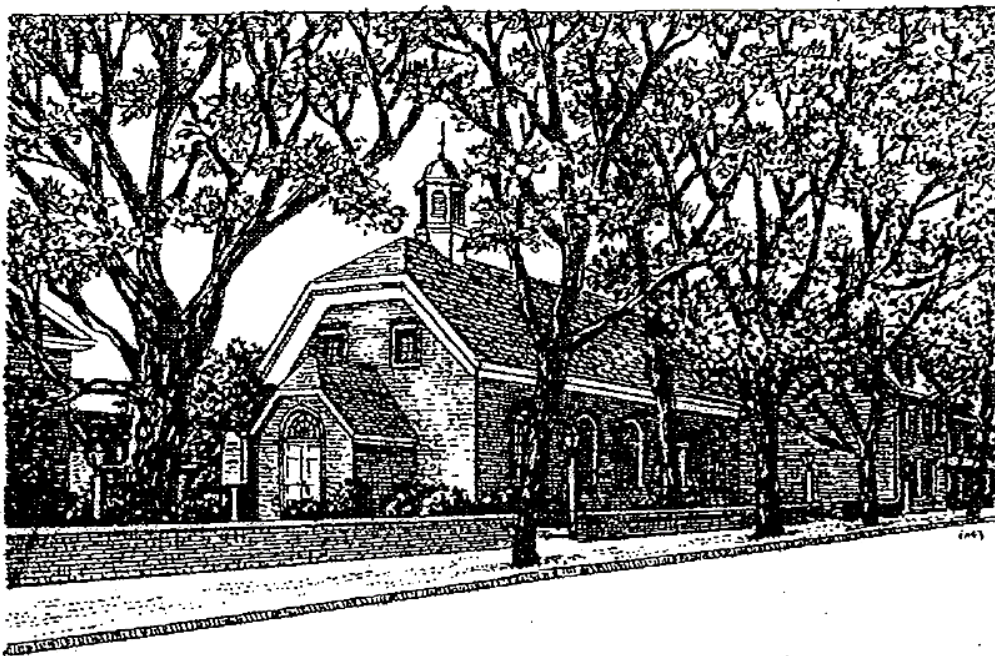


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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.

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 Sidewalk Fellowship on 2nd Street.

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



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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Under His Wings
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

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

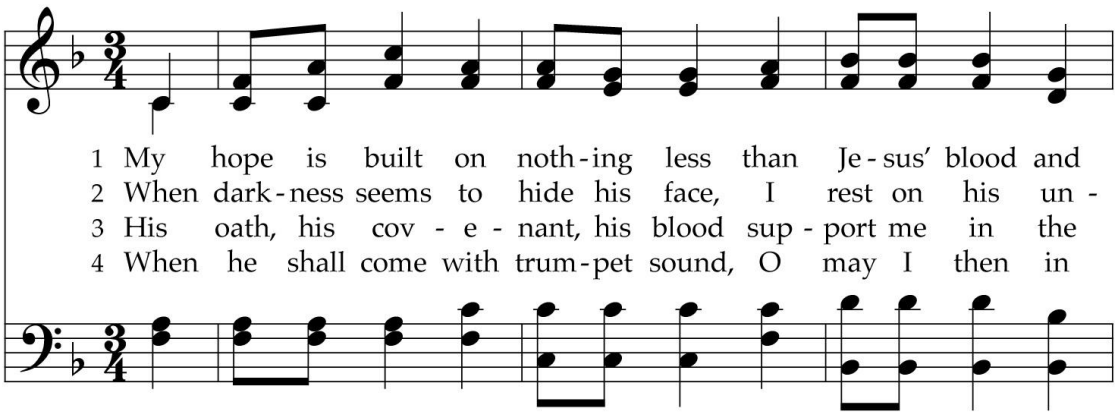
maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made,

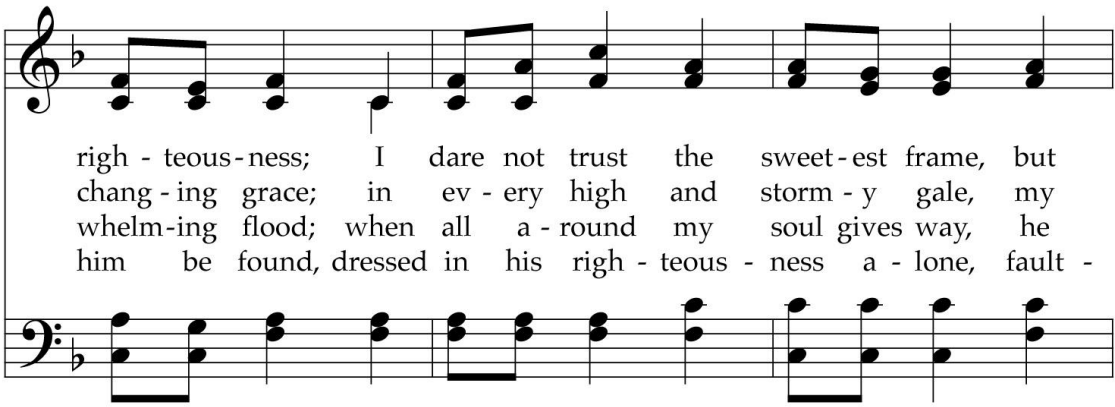
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Hymn # 353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

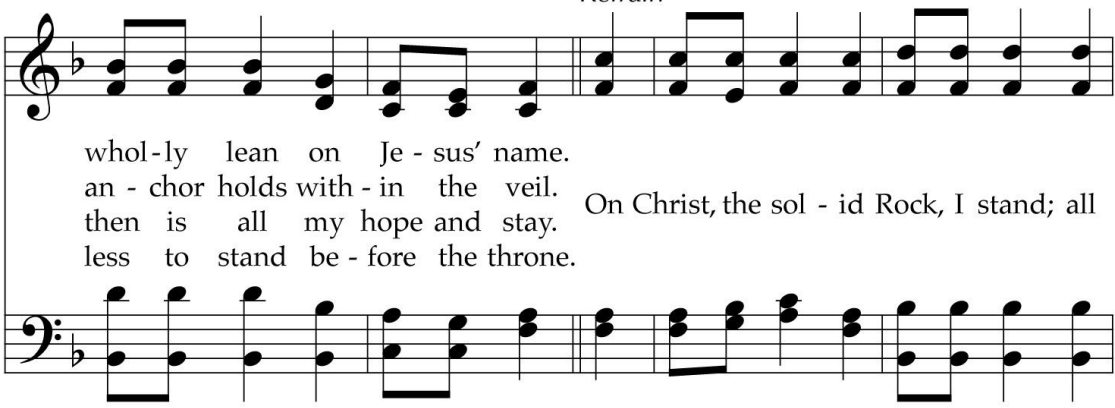


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right-eous-ness a-lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, your mercy and kindness free us. We confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. Change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and let us grow into faithful disciples. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen. *(Time for silent prayer.)*

Assurance of Pardon

***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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, O God, in the reading of your word, that we hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out on us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Page: NT 192

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship^[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to put

our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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

Sermon

Sometimes You Just Gotta Dance

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn # 157**

I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) Gm (A) C



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) Gm (A7) C7 (G) Bb (D) F



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F Bb F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

TEXT: Sydney Carter, 1963
MUSIC: American Shaker melody; adapt. Sydney Carter, 1963
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LORD OF THE DANCE
Irregular

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory **His Eye Is on the Sparrow** by Civilla D. Martin
Minerva Lermond/Phee Price - Soloists & 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, your love creates us, your passion saves us from sin, your power changes us into glory for you. Thank you for giving us the bread of heaven to free us from sin and death. We present offerings to praise you and to help in the service of the church for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

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 # 792**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

to Refrain

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

***Charge & Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

God Will Take Care of 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 after worship for Sidewalk Fellowship.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Nancy Kersey

Coffee Hour: Sidewalk Fellowship

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Counters: Peter McCurdy/Marshall Freund

Nursery: Mariellen Edinburg/Mallory Mackie

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Hazel F. Rausch
1905 - 1985

Arnita Showell
1918 - 2014



WELCOME – GUEST PREACHER REV. JAMES MEHLER

Jim Mehler is a retired Presbyterian pastor, lives in ONC with Tracy, plays pickleball, reads, walks the river, rides his bike.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We need ushers for almost every Sunday this summer! Sign up online here:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

If you haven't ushered before, do not fear! When you arrive at 10 a.m., a handy-dandy checklist takes you through the steps of turning on the lights, opening pew doors, and preparing our space to welcome folks to worship God. Reach out to Elders Jen Dunham or Ray Snyder to learn more.

PASTOR MIRIAM'S SABBATICAL

From June 8 through August 31, Pastor Miriam is on Sabbatical. During this time of rest, she is grateful for your prayers! While she is away, NCPC is in good hands. Check out the newsletter for the schedule of upcoming Sunday morning preachers. If you have any administrative questions, you can contact Administrator Kris Krawczyk in the Office or Clerk Scott Selheimer. If you have a pastoral need, please reach out to the office or to Deacon Moderator Teisha Fooks or Deacon Vice-Moderator Nan Wallace. Each week this summer, NCPC does have a pastor from around the Presbytery on-call should a pastoral emergency arise.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	08/09	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		11:30am	Officer Training
Monday	08/10		Meals on Wheels
		9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	08/11		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	08/12		Meals on Wheels
		9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Thursday	08/13		Meals on Wheels
Friday	08/14		Meals on Wheels
SUNDAY	08/16	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night

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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)

