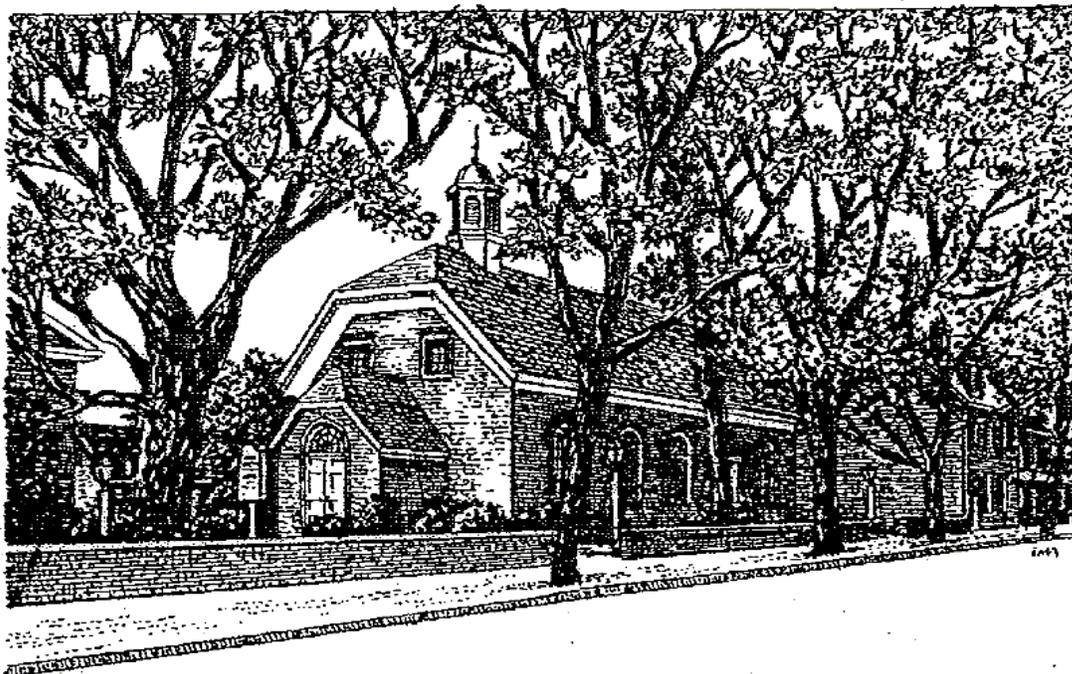


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags are available for children at the back of the Meeting House.

If your family needs to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed available in the Fellowship Hall

At the end of worship, please join us for sidewalk fellowship along 2nd Street. Summer Coffee Hours are on the 1st Sundays of the month.

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
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

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

Call to Worship

God has given us this day.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has gathered us in this place.

Gods steadfast love endures forever.

There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

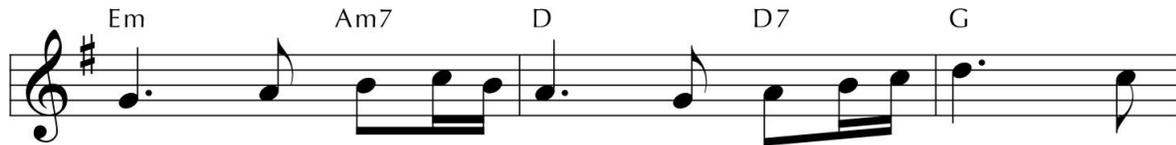
God's steadfast love endures forever.

***Hymn #847**

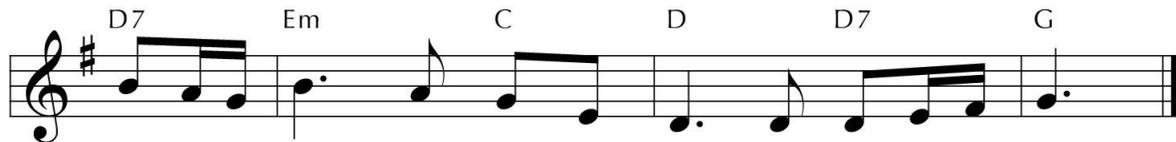
Our Hope, Our Life



1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they
3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that
4 Be - yond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a



hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or
cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som
spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -
bet - ter des - ti - ny: the Lord will lift us



op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos - sess.
for a soul re - mains a price too great to pay.
tal - i - ty pre - vent so much that we have planned.
free from death to dwell in praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

As this recent paraphrase of Psalm 49 illustrates, human beings have long been tempted to put their trust in earthly assets, especially wealth and fame. But these are not enduring possessions, and they cannot save us. Only in God can we find unfailing hope and eternal life.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess our faithlessness. Our hearts are fickle, our eyes wander, and we trick ourselves into serving other gods.

We speak lies, accept lies, live lies, destroying others and ourselves along the way.

Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you.

Embolden our trust in your faithfulness and settle your truth in our hearts... *(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

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, you see us just for who we are, and yet you love us with a parent's love. In your enduring care for us, we see both our guilt and our acquittal. Continue to guide us and teach us to walk in your ways.

Send your Holy Spirit now to shine upon our path. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?”

I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath^[a] to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath^[b] in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:^[c] Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath,^[d] and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Can These Bones Live?”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Witness

arr Jack Halloran

Della Lied, Joy Compher, and Jim Green - Trio

***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**

Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.

You pour out mercy and cover us with love. You show us true justice

and offer us peace. You provide us with every need and promise us

eternal life with you. In the glitz and glamour of this world, may we

shine with the healing light of Christ. Bless our gifts that they would

magnify your brilliance throughout the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

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.

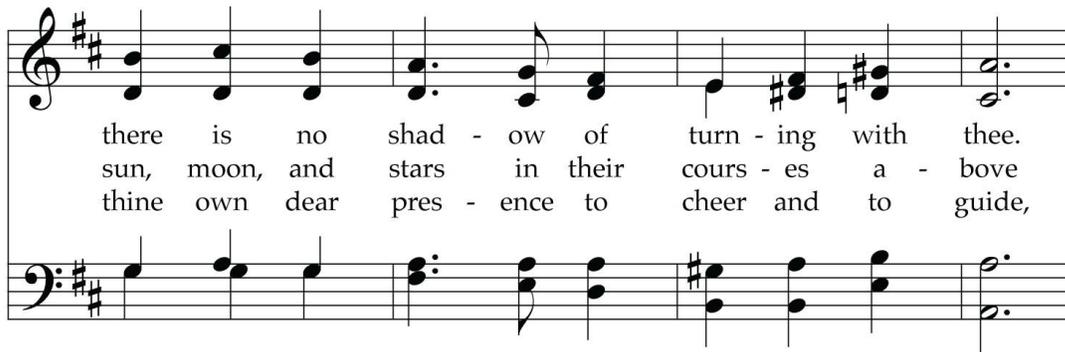
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

***Charge and Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us along 2nd Street for outdoor fellowship.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER TRACY KEENAN

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan is the Missional Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery. After having pastored four churches in both Pittsburgh, PA and Columbus, OH, she came to New Castle Presbytery because she was inspired by our emphasis on helping churches live courageously into their calling. As the primary staff person for the Ignite team and presbytery mission partnerships, she believes that the purpose of church is to equip people for loving the world well. She cherishes friendships among a wide variety of people from various traditions, conditions, religions, and opinions. Tracy and her husband, the Rev. Jim Mehler, have two grown daughters. She plays the piano, writes music and stories, rides a Harley, and looks for the joy.

Thank you for serving today:

Accompanist: Brenda DiMichele

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew

Ushers: Ringo Keka & Mark Rappold

Counters: Greg Fogarty & Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Harry J. Rothrock
1871-1966

Sara Hampton
1919-1997



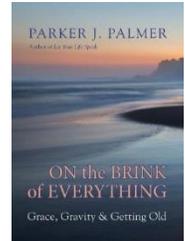
ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Due to the recent uptick in spam emails, we've changed the password to our online directory. Please contact Kris in the church office to receive the latest password.

SUMMER BOOK STUDIES

Thursday, August 11 at 1 p.m. - at Conchita Showell's house - Parker Palmer's [On The Brink of Everything](#)

Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by the Sunday before our gathering.



MENTORING

Our mentoring program with local schools was put on hold during the pandemic, but we're gearing up to get started again this fall. [Creative Mentoring](#) provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email [Candy Dunson](#). If we have 3 or more new mentors, we can arrange for the training to be done as a group at our church this fall.

SUMMER COFFEE HOURS

We'll gather for summer coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month. Trustees will host on August 7. In the meantime, we'll gather for sidewalk fellowship along 2nd Street as the weather permits.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: CO-CHAIR NEEDED

Trusting in God and the vaccines, we are expecting to have a full *Spirit of Christmas* celebration on Saturday, December 10, 2022 with NCPC again taking a major role along with the City of New Castle and the New Castle Historical Society. ***We are looking for a special volunteer to serve as co-organizer with Steve Martin, who worked on it last year.*** If you want to know more about what may be involved, email Steve (martin@udel.edu) or call him at 302-354-4428.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022

Join us on August 2, 2022, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in Battery Park. NNO brings community leaders and citizens together with our local public safety entities for conversation and determination to stomp out crime in our city. On this night there will be games for the kids, music by Paul Freebury, fire prevention activities by Good Will Fire Company, activities and presentations by the New Castle Police Department, DNREC demonstrations as well as involvement by the New Castle Court House Museum, Historical Society, New Castle Library, and other community groups. The New Castle Lions will be grilling hot dogs and provide chips and beverages.

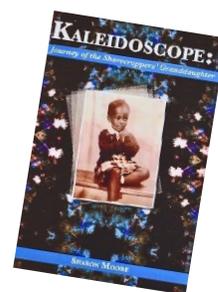
NOW HIRING: PART-TIME CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTOR

Help us share the Good News of Christ with our youngest members! NCPC's Children and Youth Director position includes teaching Sunday School for children ages K-5, coordinating seasonal events for children of all ages, and planning activities for middle and high school-aged youth. Anticipated start on August 28, 2022.

A full job description is available on our website.

KALEIDOSCOPE STORYTELLING EVENING

Join Congregational Life on Friday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m., as author and storyteller Sharon Moore (member of Community Presbyterian, sister of our regular guest preacher Rourke Moore) sings and shares stories from her recent book, Kaleidoscope: Journey of the Sharecroppers' Granddaughter.



The event is free of charge; light refreshments and wine will be served. Pick up your copy of Kaleidoscope today from the church office for \$20 - cash or check made out to NCPC.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
1900 Lovering Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2010
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

Mary Pratt

Room 325-B
Garden Care Center
135 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Square, NY 11010

At Home:

Kathy Griffin-Graham

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Anita Johnson

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Apartment 703
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Janet Reed

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Judy Hentkowski

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Smyrna, DE 19977
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This Week's Schedule

**SUNDAY 07/31 10:30am In-Person & Live Stream
Worship
Guest Preacher Tracy Keenan
11:30am Sidewalk Fellowship**

**Tuesday 08/02 6-8pm National Night Out at
Battery Park
7:00pm Elder Training via Zoom**

**SUNDAY 08/07 10:30am In-Person & Live Stream
Worship
11:30am Coffee Hour**

Kris will be on vacation August 4-8

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jane Fouracre	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Nanette Nichol	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Janet Spring	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

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

