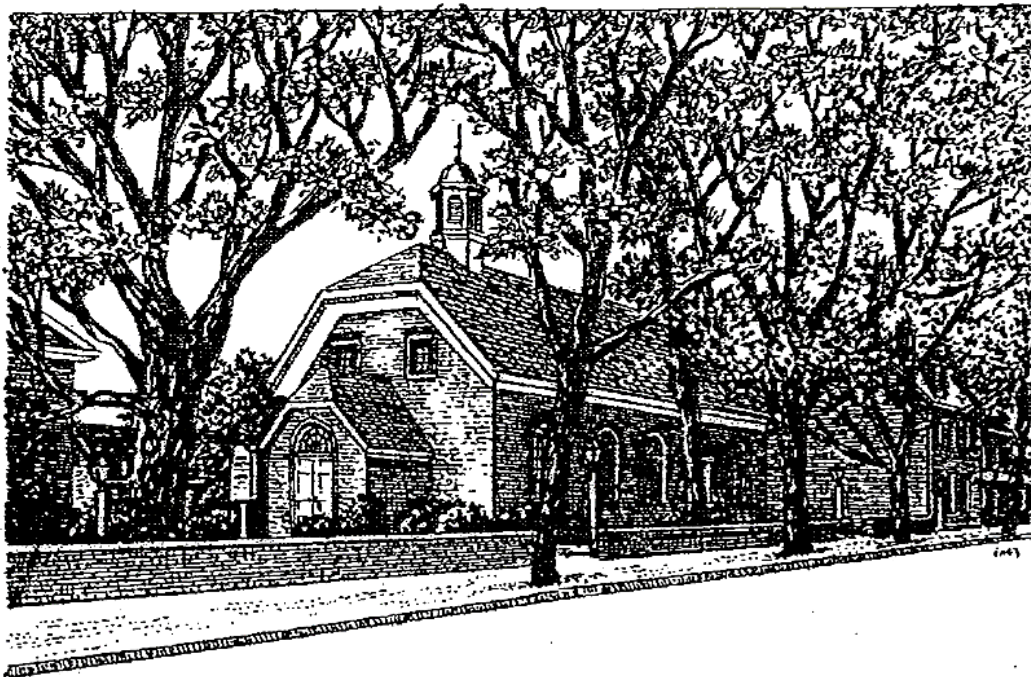


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**New Castle Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

March 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

The Cross of Christ

arr. Dan R. Edwards

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** (*inspired by Psalm 19*)

If you ask the sky who God is,

**the sky will tell you of God's reach.**

If you ask the day who God is,

**the sun will tell you of God's warmth.**

If you ask the night who God is,

**the moon will tell you of God's comfort.**

"The heavens are telling the glory of God!" Are you listening?

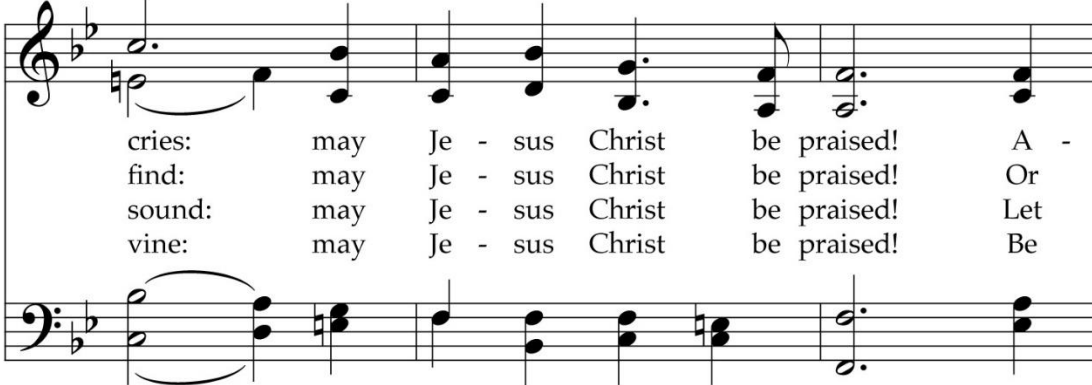
**We are listening! Let us sing of God's glory together.**

\*Hymn #667

When Morning Guilds the Skies



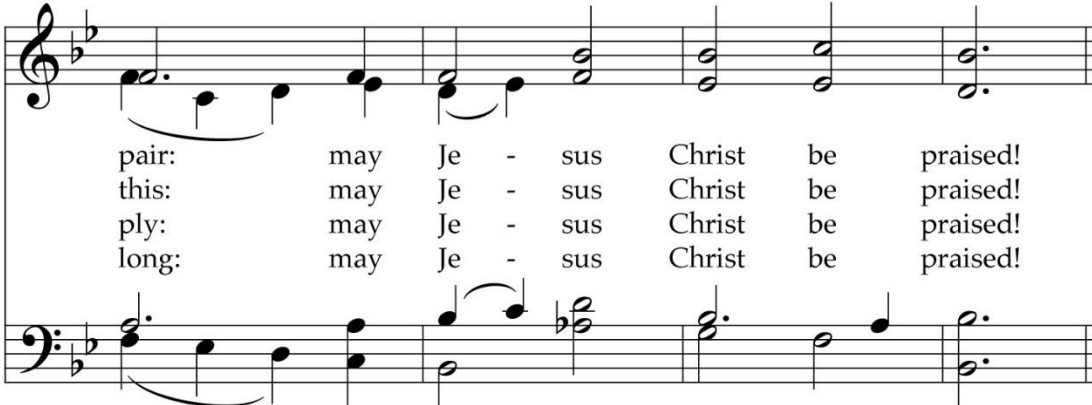
1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be



like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges



pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Holy God, some days we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst, and we are confident in our faith.

**Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers. Forgive us for losing sight of you.**

Some days we are quick to trust your blessing – trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

**Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in. Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.**

Fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith, but when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

**Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith....** *(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**

Prayers

by Robert C. Lau

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Lord God, our Father, we come together in your name, happy to be in your presence, and to bring our thanks, bring our thanks for your loving care. For the beauty and joy you bring to our lives, we bring our love, our love this day in our songs of praise.*

*Lord, we look to heaven, knowing you will watch over us. And we pray to you: watch over us. Forgive our sins, and bring us peace.*

*Be with us, Father, as we seek to do your will. Then at the hour of our calling may we find a place in your heav'nly home. In the name of your son. Amen.*

### **Scripture Conversation with Children**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy Word, for generations, people have bowed their heads, prayed the Psalms, and asked for your presence in their lives. For generations, people have whispered, "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God." For generations, we have gathered here to quiet our minds and to feel your presence in our midst. Once again, just as in generations before, we turn our hearts to your Word. Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend what you have to say to us today. With joy and hope we pray, Amen.**

#### **Scripture Lesson**

#### **Psalm 19**

**Page: OT 498**

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

**<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true

and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup> But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

**<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

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

**Scripture Lesson**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

**Page: NT 18**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

**Sermon**

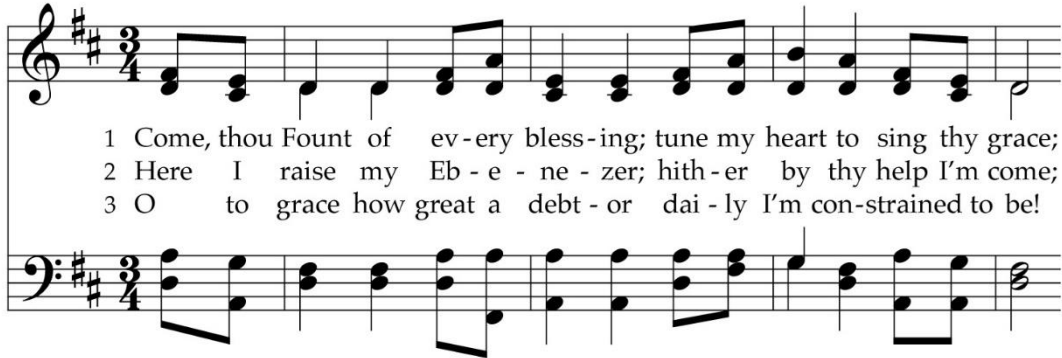


- "Praise the Mount"

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #475

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



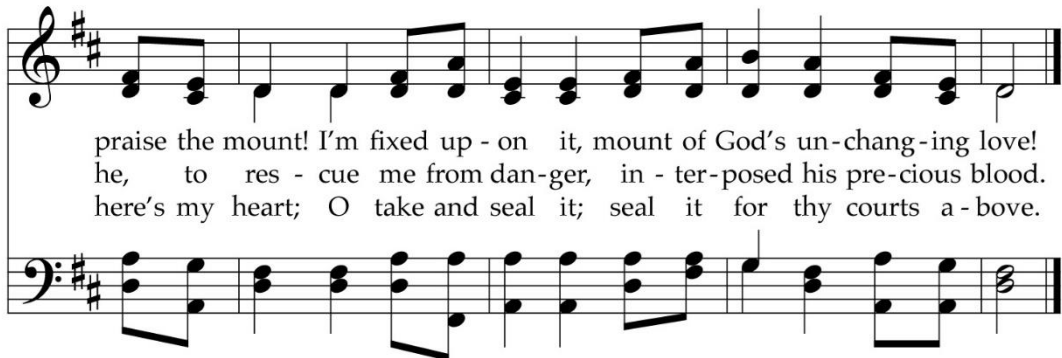
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.



## Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Molly Ijames

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 One, through Jesus, we know your hand reaching out in the storm, your comfort for all who hurt, and your welcome for the stranger. On the mountaintop and in the valleys, yours is the love that knows our name.**

**Through these offerings of our time, our talent, and our resources, may we proclaim that Jesus is our Messiah, son of the Living God, until all the world knows your goodness and your mercy. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.**

## Communion and Prayers of the People

Invitation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

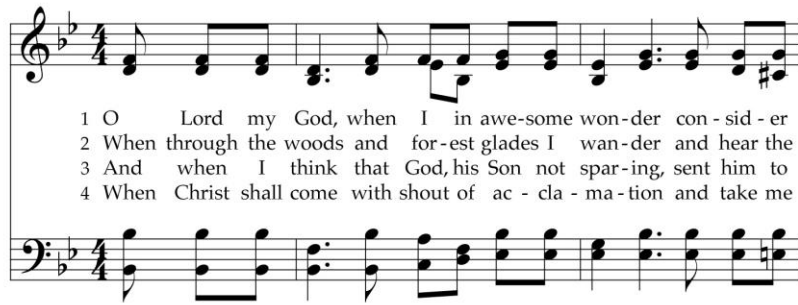
Partaking

Prayer

# 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

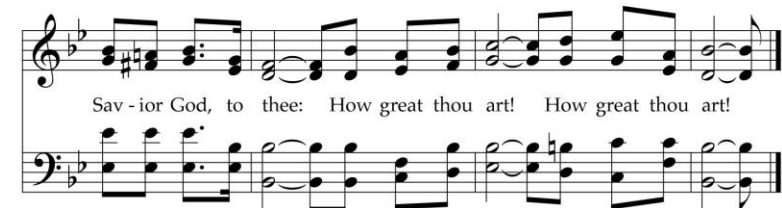
*Refrain*



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. Hottel 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**

Hallelujah, What A Savior  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.*

*As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

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

Worship Leader: Ray Snyder      Counters: Connie Reese/Mike Smith

Communion: Jim & Susan Flook, Conchita Showell, Kim Beebe

Ushers: Connie Reese/      Coffee Hour: Ringo Keka

Nursery: Lynn Smith/Julie Barry      Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Fitzhugh L. Brauer*  
1910-1985

*Ruth Lindfors*  
1920-2017



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

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders. Please sign up today:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up is in the Fellowship Hall.

## **GIFTS OF LOVE COLLECTION - TODAY**

In Romans 12:13, Paul urges us to “share with God’s people who are in need.” Our quarterly Gifts of Love collection supports the ministry of the St. Vincent dePaul Society at St. Peter's. Together, we assist our neighbors in need to pay for overdue utility bills, oil deliveries, rent, and mortgage payments. Make a gift through our white envelopes today to share with God's people who are in need.

## **YOUNG-ISH WOMEN GATHERING – TODAY**

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather today from 12-2. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings. Childcare will be available!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY – EASTER FAIR**

Information and registration for our Easter Fair on March 31 is up on our website. Sign up today! We are still recruiting Sunday School and Nursery volunteers for this Spring. If interested, please contact Melissa Boris at [borism1010@gmail.com](mailto:borism1010@gmail.com).

## **EASTER FLOWERS FORM**

On Easter Sunday (March 31), the Meeting House is decorated with spring flowers to help us celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. If you would like to donate a flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, please return the form in your bulletins by March 24.

## **EMMANUEL DINING ROOM BROWNIES**

Brownie mixes for Emmanuel Dining Hall are available in the entryway to the CE Building. Please return on or before March 6.

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS – BIBLE STUDY**

In the CE Building, pick up our Sanctified Art devotional - *Wandering Heart* - as we journey with Simon Peter through this season of discipleship and preparation for Easter. We have a weekly devotional for adults and daily devotional card sets for families. Join us on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm for Lenten Bible Study with the Pastor in the Fellowship Hall

## **3/6 LENTEN ECUMENICAL DINNER – THIS WEDNESDAY**

Our Feasting on the Word Ecumenical Lenten Suppers continues on Wednesday, March 6, at New Castle Methodist at 6 p.m. For the full schedule of participating churches, pick up a flyer in the CE Building entryway!

## **CHASE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY...**

By cheering on the Blue Coats! Join NCPC folks at the March 16th Blue Coats basketball game at the Chase Fieldhouse. The Delaware Blue Coats play the Birmingham Squadron; the game starts at 6:00 pm.

We have 16 premium seats reserved together in Section 7. Tickets are \$21 each. Please contact Greg Fogarty cell (302) 437-4731 for tickets.



## **FISH BANKS / ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope:



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online today at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

## **HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS**

Palm Sunday (3/24) - Palms Processional begins across 2nd Street at 10:25

Maundy Thursday (3/28) - 7 p.m. Worship with Communion in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday (3/29) - Individual meditation all day in the Meeting House

Easter Sunday (3/31) – 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier,  
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Meeting House, Easter Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,  
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### ***James Boyle***

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*This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>03/03</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; Communion</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm-2:00pm</b>	<b>Young-ish Women Gathering</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/05</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Mission &amp; Outreach Committee Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/06</b>		<b>BROWNIES DUE</b>
		<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Lenten Supper – New Castle Methodist</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/07</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Emmanuel Dining Room Prep.</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03/09</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>03/10</b>		<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</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>

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## SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
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		

*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)*

