockpot of soup or stew and compete for illustrious prizes as coordinated by Congregational Life.

Plan to stay from 12 to 1:15 as storyteller Sharon Moore prompts us to begin writing our own stories.

## **EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER SIGN-UP**

Epiphany House (722 N Union St.) is one of Friendship House's transitional homes for women. NCPC provides a dinner on the second Thursday each month. Two volunteers are asked to arrive with food at 5 and plan to stay for the meal. Dinner is over by 6, and residents clean up! For meal inspiration and dates, the sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall with dates open throughout this Spring. Let Phee Price know if you'd like to volunteer with her on February 9!

## **LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE**



Every June during Pride month we decorate the walkway with the rainbow flags as an outward sign of our support and love for the broader LGBTQIA+ community, but there is still so much more we can do throughout the year! We would love for you to join us in creating new events, reaching out to our friends in the community; and becoming a part of this fun, yet important ministry!

*If you are interested in being a part of the LGBTQIA+ Task Force please contact Salina Brett or Diana Reilly.*

## **PASTORAL COVERAGE THIS SPRING**

Pastor Miriam will begin her maternity leave in mid-March, and Pastors Bill Hathaway and Alison Halsey will provide pastoral coverage through Sunday, June 4. Our bridge pastor search committee was particularly excited about their commitment to issues and causes close to the heart of NCPC's mission. Stay tuned for a full introduction of Pastors Alison and Bill in our February Newsletter!

## **TIME TO DROP OFF YOUR DRAWERS (AND SOCKS, ROBES, ETC....) AGAIN!**

Our popular Undie Sunday is returning on February 12th. Between now and then, we are once again collecting new underwear for Friendship House. All shapes, sizes and colors are needed for men, women and children (even beyond extra large, like 2X, 3X and 4X), including socks! Donations can be dropped off in the CE building baskets in the entryway. Last year NCPC donated nearly 200 items of clothing. Thanks for taking part!

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,  
302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com)

## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

### ***Joan Smith***

Kentmere Rehab & HC  
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Wilmington, DE 19806

### ***Barbara Quillen***

Cokesbury  
HealthCare Rm 2010  
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Hockessin, DE 19707

### ***Rod Denison***

Christiana Care  
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Newark, DE 19718

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## ***On Assignment with the Coast Guard:***

### ***George Spock***

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**This Week's Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>01/22</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Deacon's Mtg</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>01/23</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/24</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/25</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/26</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/27</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01/28</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>01/29</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Word to Word Workshop</b>

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**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

*Session meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett	Toni Marley
Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

*Deacons meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

## TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Mike Smith
Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman	

*Trustees meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)*

