

THE LORD IS WITH YOU



my soul exalts the LORD



## **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,**

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

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

**Children are always welcome in worship!** Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available 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 and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School and Nursery will return January 7th.

**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 in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the blue recycle can 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. She will be out of the office December 25-31.)

*The NCPC Office will be closed December 25-26 and January 1-2.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Boris Family**

Welcome, friends! Merry Christmas! The baby is born in Bethlehem. If you are ready to worship together, shout, Amen! **Amen!**

Angels are singing, the shepherds are rejoicing, because the baby is born in Bethlehem. If you are ready to sing for joy, stomp your feet and shout Amen! **Amen!** (*And stomp your feet!*)

Mary and Joseph are happy and blessed. The baby is born in Bethlehem. If you are ready to hear good news, clap your hands and shout Amen!

**Amen!** (*And clap your hands!*)

By day or by night, the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of Christ can be found. We light these candles, because Christ has come for us this day. We all are watching and waiting for a sign of Christ to come, for God's light to shine into our world. We light the Christ candle because God is present for us, in the day and in the night, here and now, just as we are.

*(Lighting of Christ candle.)*

Children of God, where will we find Christ's light this day?

**The good news is here. The child has come. Emmanuel, God with us, has been born for us today!**

**\*Hymn 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful - verse 1**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;**

**O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!**

**Come and behold him, born the King of angels.**

**O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;**

**O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Ever-loving God, on regular days we forget about the birth of Jesus. We forget to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves. We forget we have hope, peace, and joy in Jesus. We forget that you are with us. Thank you for reminding us. Thank you for this time of celebration. Thank you for being with us yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

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

## **\*Response Hymn 110 Love Has Come, Verse 3**

**Love has come and never will leave us!**

**Love is life everlasting and free.**

**Love is Jesus within and among us.**

**Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.**

**Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.**

**Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

In Light and In Darkness: Vision in the Night (*Matthew 1:18-24, Luke 1:26-38*)

### **Hymn 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem – verses 1 and 4**

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!**

**Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.**

**Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.**

**We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!**

In Light and in Darkness: Overwhelming Light (*Luke 2:2-14*)

**Hymn #113 Angels We Have Heard on High – verses 1 and 2**

Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Glo - - -ria in excelsis Deo!

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Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ,  
the Lord, the newborn King.

Glo - - -ria in excelsis Deo!

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In Light and in Darkness: Readjusting to the Dark (*Luke 2:15-20*)

**Hymn #136 Go Tell It on the Mountain – verse 1**

*Refrain:* Go, tell it on a mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! Above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. (*Refrain*)

In Light and in Darkness: The Light Has Entered the World (*Luke 2:15-20*)

**Hymn #115 Away in a Manger – verses 1 and 2**

Away in a manger, no crib for his  
bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his  
sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down  
where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the  
hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he  
makes.

I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from  
the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is  
nigh

A Christmas Story: The ~~Silent~~ Noisy Night

by Jill Roman Lord

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Sandra Eithun

Bethany Faiz - Piano

**\*Response - #155 Raise a Song of Gladness, sung twice**

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.**

**Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!**

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## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*The Celebration in Candlelight

*Light from the Christ Candle will light the candle of the first person in each pew. That person will offer the light to the next. Please always dip the unlighted candle into the lighted one, as we share the light of Christ that has come into the world.*

### \*Hymn #122          **Silent Night, Holy Night! - verses 1 and 3**

**Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother  
and child!  
Holy Infant so tender and  
mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy  
holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming  
grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

### \*A Blessing

### \*Hymn #134 Joy to the World – verse 1

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Postlude          He is Born (with "How Great Our Joy")          arr. Cindy Berry**  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Greeter/Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Worship Leader: Melissa Boris

Christ Candle Lighters: Boris Family

Pastor: Rev. Miriam Foltz

*You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.*

The Beautiful Christmas Display of Flowers  
 In the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God



and



Carol & Gene Mayhew	In Memory of Douglas L. Mayhew
The Foltz Family	In Honor of the Fabulous Folks of NCPC
Jean Norvell	In Memory of Ronald Norvell
Joan Appleby	In Memory of Bob Appleby
Dan & Shirley Knox	In Honor of the Children of NCPC In Memory of Loved Loves
Phee Price	In Memory of Phillip Imelda & Christine Price, Don, Peggy, Donald & Will Boos
Beverly Stoudt	In Memory of Jim Stoudt
The Spock Family	In Honor of Loved Ones
Rick, Chris Fagles & Family	In Memory of Our Parents, Doug, Skip, Stevie, Al and Torrie
Gail & C.J. Seitz	In Memory of Corky Viola
Rob & Julie Barry	In Memory of Loved Ones
Conchita Showell	In Hope of World Peace
Ginny Appleby	In Memory of Dick Appleby
Danny & Candy Dunson	In Honor of our Beloved Grandchildren Ryan, Avery & Shane
Pat & Dave Taylor	In Memory of Loved Ones
Connie Reese	In Memory of Don Reese
Sandy & Lindy Ballance	In Memory of Loved Ones
Susan & Jim Flook	In Memory of Our Parents & Grandparents
Scott & Amy Selheimer	In Memory of Our Parents Don, Norma & Charles
Nanette Nichol	In Memory of Jane and MaryAnn
Joanne Viola	In Memory of Corky Viola
Carolyn Briggs	In Memory of Bob Briggs
Peter & Kelly McCurdy	In Memory of Larry and Phyllis Koczak In Honor of Ian and Jane Byrd McCurdy
Monty & Ellie Gerhart	In Memory of Sharon Long

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**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	Walt Sparrow-Hood
Scott Selheimer		

*Session meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		
Miranda Matthews		

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

## TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
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)*

