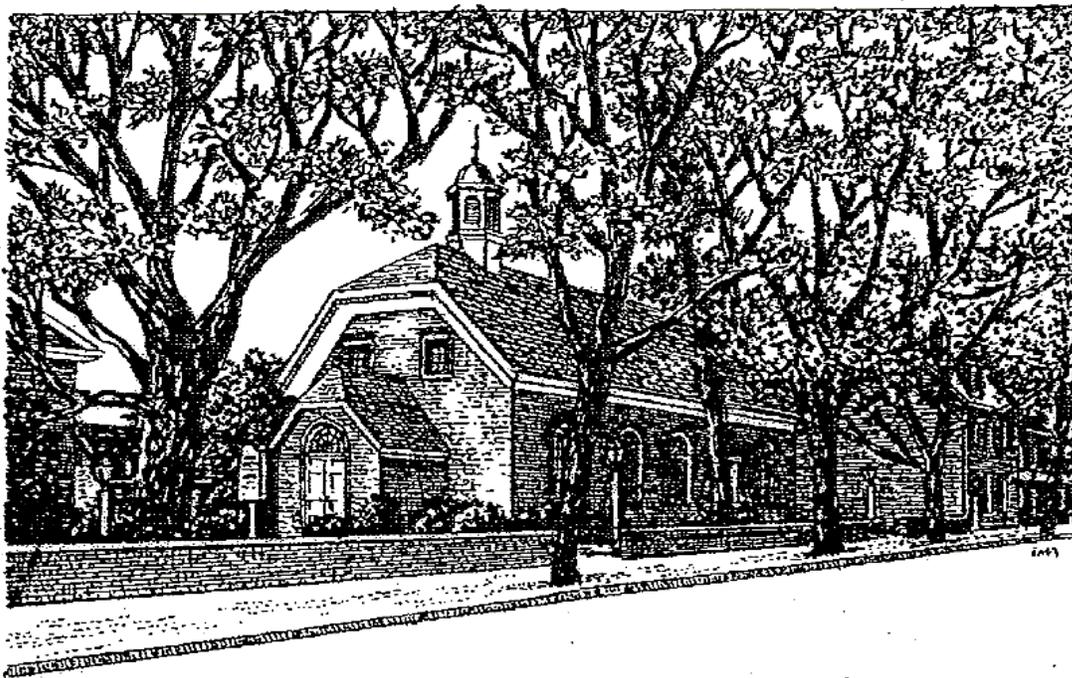


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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,**

**Please take basic COVID precautions with us.** Masks are encouraged but not required in the Meeting House and Education building.

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

**Children are always welcome in worship!** Worship Bags are available for children 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 available in the Fellowship Hall

**At the end of worship**, please join us for sidewalk fellowship along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Summer Coffee Hours are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month.

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

**Worship "code":** \* = please stand if able    **bold** = all speak together

## **Gentle Reminders:**

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the basket 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**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

June 19, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Larry Shackley

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**

Our souls long for you, O God;

**Where are you?**

In raging wind?

**In trembling earth?**

In blazing flames?

**Our souls long for you, O God; where are you?**

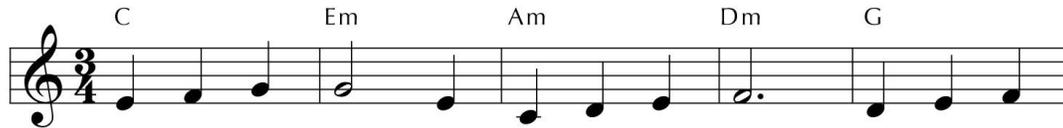
*(Time for silent prayer...)*

Meet us once more, O God, in stillness, in silence, in smallness.

**Come now, O God, enter our hearts and minds, tuned to you.**

# \*Hymn #22

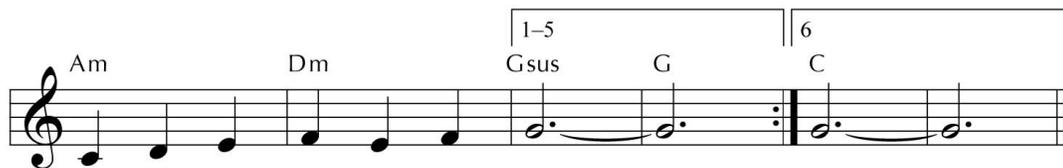
# God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
How does the crea - ture cry Save  
How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
How does the crea - ture say Life  
How does the crea - ture say Peace  
How do your chil - dren say Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, we have harmed your children whom you love. We divide ourselves into categories and demonize strangers. We reject our neighbors and hurt even our closest family and friends with our words and actions. Forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us to understand one another as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us... (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

### Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, ruler of all things seen and unseen, through your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you show your power and mercy. In the reading and proclamation of your Word today, may you lift up the discouraged, strengthen the doubting, and comfort and challenge your people with signs of your reign coming into the world. Amen.**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup> He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him

that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

*“What Are You Doing Here?”*

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated arr. Mark Hayes  
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**

**Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve. Teach us to give and not to count the cost. Teach us to fight for justice and toil in harmony with your creation. Teach us to labor for the betterment of our communities and not just ourselves. Teach us, good Lord, and may your light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

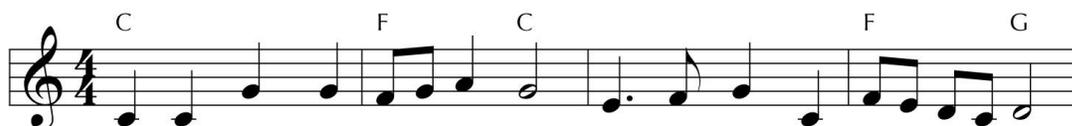
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

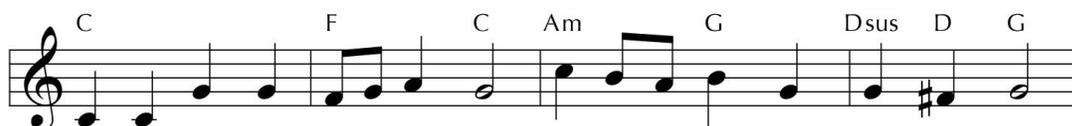
## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Hymn #19

### God of Great and God of Small



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

#### Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

#### **Postlude**

Take the Name of Jesus With You    arr. Cindy Berry  
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 along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for outdoor fellowship.*

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Monty Gerhart

Ushers: Gail & C.J. Seitz

Counters: Gail Seitz & Peter McCurdy

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Chandler H. Gebhart*  
*1887-1964*

*Sophie B. Luoma*  
*1900-1996*



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS**

We are in need of ushers, as well as ushers and worship leaders throughout the summer. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/online-signups>.

## **CAMARADERIE AT THE CONCERT**

Bring your lawn chair, blanket and dancing shoes and join us Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Battery Park. The Chesapeake Brass Band will be playing as part of the summer concert series. New members or those thinking about becoming members are encouraged to come. Keep an eye out for Greg Fogarty and come sit with our NCPC group!

## **HIGHMARK WALK**

Many thanks to everyone who supported our NCPC team in last Saturday's walk for Friendship House! We raised \$290 in support of this incredible ministry; kudos to all of our walkers!

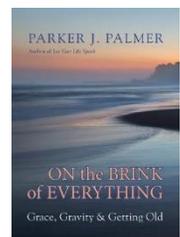
## **2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School: ReNew will be one night of fun - Sunday, July 17 from 4-7 p.m. Activities will be for children ages 4-10, and will include stories, crafts, games, music, and more! Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family. Dinner included. In support of our theme, ReNew, we will welcome donations which will benefit a local "green" non-profit organization. Register today at

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/vacation-bible-school>.

## **SUMMER BOOK STUDIES**

Thursday, August 11 at 1 p.m. - at Conchita Showell's house - Parker Palmer's [On The Brink of Everything](#)  
Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by the Sunday before our gathering.



## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: CO-CHAIR NEEDED**

Trusting in God and the vaccines, we are expecting to have a full *Spirit of Christmas* celebration on Saturday, December 10, 2022 with NCPC again taking a major role along with the City of New Castle and the New Castle Historical Society. *We are looking for a special volunteer to serve as co-organizer with Steve Martin, who worked on it last year.* If you want to know more about what may be involved, email Steve ([martin@udel.edu](mailto:martin@udel.edu)) or call him at 302-354-4428.

## **NOW HIRING: PART-TIME CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Help us share the Good News of Christ with our youngest members! NCPC's Children and Youth Director position includes teaching Sunday School for children ages K-5, coordinating seasonal events for children of all ages, and planning activities for middle and high school-aged youth. Anticipated start on August 28, 2022. A full job description is available on our website.

## **SUMMER COFFEE HOURS**

We'll gather for summer coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month. Deacons will host on July 3, and Trustees will host on August 7. In the meantime, we'll gather for sidewalk fellowship along 2nd Street as the weather permits.

## **PASTOR MIRIAM AWAY – PASTORAL COVERAGE**

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office from June 21 through July 4. Guest Preachers Rev. Shannon Hanson (June 26) and Rev. Jim Mehler (July 3) will share the Good News from the Meeting House pulpit.

Jim Mehler and the Deacons will coordinate NCPC's pastoral care coverage. Contact the Church Office or Deacon Moderator [Salina Brett](#) for general support. If you are in need of a hospital visit or other emergency pastoral support, contact Rev. Jim Mehler at (614) 886-3681.

## **Prayer List:**

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

## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

### ***Joan Smith***

Kentmere Rehab & HC  
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Wilmington, DE 19806

### ***Barbara Quillen***

Cokesbury  
HealthCare Rm 2010  
726 Loveville Road  
Hockessin, DE 19707

### ***Mary Pratt***

Room 325-B  
Garden Care Center  
135 Franklin Avenue  
Franklin Square, NY 11010

### ***Janet Reed***

Cadia Rehabilitation  
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Wilmington, DE 19810

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**Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music**

**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

*Session meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jane Fouracre	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Nanette Nichol	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Janet Spring	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

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

## TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

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

