

# 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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## Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com) or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 [silverfran@aol.com](mailto:silverfran@aol.com)

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 10, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

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** (*from Psalm 66*)

Bless our God, O peoples; let our praises be heard.

**God has kept us among the living and not let our feet slip.**

I cried aloud to God, and God listened.

**God has heard the words of my prayer.**

Come and sing God praises.

**Blessed be God, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**O Christ, you said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” We name this morning how we have broken your law of love. We have hoarded resources, rather than feeding your sheep. We have stoked competition, rather than kneeling at others’ feet. We have kept silent, rather than speaking words of mercy. Forgive us, and free us to live in your way of love.**  
*(Time for silent prayer...)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

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

**\*Sung Response #248 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (verse 3)**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

## PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

### Choral Anthem

### If Ye Love Me

Philip Willy

Bethany Faiz - Organ

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, That He may abide with you forever; E'en the Spirit, of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.*

### Scripture Conversation with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Scripture Lesson

**John 14:1-7**

**Page: NT 108**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way

and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sermon

*Final Exam Review*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #850

## In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un-bound-ed dark-ness, long be-fore the first  
2 Though our world is ev-er-chang-ing, you are con-stant, firm,  
3 Joy trans-forms our lips to boast-ing on-ly in your match-  
4 God of Ha-gar, God of Sa-rah, God of no-mad A-



light shone, you, O God, be-yond all mer-it worked a  
and sure, faith-ful to your cov-enant prom-ise. Trust-ing  
less grace, send-ing Christ to dwell a-mong us, Word made  
bra-ham; God of Mir-yam, God of Mo-ses, Fi-ery



won-der faith makes known: in your mer-cy, in your  
you, we live, se-secure: sing-ing prais-es, sing-ing  
flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav-ior, Friend and  
Pil-lar, great I AM: lead us home-ward, lead us



mer-cy, you em-braced us as your own,  
prais-es, long as heart and breath en-dure,  
Sav-ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,  
home-ward, to the love-feast of the Lamb,



ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Setting this translation of a Chinese hymn to Western plainsong enhances the universal context of the opening stanza. The familiar pattern of creation, covenant, and incarnation in the first three stanzas leads to a far-reaching final stanza that looks both backward and forward.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

arr. Tom Fettke

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**

**O God, you call the earth and all that is in it as good. Breathe life into our dusty ways, so that our gifts would reflect your compassion and mercy. May our offerings provide rest for all who are weary and carry your resurrection hope into this world. Alleluia! 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.**

\*Hymn #249

GO IN GOD'S NAME  
Because You Live, O Christ

1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to  
2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for  
3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your  
fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us  
a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

*Refrain*

res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.  
closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -  
kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Choral Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

### **Postlude**

### **God Leads Us Along**

arr. Patti Drennan

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:* Session

*Ushers:* Jim & Barbara Whisman

*Counters:* Jenn Dunham/Gary Graham

*Nursery:* Jane Fouracre/Stephanie Foltz

*Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

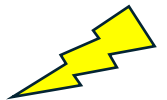
***Horace L. Deakyne***  
***1892 - 1979***

***William T. Knox***  
***1931 - 2012***



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

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



### **DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE – MAY 16**

On May 16, the Meeting House will be open from 10-4 for Day in Old New Castle, and we'll share information about our congregation and grounds, including - as requested by the DIONC Committee - our burial grounds! Would you help share about where the saints of NCPC have been buried over the centuries? (Courtesy of Herb Pratt, we have a great handout!) Please sign-up for a docent shift on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall!

### **NCPC YOUTH GROUP IN MAY**

Confirmants, mentors, and family members are encouraged to gather today, after worship to review upcoming happenings, including our Youth Worship on May 17!

### **ALL-AGES GAME NIGHT: MAY 23**

Congregational Life is planning another All-Ages Game Night in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 23 from 6-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game! RSVPs to Gina Kouma or sign up in the Fellowship Hall by May 15.

### **NCPC BLUE ROCKS NIGHT**

Join NCPC on Friday, June 19 at 6:35 for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game and fireworks! We have 20 tickets in a block section; contact Jen Dunham to purchase tickets - \$13 each!

### **BROWNIES**

Thank you for taking home the brownie boxes to provide a delicious dessert for families and individuals who get meals at the Emmanuel Dining Hall. Brownies are due before 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 2

Mark your calendars for this year's VBS on August 2 from 3-7 p.m.! Our VBS Theme this summer - *Jesus Calms the Storm* - invites us to be still and know that God is God! Through art and games, music and storytelling, we'll learn about Jesus' love and care for his disciples in Mark 4. Children who are entering Kindergarten up through just finished 5th grade are invited to participate! *We're still looking for a few more adult volunteers for VBS; if you're interested, please reach out to Julie Barry. Our next planning meeting will be Sunday, June 21 following worship.*

## EPIPHANY HOUSE & EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

New sign-up sheets are now available in the CE Building for the coming months. Please consider volunteering for one of the following opportunities to serve those in need:

- Epiphany House: On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, serve dinner at this transitional home for women in Wilmington.
- Emmanuel Dining Room: Cook for guests on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Scott or Amy Selheimer

## FIRST & CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

1 in 7B Saturday lunches and showers!

Come to Christina Park in Wilmington and help by either prepping lunches, serving lunches, helping with guest check in or assisting with laundry and shower services with 1 in 7B's mobile shower and laundry truck.

First Saturday of every month:

June 6, July 4, August 1, October 3 and November 7 (no Sept. help needed)

Summer Sanctuary at First & Central -

Every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 - 5:00 PM starting on July 4th and ending on August 29th. This is allowing those to come in from the heat, charge their devices and have a cool drink and a snack.

See Amy Selheimer if you are interested in either opportunity.

### *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>05/10</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Deacon's Meeting</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/11</b>	<b>2:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>Private Counseling – Library</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Improv Fun and Games</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/12</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Promises of AA Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/13</b>	<b>2:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>Private Counseling – Library</b>
		<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/14</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/15</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Letter Writing Workshop</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>05/16</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Presbytery Meeting – Lower Brandywine</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>05/17</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship – Youth Worship &amp; Confirmation Sunday</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Community Open Mic Nite</b>

*Pastor Miriam and Kris will be out of the office on Friday, May 15*

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

## SESSION

2026	2027	2028
Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham
Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles
Ray Snyder	Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

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

## DEACONS

2026	2027	2028
Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage
Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks
		Nan Wallace

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

## TRUSTEES

2026	2027	2028
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Marshall Freund
Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith

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

