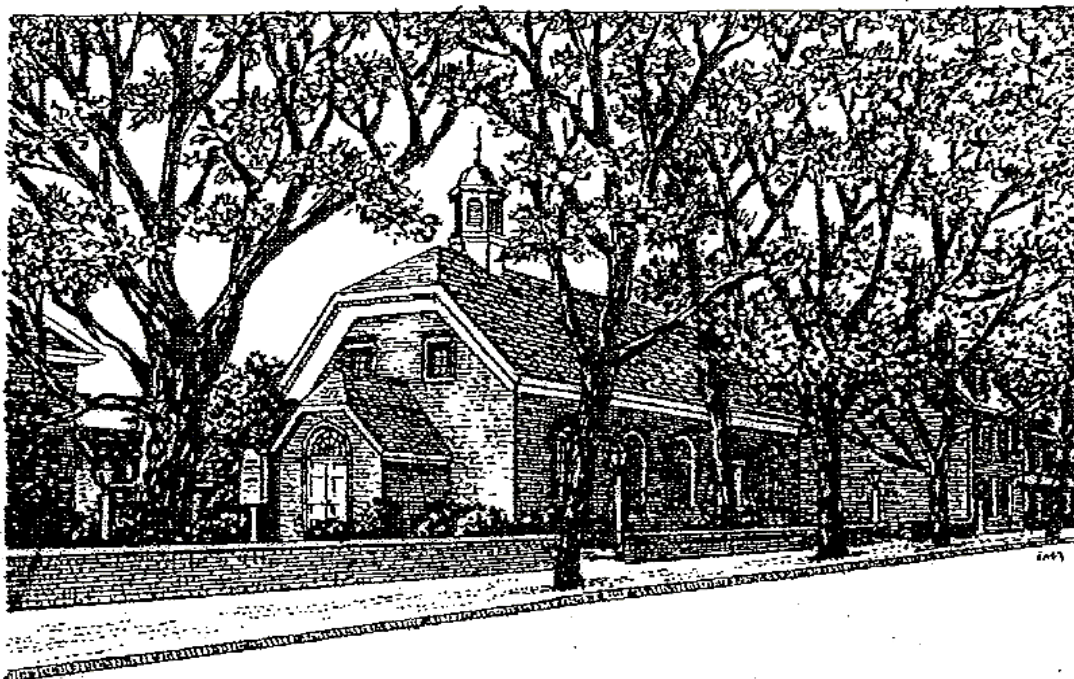


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

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

July 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

**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 God is a god of compassion.

God's welcoming arms are always open.

God's heart draws us into a new way of life together.

May our hands be like God's, reaching out to others.

It takes courage to be compassionate.

We gather as the family of God to worship and be brave together!

***Hymn**

Brave Enough (See Insert)

*The soloist will sing first through verse 1,
then all are welcome to join for verse 1 and 2.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, you call us to see and welcome each other. Your steadfast love invites us to come to your table and know your way of forgiveness and mercy.

Yet, we struggle to be compassionate towards others. We don't stand up for our friends and pretend to not notice when our family members are hurting. We put ourselves first and take other's turns.

Hear us as we name to you the ways that we have not loved you or our neighbors and have compassion for us this day...

(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

O God, we give thanks to you for bringing us together. Your ancient words still bring joy to our hearts. May your Holy Spirit shape our minds to love you and our neighbors. In Christ's name, Amen.

One day Jesus visited someone's home. Everyone heard he was there. They were so excited to see him because they'd heard he healed and helped people be a part of their communities again. A friend who was paralyzed had his friends take him to see Jesus.

When the group got there, it was so crowded. There was no way to get to Jesus through all the people. They had an idea! They climbed up onto the roof of the house and made a hole in the roof above where Jesus was. Then they lowered their friend into the room. When Jesus saw their faith, he was encouraged. He told their friend: "I see you and love you. You are made whole for your community. Your sins are forgiven."



Some temple leaders called scribes were watching Jesus. When they heard him say this to the friend who was paralyzed they were angry. They thought to themselves: *Who does Jesus think he is? Only God can say these things!*

Jesus could tell the scribes disagreed with him, so he said to them: "I know what you're thinking right now. But what's easier? To say, "I see you and love you" or, "Get up and walk"? I'll show you that it's possible to do both!"

With compassion, Jesus turned to the friend who was paralyzed and said: "Get up, pick up your mat, and go home. You're healed now!"

He stood up, amazed. He picked up his mat and went home with his friends. Everyone was so happy they praised God because they had never seen anything like this before.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Compassion Camp: To the Neighbor”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Sarah McCann – Soloist

Arr. by William Cutter

***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**

Dear Jesus, your compassion always looked like courage. Strengthen our hearts with your bravery as we risk, reach out, and lift up our siblings near and far. Help us keep our eyes on you. 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**

Compassion Prayer (See Insert)

*The soloist will sing through the song first,
then all are welcome to join in.*

***Charge and Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. John Carter

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.
As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Will Nielsen

Counters: Jim Whisman & Marshall Freund

Ushers: Gary & Megan Graham

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Florence K. Ballard
1892-1973

Lillian P. Mathiesen
1930-2011



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Nursery Care and Sunday School are on hiatus over the summer.

Children are welcome to remain in the Meeting House during worship.
(Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.)

If families need to step out during worship, a "pray ground" and
livestream are available in the Fellowship Hall.



SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP

We are in need of **ushers** and **worship leaders** in the coming months. Take
a moment [to sign up](#) today!

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY

Join us following worship today, for a Special Called Congregational Meeting to complete our officer slate. The Nomination Committee will nominate Peter McCurdy to serve as Elder Class of 2026 and Pat Taylor to serve as Nominating Committee Member-at-Large. Their biographies are available in the July newsletter.

NEW AND NEWISH MEMBER GATHERING – TODAY

Anyone considering joining NCPC - or- liking what they observe and wanting to learn more - or - who has joined in 2023 is encouraged to gather at Greg and Susan Fogarty's home located 2 blocks from the church at 152 E 2nd Street. Join us there following worship for refreshments. Please RSVP by texting Greg at (302) 437-4731 or Susan at (302) 530-7158.

CONCERT CAMARADERIE – WED., JULY 12

Bring a folding chair to Battery Park where we will informally gather at 6pm and watch the Seven Rings perform at 6:30pm as part of Battery Park's Summer Concert Series. Lip singers, Hummers and Karaoke Chanteuses are all welcome!

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH - FALL RETREAT 2023

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at [Pecometh Camp](#) from Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!) Congregational Life has reserved space for tent camping, a pavilion for group meals, and worship space for Sunday morning. Cabins and nearby hotels are available for personal reservation too!

RSVP ASAP by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/ywMXhBo9fqeDnvH97>.

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: COMPASSION CAMP!

Join us for our one-night VBS on Sunday, July 16 from 4-7 p.m. Activities will be for children ages 4-10, and will include stories, crafts, games, and music! Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family. Dinner included.

Register by today!

FINAL VBS PLANNING MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 11

Is this Tuesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. We'll connect via Zoom; contact Melissa Boris (borism1010@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

ONGOING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the July newsletter for information about providing a meal for Epiphany House, mentoring an elementary school student this fall, and collecting items for our Seaman's Center Christmas at Sea!

NCPC SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Help us wrap up this past year's theme of storytelling and dive into deeper discussion of what evangelism (sharing of the good news) looks like today! Check out Yaconelli's Between the Listening and the Telling* this summer, and join Pastor Miriam for discussion and lunch at noon on Thursday, August 24, at Connie Reese's house. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by August 20. *Copies are available through the library.

LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE

While June is formally the month of Pride, our call to love all of God's children is year-long! Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" event to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we seek to become more authentic and creative in our welcome, affirmation and support of LGBTQIA+ people.

The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover! If you are interested in being a part of planning for the event or wish to learn more about participating, please contact the [office](#).

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
1900 Lovering Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

Rod Denison

Kent General
Room 3512
640 S. State Street
Dover, DE 19901

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Judy Hentkowski

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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-8266

Robert Lindfors

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On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock

(Deploying to Bahrain,
address coming soon)

On Assignment with the Air Force:

James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	07/09	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Special Congregational Mtg
		11:35am	Sidewalk Coffee Hour
		11:45am	New and Newish Member Gathering @ the Fogarty's
Tuesday	07/11	7:00pm	VBS Final Planning Mtg via Zoom
Wednesday	07/12	6:00pm	Camaraderie in Battery Park
Saturday	07/15	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	07/16	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Coffee Hour
		4:00pm-7:00pm	Vacation Bible School

Kris will be on vacation Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14 (phones will be covered Monday and Wednesday)

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)

TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Mike Smith
Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman	

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

