

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 are for handicapped parking only.

## Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm  
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

## Prayer List:

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# New Castle Presbyterian Church

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**

**This Is My Father's World**

arr. Mark Hayes

Bethany Faiz - Piano

**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**

Climb the mountain of God!

**We will watch and wait.**

Watch for God's glory to shine like the sun.

**Wait for Christ to reveal God's heart.**

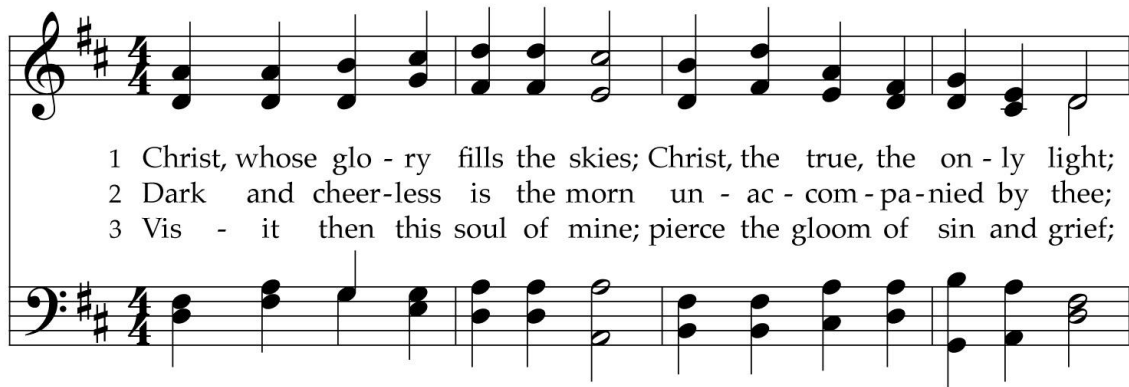
Watch as the Spirit moves to dispel darkness.

**Climb the mountain of God!**

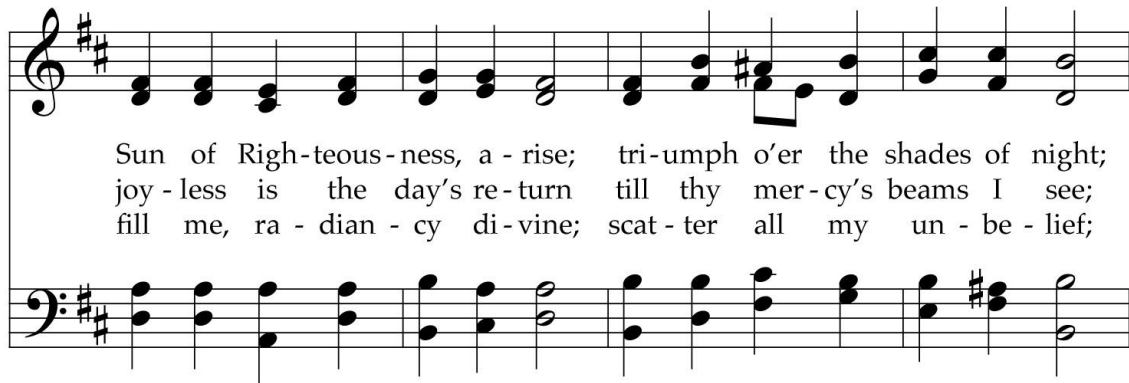
Let our worship be full of holy watching and waiting!

\*Hymn #662

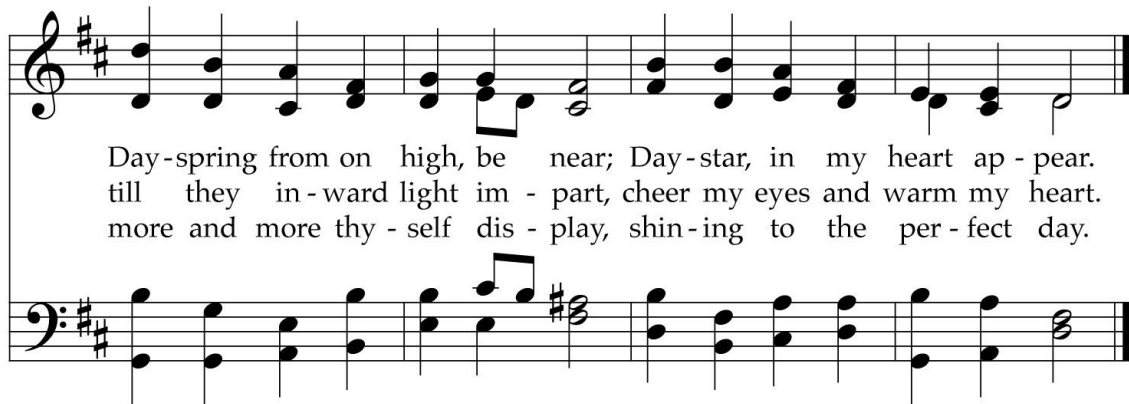
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, as you did with your priests and prophets of old, you call us to be doers of justice in your world, as you are. But we don't always listen or act. Sometimes we don't listen because we can hear the cries of your people through your Word. Sometimes we don't act because we are afraid – even when we know that our inaction cedes power to the kings of the world. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to see the light of your power and grace shining in dark places. Remind us that keeping your commandments and speaking your truth with courage and love glorifies your holy and precious name...**

*(Time for silent prayer.)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Living Word and shining Sun of God, in your presence we see the face of holiness. 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

**Shine, Jesus, Shine** Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light! Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light! As we gaze on your Kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on*

*fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light! Shine.*

## **Scripture Conversation with Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Gives us ears to listen, Holy God. As you spoke to your disciples, speak to us this day in dazzling and transfiguring ways, overshadowing our fears. Breathe your Spirit into the speaking and the hearing of your word so that, by your grace, we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Living Word. Amen.**

### **Scripture Lesson**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**Page: NT 18**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

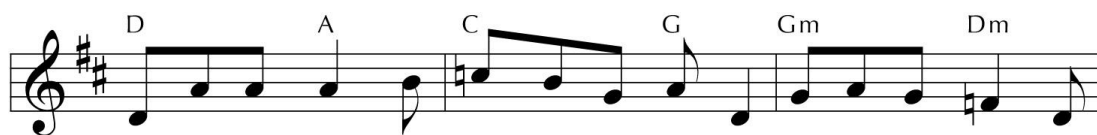
Sermon

*On Listening*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #401

## Here in this Place/Gather Us In



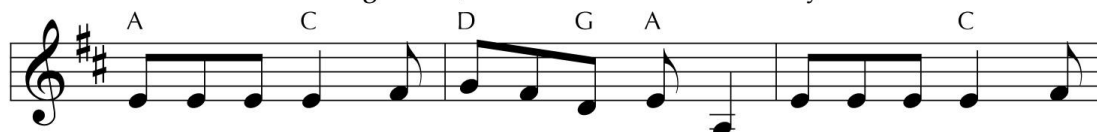
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

## Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

**Fairest Lord Jesus**  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

### **\*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 Grace and God of Glory: Thank you for continuing to speak to us, whether on the mountain tops or in the valleys of our lives. Bless these our gifts and help us to use them in faithful service that is pleasing to you. In Christ our Savior, 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 #683

## Lord of All Hopefulness



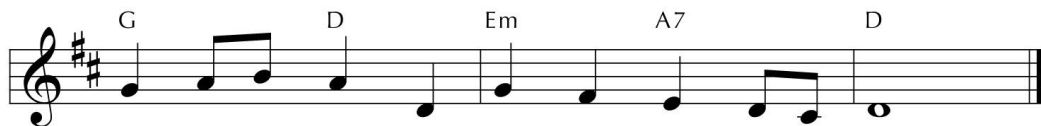
1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose  
2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose  
3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your  
4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: be  
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be  
hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be  
voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be



there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your  
there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your  
there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your  
there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

When first published in 1931, this "All-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Choral Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

### **Postlude**

**Take the Name of Jesus with You**  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

*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 coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.*

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

*Worship Leader:* Nancy Kersey

*Coffee Hour:* Deacons

*Ushers:* Ringo Keka & Mark Rappold

*Counters:* Julie Barry/Mary Fontinha

*Nursery:* Mariellen Edinburg/Cindi Savelli

*Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Bertha Seaman*  
1894 - 1974

*Richard H. Rowland*  
1917 - 2008



### **WELCOME TO GUEST PREACHER SHANNON HANSON**

Today we welcome The Rev. Shannon Hanson to the pulpit. Shannon currently volunteers as Minister of Reconciliation for New Castle Presbytery. In that capacity, Shannon serves on the board of the new ecumenical initiative at the University of Delaware: the PEACE Center (Presbyterian Episcopal Alliance for Campus Engagement). Ask her more about this exciting time for campus ministry at U of D. Shannon's call to ministry focuses particularly on bringing disparate people together to move conflicts forward. To that end, she facilitates anti-violence workshops in Delaware's women's prison, serves as convener of New Castle Presbytery's Montgomery Anti-Racism Advisory Group, and is actively involved with the National Capital and Baltimore presbyteries in conflict management training for individuals, groups, and congregations.

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

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

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

This Lent, we will ground ourselves in Christ's Good News that changes our lives and our world. Our Lenten devotional features original poetry, reflections, and artwork by Sanctified Art. Why Good News? As our devotional creators reflected, *"Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. As we crafted this series, we studied what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all."* Printed copies are available in the CE Building.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY – THIS WEEK**

As we begin our Lenten journeys, join us for worship at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House. During this service of confession, our foreheads are marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes remind us that while we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory, the cross reminds us of God's steadfast love and salvation through Jesus Christ.

### **LETTER WRITING WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 20 – 5:00-7:00PM**

Ready to make a difference but don't know where to start? Join us as we learn how to effectively write to our representatives. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by current events, but taking action is a great way to find your voice. Stationery and stamps will be provided. We will also have a list of our representatives. We hope to see you here—together, we can make a difference!

### **ALL-AGES GAME NIGHT – FEBRUARY 21**

Congregational Life is planning an All-Ages Game Night in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 21 from 6-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game; we'll order some pizzas! RSVPs to Gina Kouma (ina.kouma@gmail.com) or sign up in the Fellowship Hall by February 18.

### **ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE ACTIVITY – FEBRUARY 22**

Please join us during a potluck coffee hour for an All-Ages service project to benefit Winter Sanctuary at First & Central in Wilmington. Bring a dish to share and help in making peanut butter & jelly sandwiches to assist in feeding our neighbors in need.

### **NEW IMPROV GATHERING – FEBRUARY 23**

Feeling the winter blues? Join Nan Wallace and New Castle Neighbors at 6 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month in NCPC's Fellowship Hall for improv games. No experience required!

### **ECUMENICAL LENTEN SUPPER – AT NCPC ON FEB 25**

During Lent, our Ecumenical Supper Series will be on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crockpot of soup or stew for the first dinner at NCPC on Wednesday, February 25! Check out the purple flyers for the location of soup dinners this season.

### **MASSANETTA CONFIRMATION RETREAT – POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 20-22**

Due to Virginia's inclement weather, our five youth (Annabelle, Joey, Oliver, Ryan, and Wyatt) and three chaperones (Pastor Miriam, Amy, and Peter) will travel in March for our Confirmation retreat!

### **SUPPORTING THE MACKIE FAMILY**



Our prayers surround the Mackie family with the delivery and death of their son, Ellis. Their family has set up a mealtrain link for community support. Our prayers surround Mallory and Brendan, and Adaline, Autumn, and Natalie; may God shepherd them during these days of grief and recovery.

*This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>02/15</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher Shannon Hanson</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Community Open Mic Night</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>02/16</b>		<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>
		<b>2:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>Private Counseling – Library</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/17</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Promises of AA Meeting</b>
		<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Cong. Life &amp; Membership Meeting</b>
		<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Christian Ed Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>02/18</b>		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
			<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>2:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>Private Counseling – Library</b>
		<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>Worship Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/19</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>02/20</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
			<b>Newsletter Deadline / Brownies Due</b>
		<b>5:00-7:00pm</b>	<b>Writing Workshop – Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02/21</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Emmanuel Dining Room Prep</b>
		<b>6:00-8:00pm</b>	<b>All-Ages Game Night</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>03/22</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>All-Ages Sunday School</b>

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