

To  
God

AND TO the Lamb

WHO IS THE GREAT

I AM...

I will sing.

# **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.

**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 age Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade 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. 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 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 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**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Palm Processional

Come to Praise

Bill Ingram

*Join us across 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as the handbell choir leads us into the Meeting House*

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Bell Prelude**

Hosannah

arr. Jason Krug

**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**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Arr. by Hal Hopson

Bethany Faiz – Piano & Steve Handy - Snare Drum

Minerva Lermond, Ellie Gerhart, Beverly Stoudt and Bruce Raker – Handbells

**Scripture**

The Triumphal Entry: Luke 19:28-40

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**Call to Worship**

Sing songs of loudest praise!

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Sing for the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Sing out in hope and in confidence in the God of our salvation.

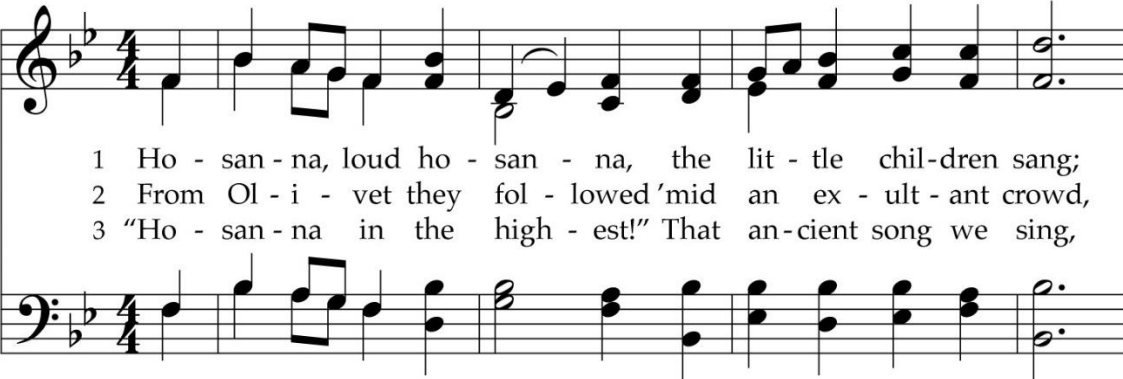
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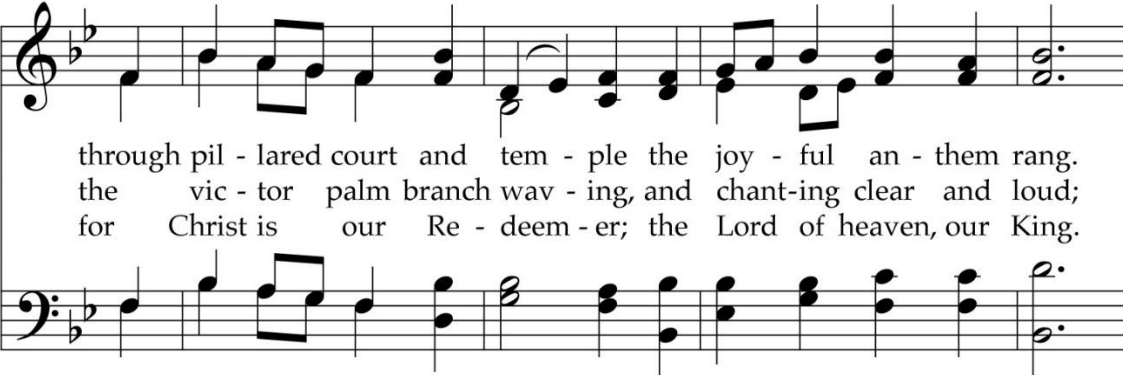
**Let us worship the one worthy to be praised.**

# \*Hymn #197

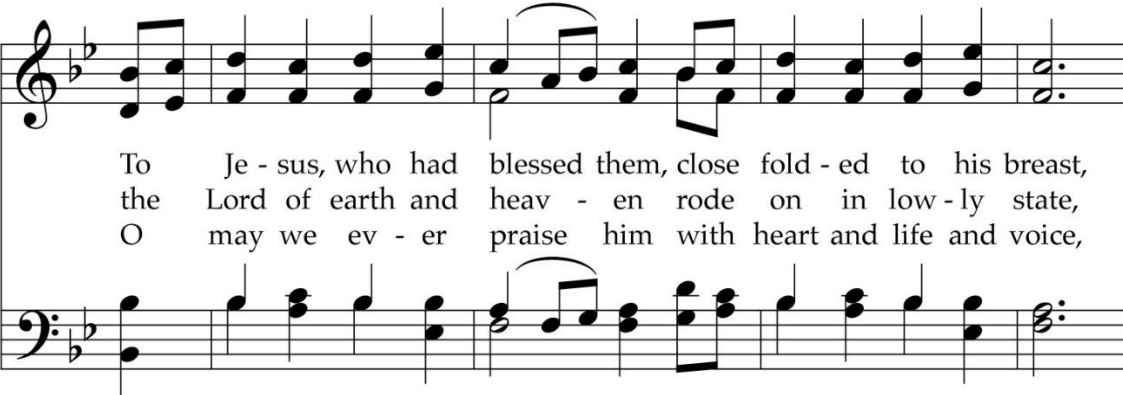
## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna




1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!  
We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel. Yet,  
too often we find ourselves standing against the wall. Too often we  
stay quiet and let others carry the song.**

**Forgive us for the moments when we could join the parade but  
instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.**

**Show us which songs are ours to sing. Show us which parades are  
ours to lead, and then give us the courage and conviction to do  
both. With hope we pray, tune our hearts, O Lord...**

*(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 #610 (verses 1&5)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heaven.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Anthem

Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout For Me

Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz – Piano

*Here comes the Lord ridin' on a donkey with people waving branches and callin' him "King." Here comes the Lord ridin' through Jerusalem. If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!*

*Chorus: Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free. Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty. Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me.*

*Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him. Children stand on tiptoe to see the King. Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air. If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry! Oh, yes, the rocks will cry out! (Chorus.)*

*Here comes the Lord; hosannas fill the air. The people bow and worship the promised King! Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!" If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free. (Chorus.)*

## Scripture Conversation with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

God of grace, your Word is like a song. It is the melody that we long to sing, the refrain that we pray will get stuck in our heads. So as we return to scripture once more, we pray that you would allow us to sink into this song. Allow us to hear the truth in between the words. Allow the cries of the crowd's "hosannas" to feel like our own. With open hearts and open ears we pray, Amen.

### Scripture Lesson

**John 12:12-16**

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<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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

### Sermon



# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #196

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is-ra-el, thou Da-vid's roy-al Son,  
2 The peo-ple of the He-breus with palms be-fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be-fore thy pas-sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac-cept their prais-es; ac-cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com-est, the King and bless-ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an-thems be-fore thee we pre-sent.  
to thee, now high ex-alt-ed, our mel-o-dy we raise.  
who in all good de-light-est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

**Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

**Bell Offertory    O Sacred Head Now Wounded    Douglas Wagner**

**\*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**

**Triune God, life happens fast, and we're not always sure how to best serve you with our limited time and talents. Help us find our voices to sing anyway, joining in the song of your new creation. Bless our offerings until songs of loudest praise fill the earth with your joy and peace. In the name of the one who comes on a humble donkey, we pray. 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,**

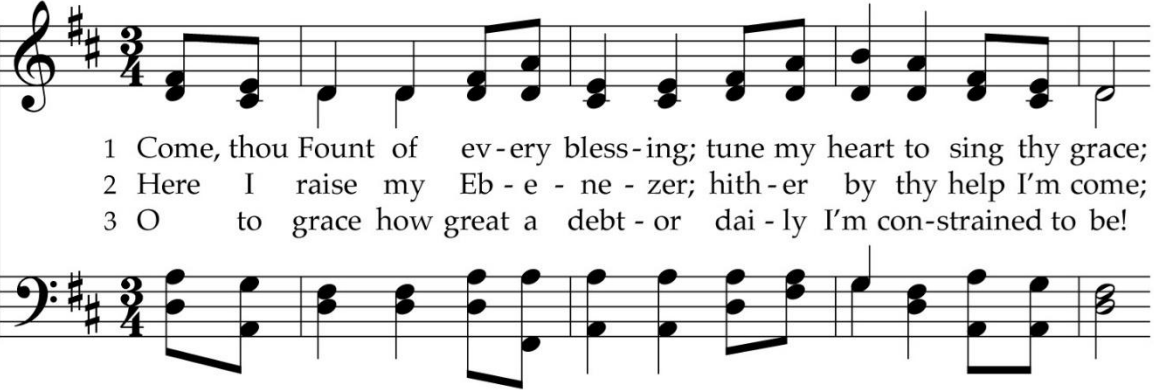
**as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but**

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #475

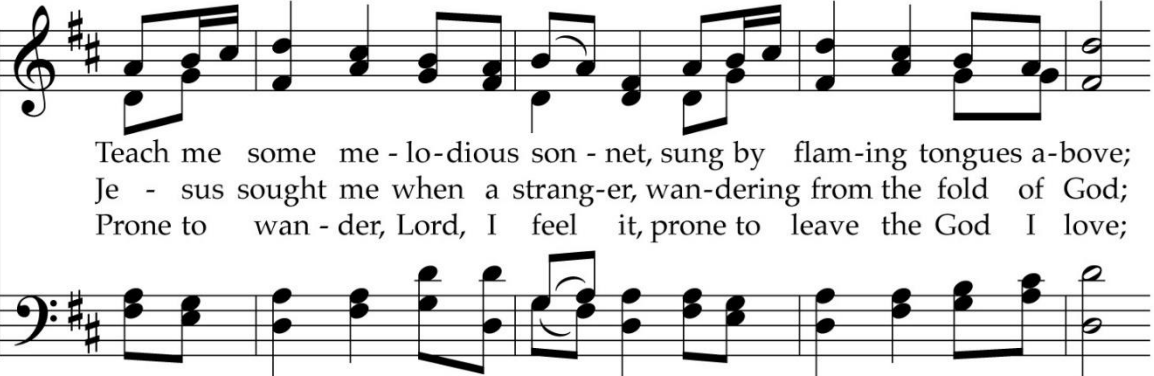
## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



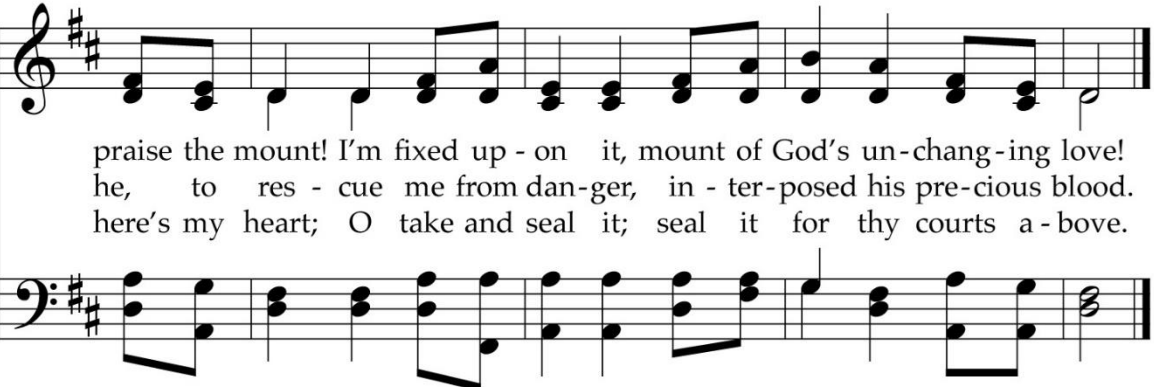
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.



## **EASTER FLOWERS FORM**

On Easter Sunday (March 31), the Meeting House is decorated with spring flowers to help us celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. If you would like to donate a flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, please return the form TODAY.

## **EASTER FAIR REGISTRATION – MARCH 31**

Join us during Sunday School on Sunday, March 31, for our annual Easter Fair. We are looking forward to the younger members of the church participating in Easter activities, songs, and stories...as well as everyone's favorite Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour! Register by TODAY at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/easterfair>

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 28**

Join us for 7 p.m. for Worship with Communion in the Fellowship Hall. We'll gather for scripture readings, prayer, and singing as we journey with Peter from the Last Supper to the Cross. Light refreshments will be served.

## **GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29**

The Meeting House will be open for quiet reflection all day. A service of prayer and Scripture readings will be available by email as well as in the entryway to the sanctuary.

## **EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31**

Join NCPC and New Castle United Methodist Church at 6:30 a.m. for our Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier. Join us for 10:30 Worship in the Meeting House, as well as the Easter Fair during Sunday School and Coffee Hour.



## **EMMANUEL DINING ROOM BROWNIES**

Brownie mixes for Emmanuel Dining Hall are available in the entryway to the CE Building. Please return on or before Saturday, April 6.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

It's that time of year where we are putting together our slate of officers for the upcoming year! If you are interested in serving as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee - please reach out to Melissa Boris or Peter McCurdy. Terms are for three years and begin in September.

## **LENT → EASTER BIBLE STUDY**

We will not gather for our Wandering Heart Bible Study this week (March 27), but we will wrap up our Lenten series with a Simon Peter Easter lesson on Wednesday, April 3 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – APRIL 14**

We welcome Guest Preacher Beth Goss on Sunday, April 14. Rev. Goss is a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response team and is a Retired Teaching Elder living in Herndon, VA. She will share updates about PDA during worship and Coffee Hour, including the ways that our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering directly assists our neighbors in need.

## **SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE – APRIL 21**

Join us for the next Acoustic Open Mic Night on Sunday, April 21, from 6:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The \$3 admission goes to support Friendship House; for more information, check out our newsletter.

## **SERVING CHRIST WITH NCPC**

Interested in giving your time and talents in support of some fabulous local ministries? From Meals on Wheels to Emmanuel Dining Room to Friendship House, there are many great ways to love and serve our neighbors. Reach out to our Mission and Outreach Chair to learn how to get involved: Scott Selheimer - selheime@udel.edu.

## **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>03/24</b>		<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
		<b>10:25am</b>	<b>Processional</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/26</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/27</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/28</b>		<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>03/29</b>		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
			<b>Meeting House Open for Meditation</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03/30</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>03/31</b>		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
		<b>6:30am</b>	<b>Sunrise Service at the Pier</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School / Easter Fair</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour / Easter Fair</b>

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## SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
Scott Selheimer		

*Session meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		

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

## TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
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)*

