

# 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!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, 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.

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

**Nametags** – We encourage everyone to use the nametags available in the Meeting House entrance during worship and coffee hour. Please return to their box in Fellowship Hall.

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

**Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today.** Children 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. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street are for accessible parking only.

## Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

March 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

**I Am His, and He Is Mine**

arr. Cindy Berry

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**

Are you weary and worn? Wiggly and eager? **We are welcome here.**

Are you an early riser or still half asleep? Are you a rule follower or rule breaker? **We are welcome here.**

Welcome to all who hunger for justice and yearn for mercy.

**Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!**

\*Hymn #634

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

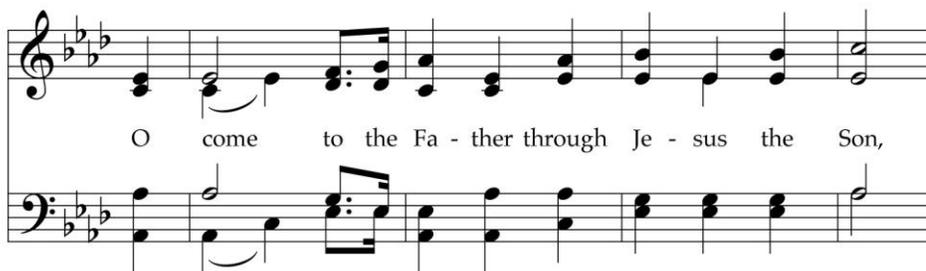
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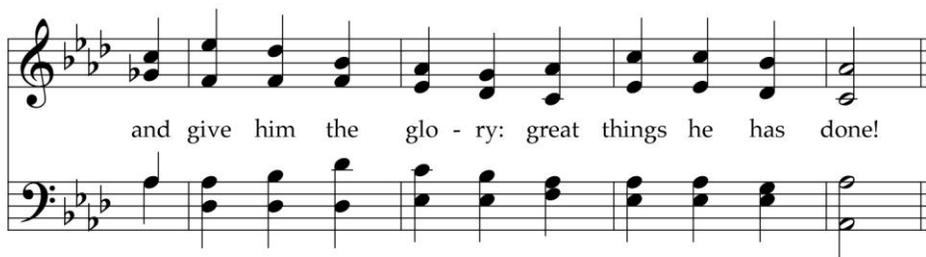
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875  
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
11.11.11.11 with refrain

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, too often, we seek clear answers and swift justice, desiring well-defined categories of right and wrong. Armed with stones in the shape of smartphones, we are ready for combat. With an email or post, we can swiftly bruise and condemn both loved ones and strangers around the world. Forgive us, we pray. In Christ, you show us your way of nuanced, loving conversations and merciful grace. Root us in your way of just mercy and love, that we would go and sin no more. Stick with us, we pray...** *(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

**Choral Anthem**

**When Jesus Wept**

by Peter Paul Olejar

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

## Scripture Conversation with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

**Living Word, you bend down and write in the dirt, tugging at our hearts and whispering in our dreams. We don't want to miss your wisdom. So, we pray, clear out the cobwebs in our ears. Quiet the stream of thoughts marching in our minds. Open up space in our hearts to receive your Good News for us today. With hope, we pray in Christ's name, amen.**

### Scripture Lesson

**Matthew 23:23**

**Page: NT 26**

<sup>23</sup>“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.

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

### Scripture Lesson

**John 8:2-11**

**Page: NT 100**

<sup>2</sup>Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. <sup>3</sup>The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, <sup>4</sup>they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. <sup>5</sup>Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” <sup>6</sup>They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down

and wrote with his finger on the ground. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” <sup>8</sup> And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” <sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”]] *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon *The Good News Is... rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD  
**O God Who Gives Us Life**

\*Hymn #53

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

**Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

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**

**God of our salvation, your forgiveness catches us by surprise. Jesus teaches us to forgive, to be slow to anger, to turn the other cheek. Bless our lives and these offerings to your work of mercy. By your amazing grace, may these gifts surprise and heal our hurting world. In Christ's name, 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.**

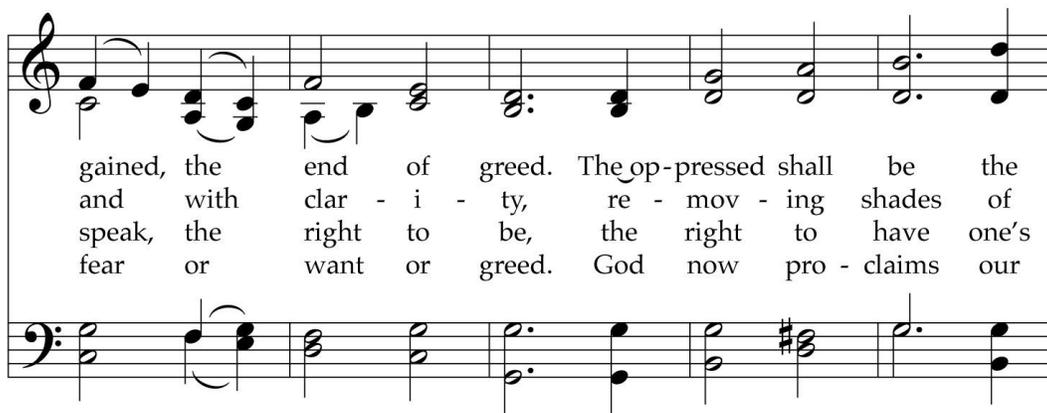
# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #772

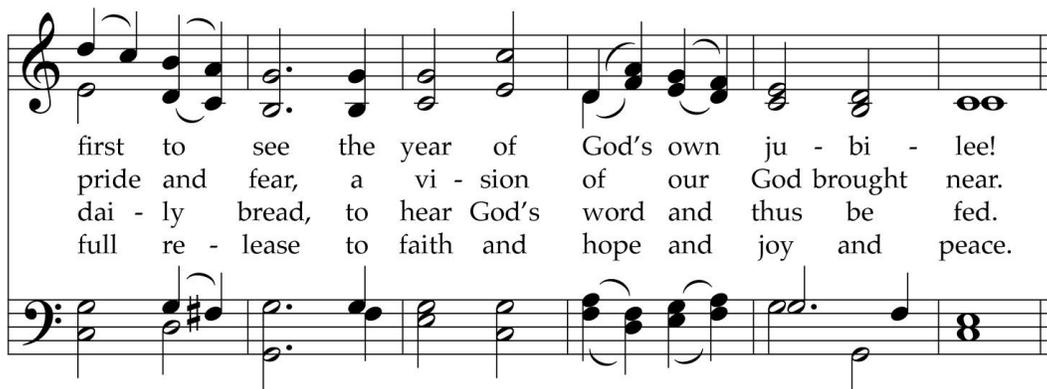
## Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Choral Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

### **Postlude**

### **Lead Me to Calvary**

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.*

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

*Worship Leader:* Nancy Kersey

*Coffee Hour:* All-Ages Sunday School

*Ushers:* Boris Family

*Counters:* Gina Kouma/Gail Seitz

*Nursery:* Mariellen Edinburg/Jane Fouracre

*Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Anne Bryson Gordon*  
1899 - 1976

*Annabelle H. Witt*  
1927 - 2010



### **PAPER CHAIN NAMES**

As part of our *Tell Me Something Good* series, the paper chains around the Meeting House bear the names of folks who support and care for us. If you'd like to add names, extra paper and staplers are available in the Narthex!

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

Sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

### **FISH BANKS**

OGHS fish banks are available in the Meeting House entryway during Lent. 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. On Easter Sunday, make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope.

### **ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – TODAY ON TAIZÉ**

The Good News is... rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness! Join us during Coffee Hour today for our March All-Ages Sunday School; our Christian Education committee has prepared a lunch in the simple style of Taizé – soup, bread, and chocolate! We will learn about the mission, ministry, and musical styles of Taizé, an ecumenical order and pilgrimage destination in Burgundy, France. Our Bluegrass Band will help present; they will lead us in Taizé musical worship on Maundy Thursday.

### **MASSANETTA CONFIRMATION RETREAT – THIS WEEKEND MARCH 20-22**

Our five youth (Annabelle, Joey, Oliver, Ryan, and Wyatt) and three chaperones (Pastor Miriam, Amy, and Peter) are at Massanetta Springs Conference Center (Harrisonburg, VA) for the Confirmation Retreat! Please hold them in prayer for traveling mercies and a meaningful time of growing in our Christian faith.

## **LENTEN DINNERS – FINAL GATHERING**

This week's dinner will be at Immanuel Episcopal Church, Wednesday, March 25 at 6:00pm.

## **MARCH 29 – PALM SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR**

On this Fifth Sunday, the Deacons have volunteered to make coffee, but all are encouraged to bring an item to share. Homemade or storebought, any food is welcome as we celebrate together the beginning of Holy Week! (And a reminder that we'll begin our Palm Processional at 10:25 across 2<sup>nd</sup> St!)

## **EGGS FOR THE EASTER FAIR**

Thanks to everyone who has picked up a bag of empty plastic eggs. **Return eggs by March 29** Pro-tip: tape the eggs shut!

## **EASTER FLOWERS FORM**

On Easter Sunday, 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 by next Sunday, March 29.

## **EASTER FAIR REGISTRATION – RSVP BY MARCH 30**

Join us Sunday, April 5, for our annual Easter Fair from 10:30-12. We are looking forward to the younger members of the church participating in Easter activities, songs, and stories...as well as everyone's favorite Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour! Register by March 30 at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/easterfair>

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 2**

Join us for Blueygrass Worship with Communion at 7p.m. this Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. We'll worship around tables together, as Christ gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper, and refreshments will be offered, including wine and cheese.

## **GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3**

The Meeting House will be open all day with printed copies of our Good Friday Devotional available for personal meditation. Copies of the devotional will also be shared by email with the congregation.

## **EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5**

Join us for our 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier.

Our (indoor) 10:30 a.m. Worship will be in the Meeting House, along with the Easter Fair.

## **WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER**

Rev. Dr. Rachel C. Hébert is originally from the Dallas area of Texas, but has lived and studied in an array of places. She has been ordained in the PCUSA since 2015 and served congregations in Williamsburg, VA and Pittsburgh, PA. Her previous ministry experience centered around being an associate pastor in congregations with a focus on mission and campus ministry. Sensing a call away from congregational ministry and into full-time campus ministry, Rachel began to pursue other avenues and was drawn to the PEACE Center ministry and initiative in Delaware. Rachel's heart for campus ministry centers around the belief that young people between the ages of 18-22 are having some of the most honest and authentic conversations about life, faith, God, and everything in-between, and so it is an honor to be invited into their lives and spaces to listen and engage in these conversations. When not engaging in campus ministry, Rachel can be found going on adventures around the DE/MD/East Coast with her husband, James, trying out new recipes in the kitchen, or enjoying being at home with James and their cat, Beth. Reach out to Pastor Rachel if you'd like to learn more and support the PEACE Center at [peacecenterud@gmail.com](mailto:peacecenterud@gmail.com).

## *This Week's Schedule*

|                  |              |                    |   |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>03/22</b> |                    | <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>   |
|                  |              | <b>10:30am</b>     | <b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship with Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Rachel Hébert</b> |
|                  |              | <b>11:30am</b>     | <b>All-Ages Sunday School</b>   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>03/23</b> |                    | <b>Meals on Wheels</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>2:00-5:00pm</b> | <b>Private Counseling – Library</b>   |
|                  |              | <b>6:00pm</b>      | <b>Improv Fun and Games</b>   |
|                  |              | <b>6:30pm</b>      | <b>Trustee Meeting</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>03/24</b> |                    | <b>Meals on Wheels</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>7:00pm</b>      | <b>Promises of AA Meeting</b>   |
|                  |              | <b>7:15pm</b>      | <b>Congregational Life &amp; Membership Meeting</b>                                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>03/25</b> |                    | <b>Meals on Wheels</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>2:00-5:00pm</b> | <b>Private Counseling – Library</b>   |
|                  |              | <b>3:00pm</b>      | <b>Bible Study</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>6:00pm</b>      | <b>Lenten Supper – Immanuel Episcopal</b>   |
|                  |              | <b>6:45pm</b>      | <b>Worship Meeting</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>7:30pm</b>      | <b>Choir</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>03/26</b> |                    | <b>Meals on Wheels</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>7:00pm</b>      | <b>Celebration Ringers</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>03/27</b> |                    | <b>Meals on Wheels</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>9:00am</b>      | <b>Blueygrass Band Rehearsal</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>03/28</b> | <b>8:00am</b>      | <b>Tai Chi</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>03/29</b> |                    | <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>10:30am</b>     | <b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>  |
|                  |              | <b>11:30am</b>     | <b>Coffee Hour</b>  |

*Administrator Kris Krawczyk will be out of the office from March 24 through April 6.  
Thank you to our Office Volunteers who will be covering the phones from 10-12 each day.*

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