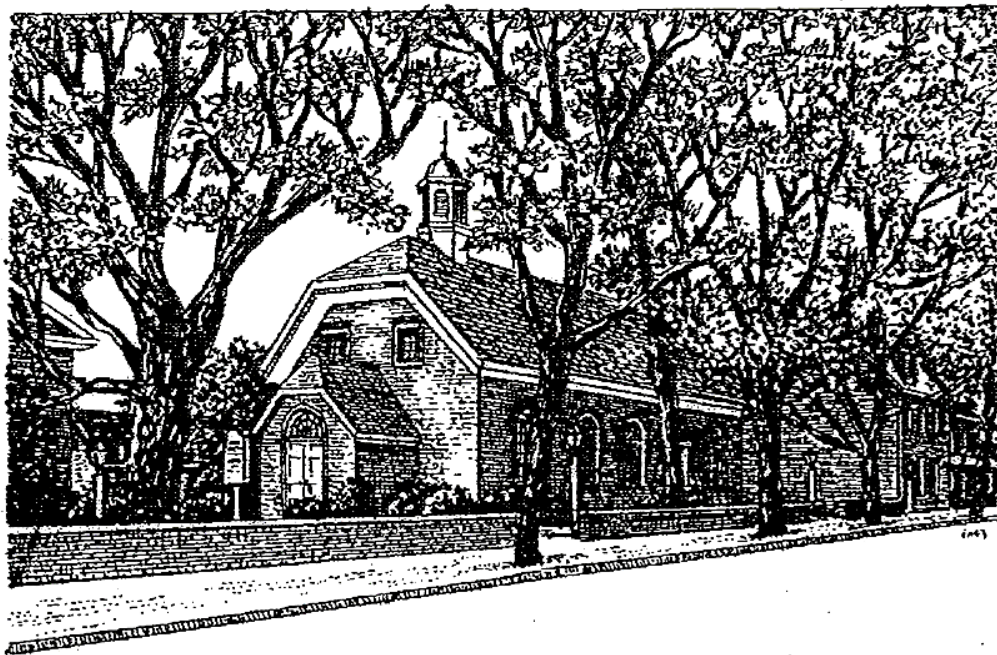


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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.

**Children are always welcome in worship!** Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available 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 and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery care will be available following the Scripture Conversation.

**At the end of worship**, please join us for Coffee Hour in 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  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 4, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

**Prelude**

**I Love to Tell the Story**

arr. Melody Bober

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**

**Call to Worship**

All you with grumbling stomachs, hungry for bread and fulfillment:

**Draw near to God.**

All you with dry throats, thirsting for water and justice:

**Draw near to God.**

All you with empty arms, searching for a warm embrace and a meaningful life.

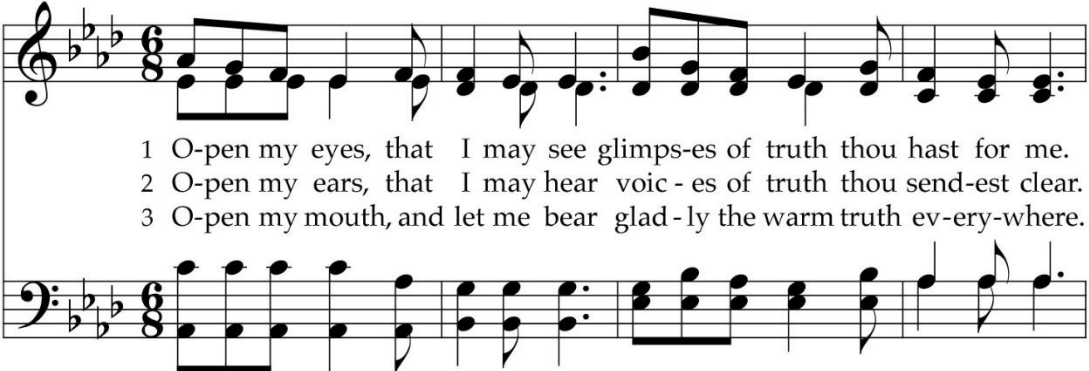
**Draw near to God.**

God draws near to all who call upon God’s holy name.

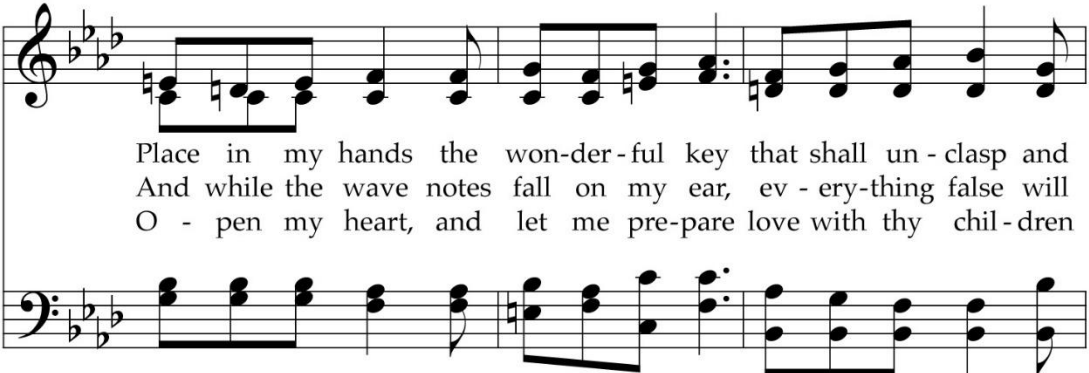
**Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn #451**

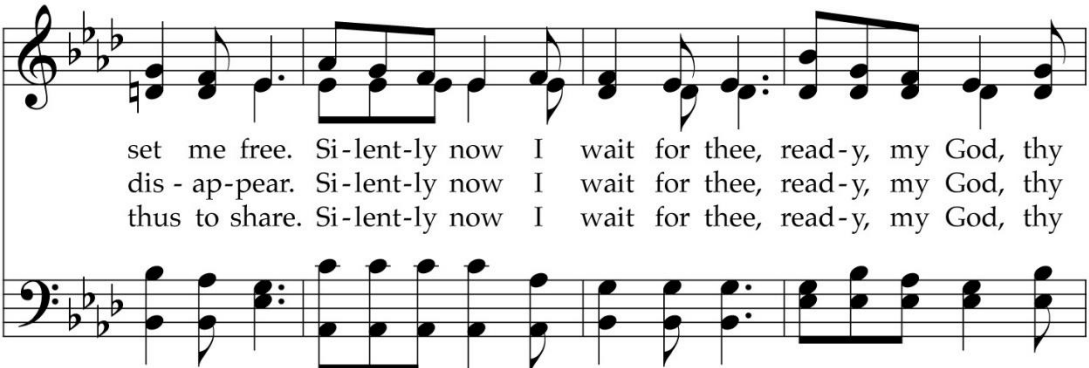
**Open My Eyes, That I May See**



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/ composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, you are the Bread of Life, O God, but our earthly hunger often gets the best of us.**

**You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements. You offer us peace, but we hunger for control. You bless us with plenty to share, but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours.**

**Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness, teach us to hunger for things that you do: to hunger for justice, to long for equality, to work for the common good until none of your children have to hunger for bread.**

**Forgive 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**

### **Scripture Conversation with Children**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. Listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. See the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts.**

**Send your Holy Spirit and heal us. Speak through your Living Word to comfort and to save us. Remind us of your steadfast love, again and again.**

**Amen.**

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

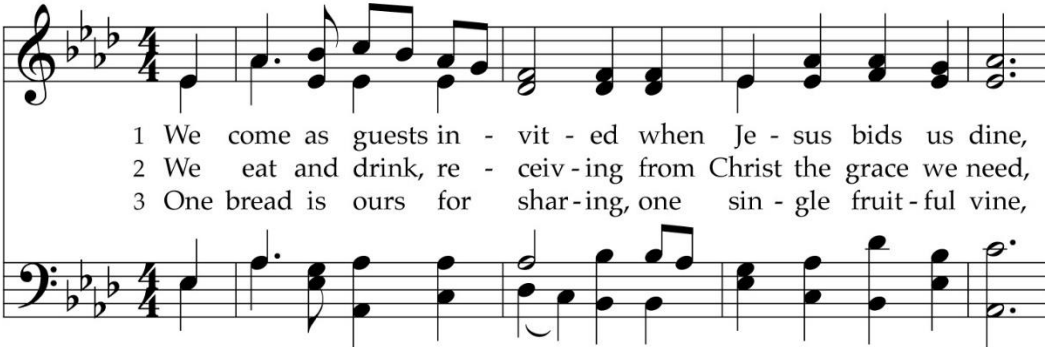
Sermon

*They Went Looking for Jesus*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #504

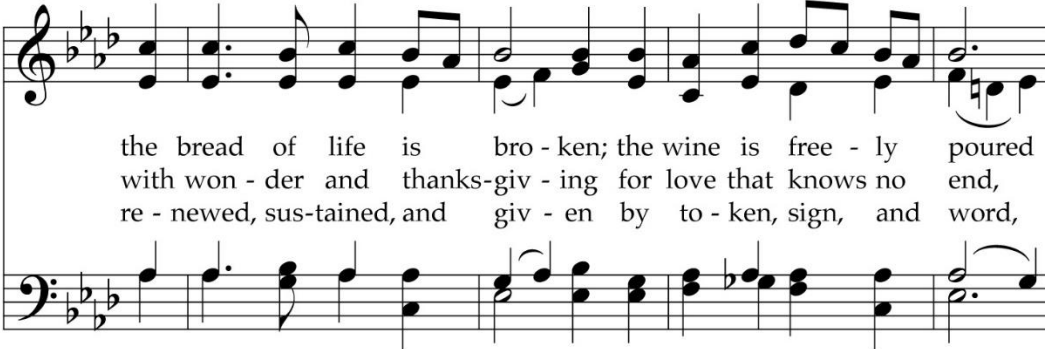
## We Come as Guests Invited




1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,  
2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,  
3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;  
and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;  
our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:



the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured  
with won - der and thanks-giv - ing for love that knows no end,  
re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,



for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.  
the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.

## Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

**One in Christ**

words by Clara M. Brooks

Sarah McCann - Vocalist

music by Della F. Byers

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, giver of life, each day you rain down manna from heaven, and we are nourished by your good news. Turn our complaints into gratitude and generosity, that we as a church may grow into the body of the risen Christ given for the life of the world! Bless our offerings that all may be filled by your grace. 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 #541

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Unison Harmony

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils  
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:  
tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:  
thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:  
float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Be with You Till We Meet Again'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into three systems. The first system has a 'Unison' part for the vocal line and a 'Harmony' part for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: '1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels', '2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -', '3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils', and '4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner'. The second system continues the lyrics: 'guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:', 'tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:', 'thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:', and 'float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:'. The third system is marked 'Unison' and contains the final line: 'God be with you till we meet a - gain.'.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.  
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

RANDOLPH  
9.8.8.9

(alternate tune: GOD BE WITH YOU, 542)

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Steeple Bell

### Postlude

### Like a River Glorious

Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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:* Ray Snyder      *Counters:* Marshall Freund/Jennifer Dunham

*Ushers:* Lyn Briggs/Mike Smith      *Coffee Hour:* Trustees

*Communion:* Shirley Knox      *Nursery:* Mallory Mackie & Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*A. Marshall Keegan      Everard C. Riley*  
*1881-1926      1940-1989*



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

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in August.

**Please sign up today:** <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

And mark your calendars for upcoming trainings:

August 25 - Nursery/ Sunday School Orientation + Usher Orientation  
following Worship

September 1 - Communion Server orientation following worship

**COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY**

Following worship, join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour provided by NCPC Trustees.

**BROWNIE BAKERS**

Every month, NCPC volunteers prepare a meal for Emmanuel Dining Room in Wilmington. You can help feed our neighbors by baking a batch of brownies! Mixes are available in the CE Building; please return baked brownies in a sealed ziploc bag. Brownies are due into the kitchen by August 6.

**PUT ON LOVE**

Thank you for your generosity in helping clothe students around Delaware through Friendship House's School Uniform Drive! Our Vacation Bible School offering raised \$520 to help kids put on love and excel in school. As a new school year begins, may we all clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and above all LOVE!

## **YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S GATHERING - TODAY**

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather today from 12-2pm.

Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings.

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 6**

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, come find NCPC's table at the Battery Park National Night Out Event! We'll have games and activities for all ages. The event is sponsored by the New Castle Police Department, Good Will Fire Company, and other service agencies. Free food and drinks will be provided.

## **BLUE ROCKS – AUGUST 10**

GOOD NEWS: We've reserved 20 tickets to a Blue Rocks Baseball Game. GREAT NEWS: Our seats are behind third base AND in the shade AND stacked in 4 rows of 5!!! Tickets are \$13 each. Please reach out to our resident Ticketmaster Jen Dunham for tickets

## **NEW OFFICER TRAINING – AUGUST 11**

After worship next Sunday, incoming Elders, Deacons, and Trustees will gather in the Fellowship Hall for new officer training over lunch.

## **NCPC MEN'S GROUP - AUGUST 19**

The group's next planned activity will be a gathering at The Legend Restaurant & Bakery on August 19 @ 7:00pm. Please contact [Steven Foltz](#) to share ideas and get involved. All ages are invited to attend.

## **NCPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB – AUGUST 28**

Join us on August 28th at 3 p.m. in the Read House Garden for our NCPC summer read: Anne Lamott's *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*. Copies are available for purchase for \$20 through the church office, or through the library or your favorite book supplier. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER**

Our Fall season kicks off on Sunday, September 8.

Regular Sunday School and Nursery care returns, so keep an eye out for registration forms.

The NCPC Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm, beginning Wednesday, September 4.

New this Fall: On the third Sundays, we'll offer Sunday School for All Ages from 12-1pm, and our Middle and High School Youth Group will also meet from 12-2pm. Be sure to join us on September 15!

Learn more about these and other upcoming offerings by checking out the brochure in the August newsletter.

## **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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## ***On Assignment with the Air Force:***

### ***James Boyle***

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## ***This Week's Schedule***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>08/04</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; Communion</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (Trustees)</b>
		<b>12:00pm-2:00pm</b>	<b>Young-ish Women Gathering</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>08/05</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>08/06</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>National Night Out – Battery Park</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>08/07</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Emmanuel Dining Room Prep</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>08/08</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>08/09</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08/10</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>6:05pm</b>	<b>Blue Rocks Game</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>08/11</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Fellowship</b>
		<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Incoming Officer Training</b>

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Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

## 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)*

