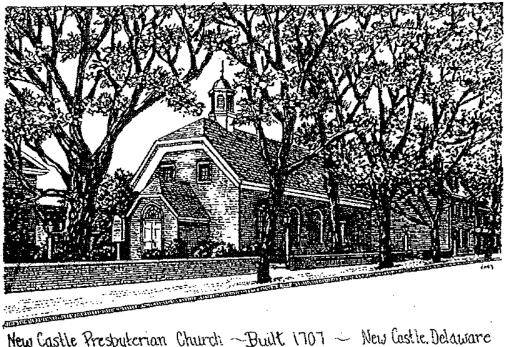
New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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,

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.

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 age Kindergarten through 5th grade 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. 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.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in 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 <u>handicapped parking only</u>.

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.

New Castle Presbyterian Church Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

As the Deer

arr. Douglas Wagner

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 (Drawn from Psalm 104)

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we still proclaim:
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
God stretched the heavens across the sky;
Let us marvel at the stars that fill it.
God raised mountains above the depths;
Let us gather in wonder before them.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Let us bless God's holy name!

10:30 a.m.

*Hymn #327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies



Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Isaac Watts, 1719; stanza 2, *A Pocket Hymn Book*, 1781 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you teach us that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant, and whoever seeks to be first must be last and servant of all. Still, O Lord, we seek seats of glory. We are so busy climbing ladders that we don't recognize that we are stepping on people whom you love.

Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way, for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many... (*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. *Copyright Paul M. Vasile, used by permission*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Master, Let Me Walk with Thee by Hal H. Hopson Carolyn Hendrix – Cello

Bethany Faiz - Piano

O Master let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free. Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love. Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong. In trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way. In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind that we might walk the path of discipleship without worrying about how we compare with others. Guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may live as your children, dependent on you and welcoming all with hospitality and love. Speak your everlasting Word of Truth to us now. Amen.

Scripture LessonMark 10:32-45Page: NT 46

³² They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the gentiles; ³⁴ they will mock him and spit upon him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise again."

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many." *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*Hymn #727

<u>GIVE THANKS TO GOD</u> Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Morning Has Broken Carolyn Hendrix – Cello Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Marty Parks

*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**

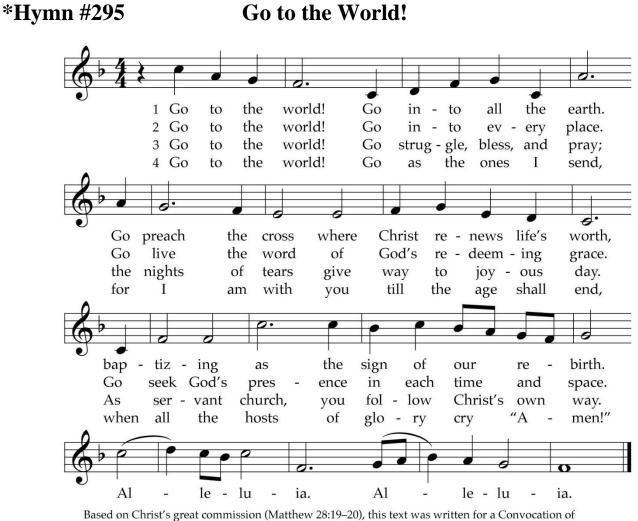
O God who sees us in our distress, behold your church today. We bring to you our joy and our brokenness, our thanksgivings and our demands. Fill us with your assurance that you truly know our needs and our hopes; line our paths with goodness and mercy. As we lift up our offerings to you, bless our giving that your way, your truth, and your life might be known throughout all creation. 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



Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction Steeple Bell Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Joel Raney

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

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jean Norvell
Ushers:Counters: Mary Fontinha/Amy Selheimer
Coffee Hour: Sunday SchoolNursery: Julie Barry/Lynn SmithSunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Thomas A. BaileyMorrial G. Thornton, Jr.1953-19601926-1991

CHURCH DIRECTORY + COMMUNICATION

We will be updating the Directory this month. Please send us any updates to your address, email, phone, etc.

We send a monthly newsletter and weekly Sunday email update. If you don't receive them, let Kris in the office know!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in October and November. **Please sign up today:** <u>https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups</u> If you're interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer, please contact: Molly Shaw. If you're interested in serving as a Sunday School volunteer, please contact: Melissa Boris.

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – TODAY

This Sunday is our second *All-Ages Sunday School*, and it's **BLUEY** themed! We'll watch the episode *Keepy Uppy* where Bluey's family demonstrates the joy and value of working together. Through a Bible story about friends working together and lots of time for play, we'll explore how God encourages us to get creative and start connecting in Christ's name.

The Christian Education Committee coordinates the food and material for our time together. We'll be all wrapped up by 1 p.m. In the style of a one-room schoolhouse, this is a great learning time for children of God between the ages of 1 to 105!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - TODAY

Today, Greg and Susan Fogarty will host us for a campfire lunch, then we'll head to Battery Park to do some trash pick-up and talk about how we care for God's creation. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated!

MEN'S GROUP – TOMORROW

Men's Group will meet for food and fellowship at Iron Hill Brewery on the Riverfront in Wilmington on Monday, October 21 at 7:00. Come join the conversation! Please RSVP to Steven Foltz.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. All are welcome!

FALL FEST: CHILI + GAMES – NEXT SUNDAY

Fall Fest is back again on October 27th during coffee hour! The CE Committee is organizing all-ages family fun, including crafts and games. (Costumes are encouraged!) Congregational Life is organizing our annual chili cook-off! A chili sign-up sheet is located on the rolling bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some chili and vote for your favorite! (There is now an official NCPC chili cook-off plaque!)

YOUNG(ISH) WOMENS – NOVEMBER 3

This fall, we're meeting on the first Sunday of each month. Mark your calendars for November 3 from 12-2! This fellowship group is for women between the ages of 20ish and 50ish; childcare will be provided.

CEMETERY CLEANUP – NOVEMBER 2

The Trustees will lead the way on the annual cemetery cleanup day on Saturday, November 2 from 9am-12pm. Plan to come out and lend a hand to spruce up the New Castle Presbyterian Church Cemetery on Umbrella Row.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON – SIGNS OF PROMISE

I, the Lord, of Sea and Sky, I have heard my people cry... Whom shall I send? Our 2025 Stewardship Season kicks off Sunday, October 27, as we celebrate God's signs of promise and commit to *hold God's people in our hearts*. Come stand at the burning bush with Moses, hear Ruth's promises to Naomi, and stand with Philip by the river. We'll hear how God's people - then and now - have said, "Here I am, Lord, send me!" Mark your calendars for our Stewardship Report after worship on November 3 and our Pledge Sunday on November 10.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Resource Development Committee is looking for one (or more!!) members to join RD as a "member at large." Are you interested in the budget? Policies? The inner workings of the church staff? Resource Development is for you!!! Please reach out to Peter McCurdy if you are interested or have any questions!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – HURRICANE RECOVERY

As multiple states reel from devastating hurricanes, PDA is coordinating with local leadership to provide emotional and spiritual care, as well as long-term recovery assistance to address unmet and ongoing needs. Your gifts this season will ensure that no community is left behind as we stand in the GAP – Give. Act. Pray. Learn more and contribute online at <u>https://pda.pcusa.org/</u>. (Or write a check to NCPC and designate PDA on the memo line.) Thank you to everyone who has already supported our "public display of affection!"

GIFTS OF LOVE

Thanks to all of you for the Christian love you've shown for your neighbors-inneed. With your generous giving in August, we raised an additional \$740 bringing our 2024 contributions to \$3,140. This has been a difficult year for many of our neighbors and for the organizations that help them. We collaborate with the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) of St. Peter's Catholic Church and they too have come very close to being out of funds. SVdP is very thankful for NCPC support. The food pantry continues to operate with the generous donations from the St. Peter's community, NCPC and others. To God be the glory!

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 <u>mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com</u> or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 <u>mailto:silverfran@aol.com</u>

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	This Week's Schedule				
SUNDAY	10/20	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream		
			Worship		
		12:00pm	•		
	1	-	Youth Group		
		6:00pm	Open Mic Night		
Monday	10/21	7:00pm	Presbytery Pastors' Retreat Men's Group @Iron Hill Brewery		
Wednesday	10/23	3:00pm	Bible Study		
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		7:30pm	Choir		
Thursday	10/24	3:00pm	Staff Meeting		
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Saturday	10/26	8:00am	Tai Chi		
	9:00am -	-12:00pm	Cemetery Cleanup Rescheduled for November 2		
SUNDAY	10/27	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Installation of Julia Spock/		
		11:30am	And Sarah McCann Fall Fest		

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office October 21 and 22 for the Presbytery Pastors' Retreat in Maryland.

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SESSION					
2025	2026	2027			
Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry			
Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann			
Connie Reese	OPEN	Amy Selheimer			
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer					

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2026	2027
Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock
Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt
	Lindy Ballance

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2025	2026	2027
Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Mike Smith	Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy

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





