

# Peace

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU....

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED

AND DO NOT BE AFRAID.

JOHN 14:27 (NIV)



# **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.

**Sunday School and Nursery** will be offered today. Children are invited to begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery; children ages five through eleven may go to Sunday School. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions.

**At the end of worship**, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 of Advent: Peace**

December 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Joel Raney

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**

The Griffin-Graham Family

Children of God, lay down your defenses and find peace in the  
community of faith.

**Let the Church be a safe refuge where peace reigns over fear and  
violence.**

Children of God, prepare the way of the Lord who makes the rough  
places smooth.

**We let go of the resentments and pettiness keeping us from peace  
with God and neighbor.**

Advent reminds us the Prince of Peace came and lived among us. He  
felt stress within himself and conflict with other people, yet he chose  
his path of peace – peace within himself and with humankind.

Today, we light the candle of peace because Jesus showed us how to  
live in peace.

*Lighting of the Advent candle*

Come, children of God, and worship the one who dwelt among us.

**Let us worship Christ who proclaims peace to all the world!**

# \*Hymn #93

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 2/2 time. The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some lines having multiple verses. The score concludes with a final double bar line and a fermata.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God of peaceful presence, we confess we often choose discord instead of peace, choosing to prove a point instead of listening with empathy.**

**Sometimes we settle for a shallow peace, keeping our feelings buried and avoiding painful truths.**

**But your way is the narrow path, the path of telling the truth, feeling our emotions, and listening with empathy.**

**Forgive us, God, and help us strive for real peace with ourselves and our neighbors... *(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

### Anthem

Light A Candle For Peace by Ruth Elaine Schram

Sarah McCann – Soloist / Carolyn Hendrix – Cello / Bethany Faiz – Piano

*Light a candle for peace; peace to a world lost in night, waiting, hoping, searching for the light. Say a prayer for peace, and believe that God will provide. He will touch each of us with the light. Light a candle for peace. Dona nobis pacem. Grant us peace. In this prayer for peace lives the faith that peace will begin. May it start in my own heart, as I let Him in. Let His peace come in. Light a candle for peace. Peace.*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**God of peaceful presence, we set aside this time to center our thoughts upon your Spirit and how you speak to us through scripture, proclamation, and wonder. You embrace our attentive listening, even as we bring our doubts, our cynicism, and our questions. Speak to our hearts and cultivate wisdom among us. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Page: NT 1

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Page: NT 56

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son

of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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

## Scripture Conversation with Children

### **Celebration of The Sacrament of Baptism: Viviana Russell**

#### Presentation

#### Affirmations by the Sponsors and Parents

#### Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Isabel by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be his faithful disciple? **We do.**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### Prayer

#### Act of Baptism

#### Hymn #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

#### Words of Welcome

**Viviana, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church! May you always know that you are held in God’s hand and in the hearts of your church family. Amen.**

#### Sermon

*“Brain: Practice Peace!”*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr by Lisa Nelson

Carolyn Hendrix – Cello

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 peaceful presence, we bring our gifts to you and the church as a witness to your goodness and your generosity. Take these tokens of your abundance and bless them to your work of peace in this world. Guide us to steward our resources that the needs of our community would be met. 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 #104

## O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?  
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.  
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,  
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Choral Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

### **Postlude**

Every Valley Shall Be Exalted

arr. Emily Lund

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.*

*As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

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### ***Thank you for serving today:***

Communion: Dan & Shirley Knox and Scott & Amy Selheimer

Worship Leader: Scott Selheimer

Counters: Scott Selheimer/Gail Seitz

Ushers: Mary Fontinha/Gary Graham

Coffee Hour: Mission & Outreach

Nursery: Kim Beebe/Bev Stoudt

Sunday School: Diana Reilly/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***David R. Woodruff***  
***1920-1981***

***Marshall Schafer***  
***1916-2001***



## **GIFTS OF LOVE**

Our Gifts of Love provide emergency electrical assistance to our neighbors in need this holiday season. Please use the white envelope inserted in the bulletin to give as you can.

## **OFFICE MATTERS – DIRECTORIES AND PLEDGE CARDS**

New Copies of our Church Directory are available in the Church Office. An up-to-date version is on our website. Email Kris for the latest password.

If you haven't yet had a chance to return your pledge cards, please mail them to the church office or leave them in Recording Secretary Shirley Knox's office box at your earliest convenience.

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

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks.

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

We are in need of Sunday School and Nursery volunteers this Spring! Please

contact: For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly – [dckr0680@gmail.com](mailto:dckr0680@gmail.com)

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – [mollypaige1@aol.com](mailto:mollypaige1@aol.com)

## **DECEMBER 4 – HOLIDAY COOKIES & GUATEMALAN UPDATE**

Fun and fellowship for all ages as we decorate hundreds of Christmas Cookies for the Emmanuel Dining Room.

There will also be a brief presentation by Candy Dunson and Amy Selheimer. They travel to Guatemala at the end of January with our Presbytery's delegation. Come learn about the purpose of their trip, how we can be holding them in prayer, and the latest happenings with our Guatemalan Partners.

## **CELTIC ADVENT STUDY – THURSDAY, DEC 8**

We will gather in-person at 1 p.m. to reflect on our Celtic Advent devotional. We'll meet at Connie Reese's house (112 W. 7th St) with light refreshments. Please RSVP to Conchita Showell by today if you plan to attend.

In the CE Building, there are still copies available of *Word Made Flesh* for families with children and the Presbyterian Today's Celtic Devotional.

## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS – SAT, DECEMBER 10**

Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall to donate baked goods or soups, as well as to volunteer in-person that day. A full schedule is now posted there. Soup containers & bags for cookies are available in the CE kitchen.

## **CAROLING IN NEW CASTLE – FRI, DECEMBER 16**

Join us at 7pm for caroling outside around Old New Castle; we'll begin to walk from the CE Building. Sheet music provided, but please bring a flashlight. Christmas lights and festive attire is encouraged! Refreshments will be coordinated by the Mayhews and will be in their home from 8-8:30pm.

## **LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – DEC 21**

Join us for a 6:30 p.m. service in the Meeting House. This candlelight service will let us dwell in the Good News of Immanuel: God with us.

## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

Join us on Christmas Eve (December 24) at 5 p.m. for our Family Service and at 7:30 p.m. for our Traditional Service in the Meeting House. The Traditional Service will be livestreamed.

Join us on Christmas Day (December 25) at 10:30 a.m. for a service of Lessons and Carols. Christmas sweaters of good taste and great tackiness are encouraged.

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,  
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## **This Week's Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/04</b>		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream</b>
			<b>Worship – Baptism (Vivian Russell)</b>
			<b>Communion</b>
		<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/05</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Spanish Class in CE Building</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/07</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Spirit of Christmas</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/11</b>		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream</b>
			<b>Worship</b>
		<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>

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

## DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett	Toni Marley
Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

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

## TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	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)*

