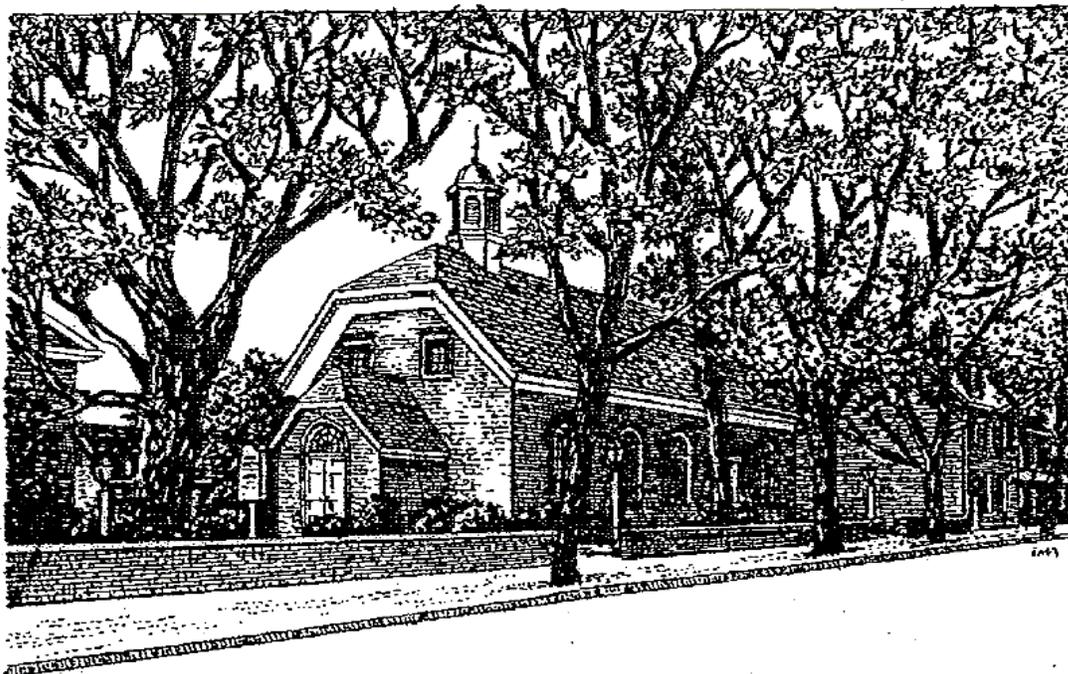


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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

Nursery Care for Children (0-4 yrs) is available in the Education Building, on the 2nd floor. An usher will be glad to direct you.

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
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

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 *(from Psalm 67)*

O God, be gracious to us and bless us.

Make your face to shine upon us.

That your way may be known upon earth,

That your saving power be revealed among all nations.

Let the peoples praise, you O God!

Let all the peoples praise you.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn #403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways.

We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way.

Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our personal narrative covers your hope for the future.

O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit.

(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 #240 (refrain, sung twice)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Spirit, Like A River

John Parker & David Lantz

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Spirit, like a river flow in my heart. Gently guiding my soul. Let your living water run through my life. Come and take control. Holy Spirit, come, Spirit, like a river, come and set your course in me. Spirit, like a cool wind, blow through my life, gently guiding my soul. Let your calming breezes move through my heart. Come and take control. Holy Spirit, come, Spirit, like a cool wind, come and set your course in me. One holy family, one holy place, sharing in the unity of God's grace. He has provided for us from above. His Spirit of love. Holy Spirit, come, Spirit, like a river, come and set your course in me. Holy Spirit, come, Spirit, like a river, come and set your course in me. Spirit, like a river, flow in my heart.

Prayer for Illumination

O God who was and is and is to come, you give us a vision of your reign, of the new Jerusalem. All people and nations will stream to your city where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace. Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of your loving care for all creation. Call us to move beyond our comfortable circles and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream of a world made new in Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

Page: NT 136

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Outside Faith”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

arr. Cindy Berry

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**

God of the empty tomb, pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all else, we may know your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. God of our Risen Lord, your joy is beyond our understanding. Bless the offerings of our time, talents, and treasures that your good news would ring throughout the world, spreading joy and peace into your creation. In Christ's 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 #297

In Christ Called to Baptize

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of vocal staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are organized into four stanzas. The first stanza has four numbered lines. The second stanza has three lines. The third stanza has four lines. The fourth stanza has three lines. The music is a simple, folk-like melody with a steady bass line.

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,
and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.
In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.
then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Like a River Glorious

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. Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Miranda Matthews

Nursery Volunteers: Kim Beebe & Lynn Smith

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Counters:

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Mary Anna F. Gebhart

1889-1961

David Holmberg

1911-1995



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders this summer. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>.

We are still looking for nursery volunteers for this spring. Please contact Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com - to sign up. All volunteers need to complete child protection training and pass a background check.

VBS PLANNING MEETING - TODAY at 7 p.m.

Our 2022 Vacation Bible School will be on Sunday, July 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. The theme is ReNew: Grow in Faith. We need volunteers to help prepare dinner, lead activities (crafts, games, and service project), as well as help with registration and set up/ clean up. Interested in volunteering? Join us via zoom for our first planning meeting today at 7 p.m. Email Pastor Miriam for the zoom link. ***Mark your calendars to walk with us in the Separation Day Parade – Saturday, June 11**

FALL RETREAT: BESIDE STILL WATERS (SEPT 23 – 25)

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at Pocomoke State Park from Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!)

RSVP by May 22 by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/1pXvdU2zNcKYbyLt7>

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.

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.

HIGHMARK WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Join NCPC on June 11th for the in-person Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community! This is an annual 5k walk that Highmark puts on for local non-profits so that they can receive 100% of the proceeds. Please join us for this 5k walk on the Riverfront and/or make a donation! If you're not available to join us in person, virtually walk with us from wherever you are and send in a picture! To join NCPC's walk team, register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yknytsmb>

SUMMER BOOK STUDIES

Our weekly Bible Study group has concluded for the year as we prepare for our usual summer book discussions. Start reading and join us for these gatherings:

Thursday, June 2 at 1 p.m. - at Connie Reese's house - John Ortberg's

[Everybody's Normal Till You Get To Know Them](#)

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.

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
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Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
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726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

Mary Pratt

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/22	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		1:00pm	Blue Rocks Game
		7:00pm	VBS Planning Mtg via Zoom
Monday	05/23		Meals on Wheels
Tuesday	05/24		Meals on Wheels
		4:00pm	Presbytery Meeting
Wednesday	05/25		Meals on Wheels
		1:30pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/26		Meals on Wheels
		1:00pm	Adult Bible Study
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	05/27		Meals on Wheels
SUNDAY	05/29	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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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)

