

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 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:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 17, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Bourrée in C Major Johann Adolph Hasse
Miriam Foltz / Wyatt Fooks - Trumpet

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 (*drawn from Psalm 27*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?

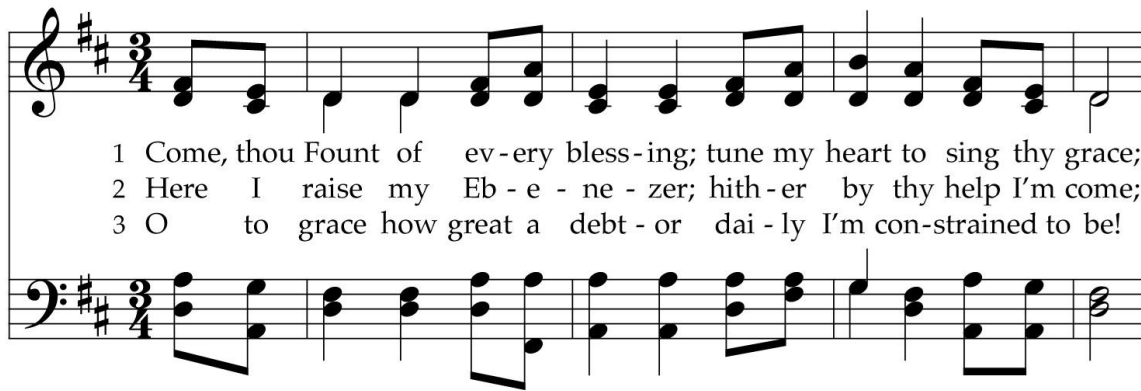
When evildoers come at me, trying to eat me up, it is my foes who stumble.

If an army camps against me, my heart won't be afraid.

I will continue to trust in this: **I have asked one thing from the Lord: to live in the Lord's house all the days of my life.**

*Hymn #475

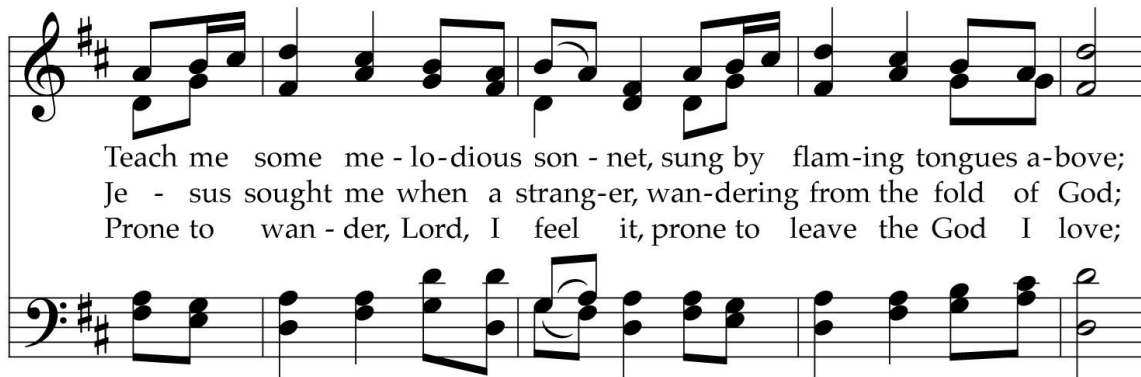
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



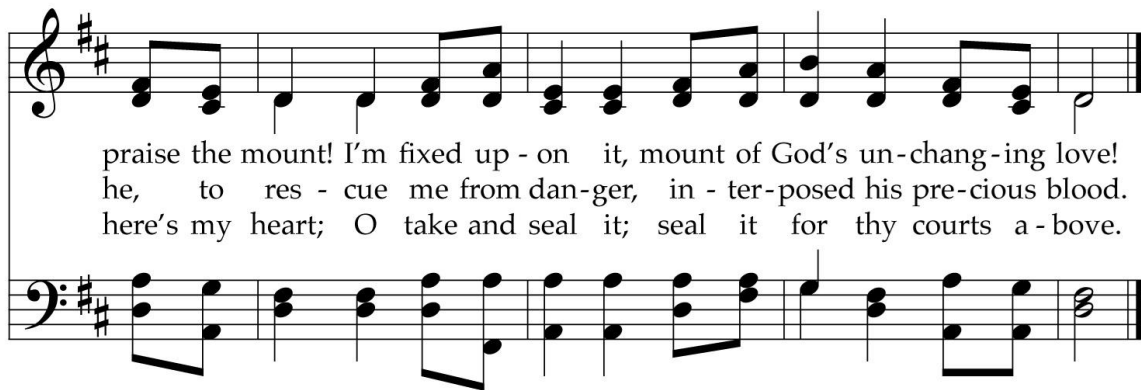
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, our light and our salvation, we admit our sin to you. We don't conceal our guilt. Wash away our sins and our guilt with your mercy; give us another chance. We pray to you during these troubled times, so that you will protect us from evil and steer our paths in your ways of righteousness. Forgive us, we pray... (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

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Bethany Faiz Piano

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

Welcome into Membership – NCPC Confirmands:

Oliver Fooks, Wyatt Fooks, Annabelle Kern, Ryan Shaw, & Joey Villanelli

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

God, our good shepherd, we come to kneel before you, our Maker. You are our God, and we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. Send your Holy Spirit to help us listen to your voice, that we would say yes and follow you. In Christ's name, we pray, amen.

Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:8

Page: OT 866

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-40

Page: NT 29

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

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

Sermon

Streams of Mercy, Never Ceasing

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #70

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
B^b F Gm Dm

*1.
What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.
Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.
To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
E^b B^b Cm F B^b
Repeat as desired

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
walk hum - bly with your God.
and walk hum - bly with your God.

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Sawmill Creek

Bruce Pearson

Oliver Fooks - Tenor Saxophone & Eileen Larkin - 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, giver of all good things, we thank you for our many blessings – the gifts of friendliness, athleticism, musical talent, and leadership. Bless our many gifts that we would offer them in service to others. Lead us to clothe our neighbors, care for nature, feed all who are hungry, all in Christ's name. 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 #300

They Will Know We Are Christians

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) B^bm (Em) Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) B^bm (Em) Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) D^b (Em) Fm



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) B^bm (Em) Fm (Am) B^bm (Bm) Cm (Em) (Am/E) (Em) Fm B^bm/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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 coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: NCPC Yout

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Ushers: Jim & Susan Flook

Counters: Chris Fagles/Kelly McCurdy

Nursery: Kim Beebe/Julie Barry

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Rachel Handy-Hayes

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

William A. Cochran
1909 - 1979

Judith A. Wolfe
1952 - 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>

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Welcome to our newest active members, Oliver Fooks, Wyatt Fooks, Annabelle Kern, Ryan Shaw, and Joey Villanelli! Join us during Coffee Hour today as we celebrate God's amazing grace!

LETTER WRITING PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who has made it out for our "Write for a change" workshops! Our next workshop will be May 22nd, please reach out to Diana Reilly! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall, and supplies and information will be included. Together, we can make a difference!

ALL-AGES GAME NIGHT: MAY 23

Congregational Life is planning another All-Ages Game Night in the Fellowship Hall on Sat, May 23 from 6-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game! RSVPs to Gina Kouma!

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.

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!

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.

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

<u><i>This Week's Schedule</i></u>			
SUNDAY	05/17	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Nite
Monday	05/18	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		6:30pm	Trustee Meeting
Tuesday	05/19	7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	05/20		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
		2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/21		BROWNIES DUE
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	05/22	9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
		5:00-7:00pm	Letter Writing Workshop
Saturday	05/23	6:00-8:00pm	Game Night
SUNDAY	05/24	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship with Sidewalk Fellowship

Kris will be on vacation Monday, 5/18-Tuesday, 5/19 – phones will be covered.

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office Monday, 5/18 – Friday, 5/22.

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Lyn Briggs, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2026	2027	2028
Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham
Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles
Ray Snyder	Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2026	2027	2028
Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage
Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks
		Nan Wallace

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2026	2027	2028
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Marshall Freund
Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith

Trustees meet the 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

