

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 5th 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 2nd 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 or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday in Easter**

April 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign

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 (*drawn from Psalm 16*)

The Lord is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.

My heart is glad, and my soul rejoices, for God does not give me up to the deep. **O God, you show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy. Let us worship God!**

***Hymn #267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, you show us the path of life, offering companionship along the way. Yet, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us. Help us to remember our baptism, that we would walk in your way of grace...

(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 #240

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

**2. Spread the good news o'er all
the earth:**

Jesus has died and has risen.

(Repeat refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem

Morning Has Broken

arr. by Harry Simeone

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the Word. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlight from heaven. Like the first dewfall, on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where His feet pass. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning. Born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning; God's recreation of the new day.

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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. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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

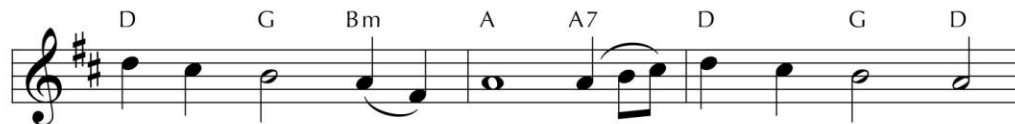
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 new life, shake us free from anything that inhibits us from living fully as your new creation. Bless these gifts of our lives and offerings; use them for the mending of relationships, the healing of wounds, the restoration of communities, and the righting of wrongs. As we reach for your hand, may we proclaim together, "My Lord and my God!" 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,

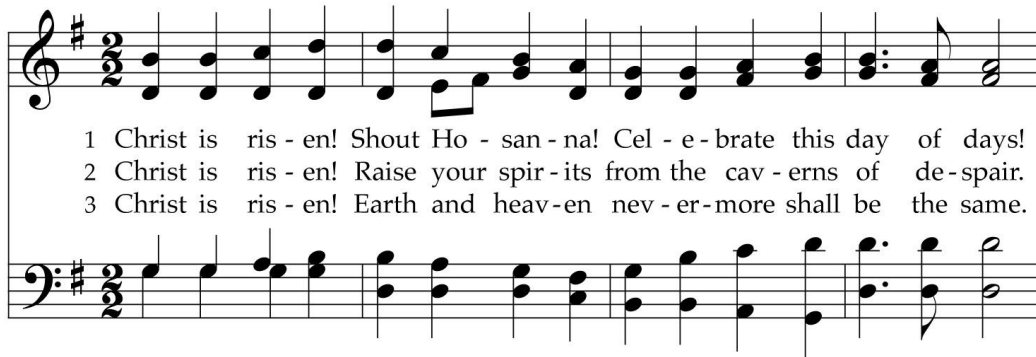
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

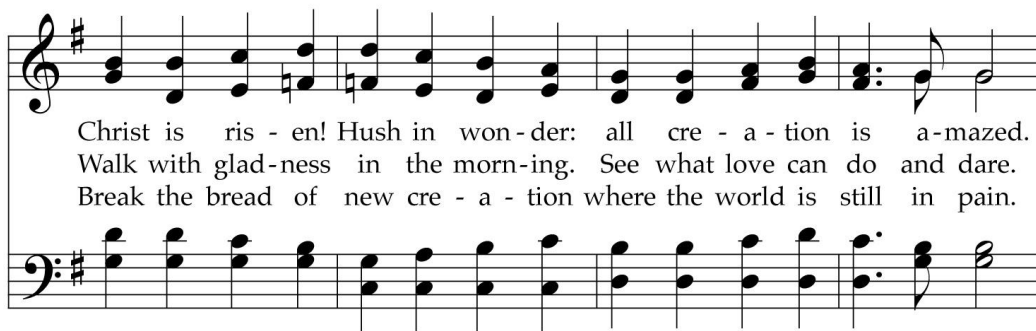
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #248

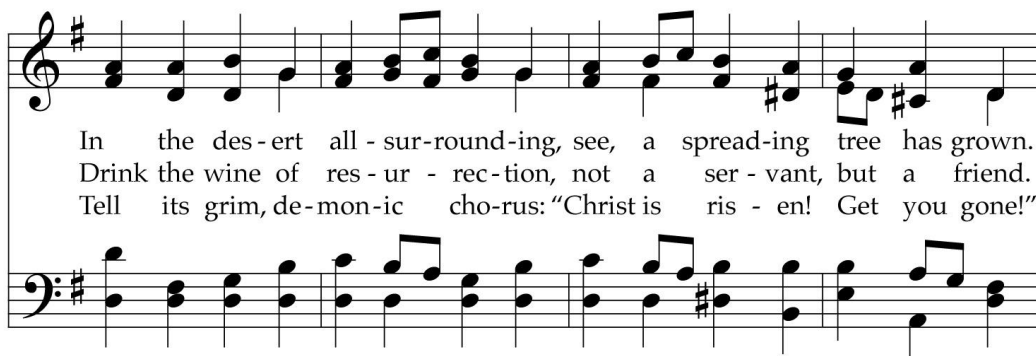
Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



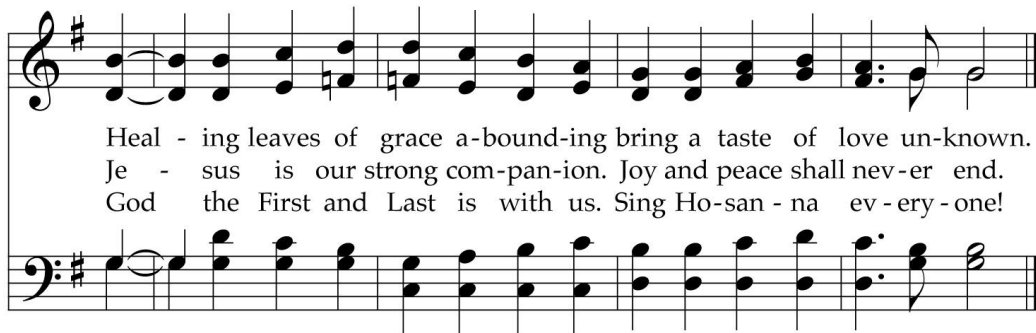
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
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: Nancy Kersey

Ushers: Toni Marley/ Marshall Freund

Nursery: Julie Barry/Jane Fouracre

Coffee Hour: Session

Counters: Ray Snyder/Kelly McCurdy

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Arthur J. Matteson
1891 - 1977

Elaine E. Sullivan
1928 - 2011



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – TODAY

Our group for Middle and High Schoolers will gather on April 12 from 11:30-2. We'll share about our Massanetta Confirmation Retreat and plan our Youth Worship service on May 17.

IMPROV GATHERING – APRIL 13

Need some joy in your life? Join Nan Wallace and New Castle Neighbors at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in NCPC's Fellowship Hall for improv games. No experience required!

LETTER WRITING PROJECT - APRIL 17

Thank you to everyone who was able to come out for the first "Write for a change" workshops!

Together we learned how to construct effective letters to our representatives about topics and issues that matter the most to us. On the first day we sent out 50 letters in total - 38 emails, and 12 physical letters - pretty good for a first get together! On March 6th we had the privilege of having Helen Salita, the Campaign Manager to the Delaware ACLU come and talk with us about how to reach out, and what bills are in need of support right now.

Please join us on Friday, April 17th from 5-7pm for our next writing workshop! Supplies and information will be included. Together we can make a difference!

ALL-AGES GAME NIGHT: APRIL 18

Congregational Life is planning another All-Ages Game Night in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 18 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 April 15.

PARENTS NIGHT

On Sunday, April 26, NCPC parents are invited to gather for a 5 p.m. dinner out at Rancho Azteca! We're coordinating childcare at NCPC from 4:30-6:30 for children between the ages of birth and 12. For more details and to RSVP, contact Pastor Miriam - pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE WALK – MAY 2

Save the Date! Saturday, May 2 is the Highmark Walk to support Friendship House. 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. Here is the link to sign up for the walk.

<https://secure.walkforahealthycommunity.org/p2p/location/394017/en-CA>

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	04/12	10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 12:00pm	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Coffee Hour Youth Group Deacon's Meeting
Monday	04/13	2:00-5:00pm 6:00pm	Private Counseling – Library Improv Fun and Games
Tuesday	04/14	7:00pm 7:15pm	Promises of AA Meeting Congregational Life Mtg – via Zoom
Wednesday	04/15	2:00-5:00pm 3:00pm 7:30pm	Private Counseling – Library Bible Study Choir
Thursday	04/16	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	04/18	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	04/19	10:30am 11:30am 6:00pm	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Coffee Hour Open Mic Night

Pastor Miriam will be away for Continuing Education April 13-20. If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to Deacon Moderator Bev Stoudt for spiritual support.

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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 1st 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 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

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

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

