

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 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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

arr. Stan Pethel

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 (inspired by Psalm 119)

Come, children of God, let us walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who follow the way of the Lord.

Let us seek God with our whole heart.

Let us praise God with upright hearts.

O that our ways may be steadfast in keeping God's commandments.

In our worship, may we sing God's praise.

Throughout our lives, may God guide our hands and feet.

Let us worship the Lord, our maker and redeemer!

*Hymn #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this thee - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, it is easy for us to miss your point. We know how to perform righteousness: we come to worship, we donate, we volunteer. But we are motivated more by how we are seen by others than by your call to love. When we show off our piousness, when we rely on our own understanding, have mercy on us. Sit us at Christ's feet and teach us the ways of your kingdom... (*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

Let It Shine!

Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

You are a light to the world, a city on a hill shining in the night for all to see. So let your light brightly shine that others may see our God who reigns in majesty. God is light, and in Him is no darkness. God is light, the pure and holy Word. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we shall live eternally.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

You are the salt of the earth, redeemed by Christ's great love. Come and share God's grace for all to see. A healing balm for the sick, a vessel of change for those who long to be set free. God is light, and in Him is no darkness. God is light, the pure and holy Word. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we shall live eternally.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.

Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as your covenant people, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16

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¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Fruit of the Loom

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom of God



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: Bound for the



King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit - y of God! —————

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13-16)

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BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Irregular with Refrain

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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 glory, as the Magi brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. Bless our offerings to your kingdom, that our gifts would lift up your children who are oppressed, bring deliverance to our neighbors in need, support folks who are poor, and help all who are in trouble. 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

*Hymn #767

Together We Serve

Capo 3: (G) B♭ (D) F (Em) Gm (Bm7) Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,
in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.
We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,
ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

***Charge & Benediction
Choral Benediction
Steeple Bell
Postlude**

Lead On, O King Eternal arr. Mark Hayes
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 coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Toni Marley

Coffee Hour: Session

Ushers: Jim & Susan Flook

Counters: Ray Snyder/Gail Seitz

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Lynn Smith/Stephanie Foltz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Emma McHugh
1890 - 1974

Emma R. Nichol
1906 - 2007



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

UNDIES SUNDAY FOR WINTER SANCTUARY – TODAY

Help support The Clothing Bank of DE and the Winter Sanctuary by donating new underwear and socks. Shop at <https://tinyurl.com/44p48zvd> or scan QR code to the left. Men's and women's underwear, bras and socks are greatly needed!

Undie Sunday donations will be collected during our Scripture Conversation today!



LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Join us for **Ash Wednesday Worship** on February 18 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House.

Sign up today to bring soup for our **Lenten Dinner** on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Devotionals for *Tell Me Something Good* will be available mid-February in the CE Building entryway.

NEW IMPROV GATHERING – FEBRUARY 9

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

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.

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) didn't make it to Massanetta Springs this weekend, but we will head there 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

SUNDAY	02/08	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:30am	Youth Group
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
Monday	02/09	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		6:00pm	Improv Fun and Games
Tuesday	02/10	5:45pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	02/11	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	02/12	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	02/14		VALENTINE'S DAY
		8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	02/15	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
			Guest Preacher Rev. Shannon Hanson
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night

Pastor Miriam will be on vacation Thursday, February 12 – Monday, February 16.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact the Church Office or Deacon Bev Stoudt.

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