

# 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:

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

March 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

**He Hideth My Soul**  
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**

God loves a pride of lions and an unkindness of ravens.

**God loves a flamboyance of flamingoes and a shiver of sharks.**

God loves a stench of skunks and a fever of stingrays.

**God loves a wisdom of wombats and a charm of goldfinch.**

God loves all of God's creations, whether we walk, crawl, roll, or fly.

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn #188

Jesus Loves Me

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess all the ways that your law has gone in one ear and out the other. We have mistreated our immigrant neighbors, hoarded our resources, and clung to our weapons of war. Yet, despite our sin and shortcomings, you keep on calling us by name. Forgive us, and by your grace, move us to live as your children. Help us to walk in your way of mercy; renew our call to follow Christ. With hope, 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      The King of Love My Shepherd Is      Music Ryan Murphy  
Bethany Faiz - Organ      Words by Henry W. Baker**

*The King of love my Shepherd is; whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever, and He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth; with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed; but yet in love He sought me; and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise, within Thy house forever. Forever.*

### Scripture Conversation with Children

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy God, you give us the law and the prophets to guide us in your way, but we struggle even with the simplest of your commandments. You say, “Love your enemy... Turn the other cheek... Care for the widow and the orphan.” But we ask: How? When? Where?... Answer us with your truth and help us to dream new dreams. Draw close to us and speak once more. We pray in Christ’s name, Amen.**

### **Scripture Lesson**

**Matthew 19:13-15**

**Page: NT 21**

<sup>13</sup> Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, <sup>14</sup> but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” <sup>15</sup> And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### **Scripture Lesson**

**Deuteronomy 24:17-22**

**Page: OT 179**

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. <sup>18</sup> Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

<sup>19</sup> “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all your undertakings. <sup>20</sup> When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

<sup>21</sup> “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. <sup>22</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

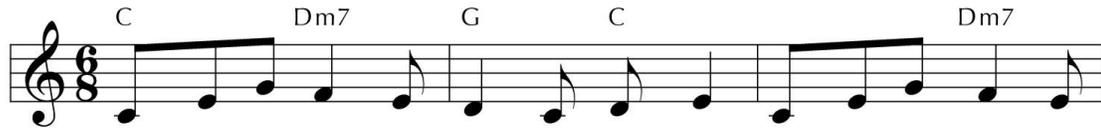
*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon     *The Good News Is... protection and care for the vulnerable*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #543

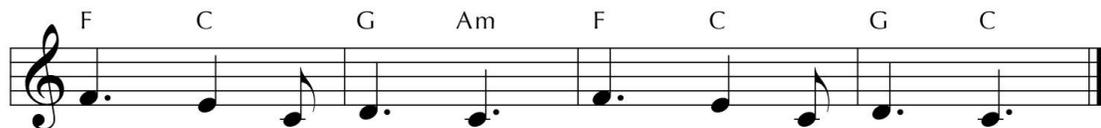
## God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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**

**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.**

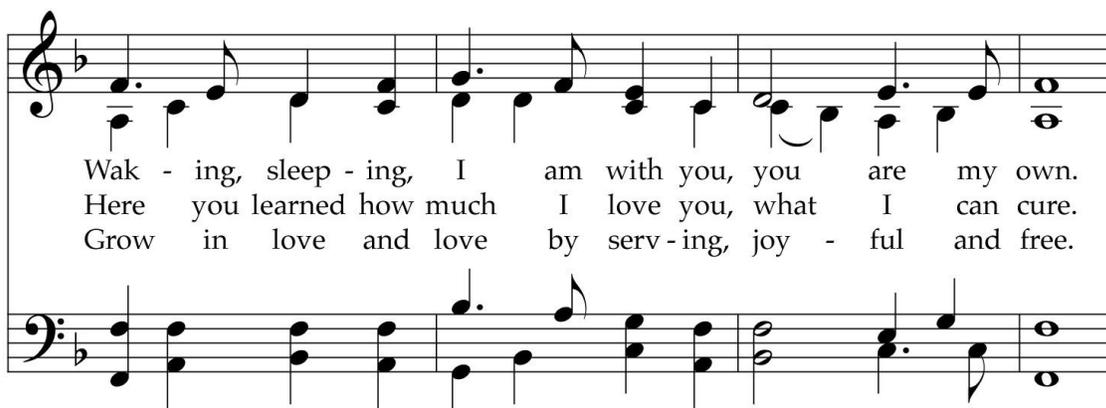
# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #547

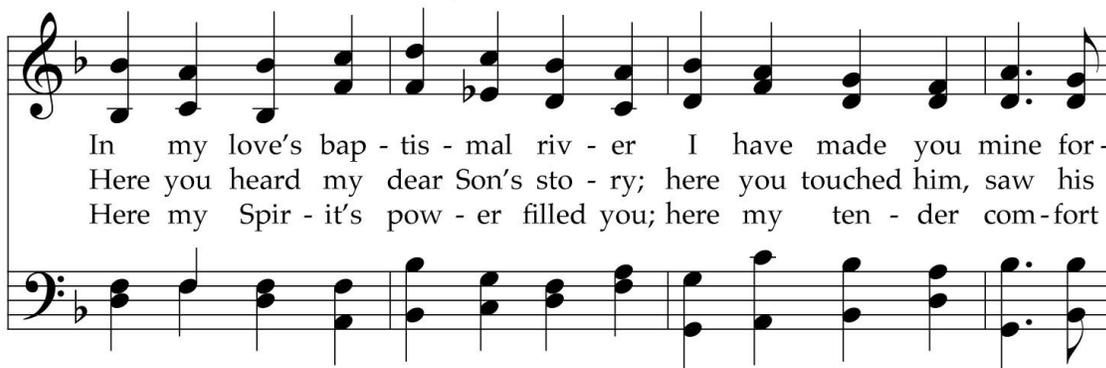
## Go, My Children, With My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Choral Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

### **Postlude**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** 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:* Susan Flook

*Coffee Hour:* Deacons

*Ushers:* Boris Family

*Counters:* Chris Fagles/Mary Fontinha

*Nursery:* Jane Fouracre/Julia Spock

*Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Rachel Handy-Hayes

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Hess G. Wilson*  
1915 - 1975

*Ellen Wallace Matthews*  
1935 - 2009



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

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

### **LGBTQIA+ LUNCH & LEARN – TODAY**

We will be having an LGBTQIA+ lunch and learn with Carolyn Deal, Delaware's own Queer historian, on Sunday, March 15th! Come join us after fellowship hour, and learn about Delaware's incredible LGBTQIA+ activists and pioneers who have shaped Delaware's history!

### **LENTEN DINNERS**

This week's dinner will be at St Peter the Apostle Church, Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00pm.

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

Due to Virginia's inclement weather, our five youth (Annabelle, Joey, Oliver, Ryan, and Wyatt) and three chaperones (Pastor Miriam, Amy, and Peter) didn't make it to Massanetta Springs in January, but we will head there in March for our Confirmation retreat!

### **ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL - MARCH 22**

The Good News is... rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness! Join us for our March All-Ages Sunday School during Coffee Hour as we learn about the mission, ministry, and musical styles of Taizé, an ecumenical order and pilgrimage destination in Burgundy, France.

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

OGHS fish banks are available in the Meeting House entryway during Lent. Our Easter OGHS offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants.

## **HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS**

Palm Sunday, March 29 – Our Palms Processional begins at 10:30 across 2<sup>nd</sup> St at 10:25  
Maundy Thursday, April 2 – 7 p.m. Taizé Worship with Communion in the Fellowship Hall  
Good Friday, April 3 – Individual meditation all day in the Meeting House  
Easter Sunday, April 5 – Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at the Battery Park Pier  
Easter Worship at 10:30 a.m., with Easter fair activities until 12 p.m.

## **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!

## **EGG-STRADORDINARY HELPERS**

Pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs in the CE building and fill them with various goodies (candy, stickers, etc.) for our Easter Fair Egg Hunt. All eggs are to be returned by March 29. Pro-tip: tape the eggs shut! Interested in volunteering at the Easter Fair (setting up, hiding eggs, cleaning up, etc.)? Please reach out to Julie Barry or Chris Fagles!

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

On Easter Sunday (April 5), 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 this form by March 29.

## **EASTER FAIR: RSVP BY MARCH 29**

Join us during Sunday School on Sunday, April 5, for our annual Easter Fair! We are looking forward to the younger members of the church being able to participate in Easter activities, songs, and stories...as well as everyone's favorite Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour! Please RSVP by Sunday, March 29: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/easterfair>

## **FRIENDSHIP HOUSE WALK – MAY 2**

Save the Date! Saturday, May 2 is the Highmark Walk to support Friendship House. We would like to participate with a "New Castle" spin. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 for a continental breakfast and then do our own walk at Battery Park at approximately 10:00 am. More details soon on how to sign up! ~Mission & Outreach

## **BUILDING USE TASK FORCE – THANK YOU**

At our March meeting, Session received the task force's final report, and our Elders voted to dissolve with gratitude this task force. Stay tuned for exciting CE Building Kitchen updates; in the meantime, please thank Rob Barry, Julia Bechtel, Peter McCurdy, and Gail Seitz for their tenacious effort to interview all the groups who utilize our grounds and for presenting great recommendations for improvements!

## **NCPC OFFICE UPDATE**

Administrator Kris Krawczyk will be out of the office for surgery on March 24. We hope that she will be back in the office on April 7. In the meantime, office volunteers will cover basic tasks, including checking voicemail messages. Thank you for all of your grace through this Holy Week season, and please hold Kris in your prayers for a successful rotator cuff surgery!

## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>03/15</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</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>Delaware Queer History</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Community Open Mic Nite</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03/16</b>	<b>2:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>Private Counseling – Library</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/17</b>		<b>St Patrick's Day</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Promises of AA Meeting</b>
		<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Christian Education Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/18</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 – St Peter the Apostle</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Special Called Presbytery Meeting</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/19</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>03/20</b>		<b>Newsletter Deadline / Brownies Due</b>
			<b>Massanetta Youth Group Confirmation Retreat</b>
		<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Letter Writing Workshop</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03/21</b>		<b>Massanetta Youth Group Confirmation Retreat</b>
		<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Emmanuel Dining Room Prep</b>
<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 - Taizé</b>

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