

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.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children 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 5th grade may go to Sunday School. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

At the end of worship, please join us for Sidewalk Fellowship.

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

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Prayer List:

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*Hymn #283

Come, O Holy Spirit

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line for the Leader and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

Leader
Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
E - mi - o - lo - ye.

All
Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come;
Wa wa wa E - mi - mi - mo;

al - might - y Spir - it, come.
A - lag - ba - ra - me - ta.

Come, al - might - y Spir - it, come;
Wa wa wa A - lag - ba - ra;

O Spir - it, come.
E - mi - mi - mo.

Come, come, come.
Wa - o, wa - o, wa - o.

This short gathering song from Nigeria was originally created in Yoruba, one of that country's three primary trade languages. Although it has a very different rhythm and feel, this is essentially the same sung prayer as the Taizé chant, "Veni Sancte Spiritus" (no. 281).

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. You speak to each of us in ways we can understand. Forgive us for the ways that we have been quick to limit you. Challenge us, surprise us, and set your Spirit loose among us, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love you more fully.
(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

Choral Anthem

Spirit of God

Nancy Price and Don Besig

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Spirit of God, Spirit of God, come live within our hearts; and help us to feel the joy and the peace that only you can give. Spirit of God, Spirit of God, come touch us with your love. Help us to show to all the world the way you teach us to live. Holy Spirit, Love divine, let your light upon us shine. Chase the shades of night away, turn our darkness into day. Spirit of God, Spirit of God, come dwell among us now, and help us to share the truth of your Word through all we say and do. Spirit of God, Spirit of God, come fill us with your fire. Help us to use the strength you give to all who trust in you.

Welcome into Membership – Jarrett, Leighanne, and Samuel Way

Words of Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to this congregation.
May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as
disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!**

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, who comes to us in breath, visit us from the throne of heaven. Set us aflame with amazement and joy. As we receive your word this day, open our paths to new visions and guide our feet into your wisdom. Give us faith to trust your presence. Come, O Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Page: NT 119

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the

Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Prepositional Promises

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,

wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Body and Soul

by Johnny Green

Donovan Warshaw - 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 our Creator, Earth has many languages but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in every tongue and in every place. Bless these gifts and bless us to your service. Make us messengers of the good news that, united through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in joyful songs of praise. In Christ's name, 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,

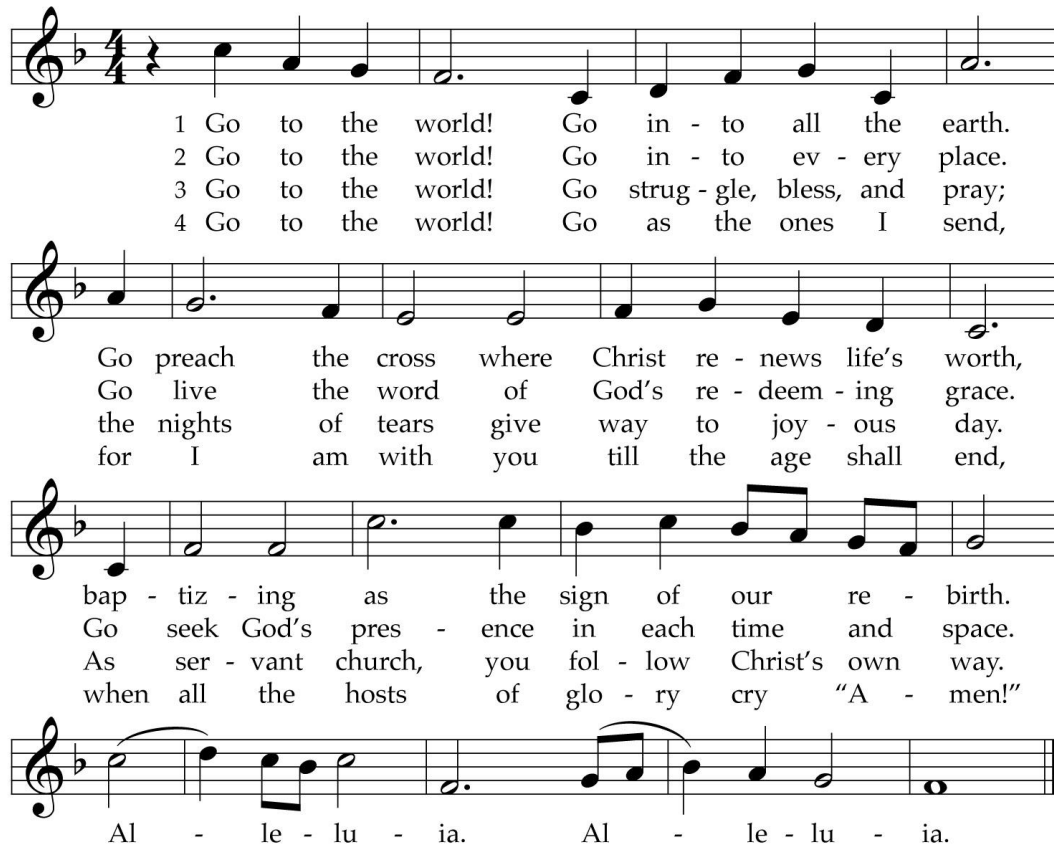
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Go to the World!

*Hymn #295



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,
bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias

*Charge & Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

God of Our Fathers

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Mariellen Edinburg

Counters: Gina Kouma/Marshall Freund

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Melissa Boris

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

George R. McCaulley
1912 - 1979

Mildred Mathew
1915 - 2012



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

COFFEE HOUR UPDATES

Join us for Sidewalk Fellowship this morning after worship; weather permitting, we'll gather on the bricks along 2nd St. Next Sunday (5/31), join us for a potluck Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Deacons will provide coffee; please bring a dish to share!

PRIDE MARKET – LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE

May 31st we will have a table at the New Castle Pride Market as we join other organizations in the LGBTQIA+ community and represent ourselves as a More Light Presbyterian church! There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to Diana Reilly if you have any questions.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 7

Join us following worship on June 7 in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2029 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation; check out nominees' bios in our June newsletter. We'll gather for our annual picnic to mark the end of Sunday School and Choir for this programming year. NCPC Elders will fire up the grills to cook hamburgers and hotdogs, and we'll have cake to celebrate all who had milestone birthdays this past year. We would like to request that the congregation bring a side or salad to share. No sign up needed.

SUMMER AT NCPC

Check your mailbox this week for an NCPC mailing, with information from Pastor Miriam about her Sabbatical, our summer pastoral coverage, and other fun ways to connect in Christ!

NCPC BLUE ROCKS NIGHT

Join NCPC on Friday, June 19 at 6:35 for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game and fireworks! We have 20 tickets in a block section; contact Jen Dunham to purchase tickets - \$13 each!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 2

Mark your calendars for this year's VBS on August 2 from 3-7 p.m.! Our VBS Theme this summer - *Jesus Calms the Storm* - invites us to be still and know that God is God! *We're still looking for a few more adult volunteers for VBS; if you're interested, please reach out to Julie Barry. Our next planning meeting will be Sunday, June 21 following worship.*

EPIPHANY HOUSE & EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

New sign-up sheets are now available in the CE Building for the coming months. Please consider volunteering for one of the following opportunities to serve those in need: Epiphany House. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Scott or Amy Selheimer

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/24	9:45am	Special Called Session Meeting
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
			New Members
			with Sidewalk Fellowship
Monday	05/25		MEMORIAL DAY
			OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	05/26	7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	05/27	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/28	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
SUNDAY	05/31	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
			New Members & Baptism
		11:30am	Coffee Hour - Potluck
		12:00-5:00pm	Pride Market

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