

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:

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
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 26, 2025

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 (from Psalm 84)

How lovely is the house of the Lord.

How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God.

How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord.

A day in God's courts are better than a thousand elsewhere.

Happy are those who live in God's house, ever singing God's praise.

Let us sing for joy to our living God!

*Hymn #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five stanzas, with the first two stanzas addressed to the singers and the last three to God. The score includes a variety of musical notations, including eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as rests and dynamic markings.

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

TEXT: Robert Grant, 1833, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784, alt.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on our neighbors, thankful that we are not like them.

Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Raise us to new life, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior... *(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

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling

Allen Pote

Amy Shimmin – Flute, Bethany Faiz - Piano

How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts, to me. My soul is longing, fainting for the courts of God to see. The beauty of your dwelling will bring me joy anew. My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for you.

Beneath your care the sparrow finds place for peaceful rest; to keep her young in safety, the swallow finds a nest. So Lord, my King Almighty, your love will shelter me; beneath your wings of mercy, my dwelling place will be.

Blest they who love and serve you, whose joy and strength you are. Forever they will praise you, your ways are in their heart. Though tired, their tears like showers, shall fill the springs of peace, and all the way to Zion, their strength shall still increase. How lovely is your dwelling.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises by growing in faith and love; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:9-14

Page: NT 81

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” *This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

Step by Step

*Hymn #692

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)

Refrain

F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)

Dm F/C B $\flat$ C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)

F B $\flat$ Gm7 F B $\flat$ F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

(D) (G) (D) (G)

F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)

C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$ C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)

Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$

to Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

by David Paxton

Bethany Faiz - 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**

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us. Give us strength, that we might serve you. Make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone. Magnify these gifts, that your hope would fill the world. 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 #741

Guide My Feet, verses 1, 2, 5, and 6

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I
don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand ...

5 Search my heart ...

3 Stand by me ...

6 Guide my feet ...

4 I'm your child ...

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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.

All printed music & performances are covered under: OneLicense #A-720755

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew

Coffee Hour: Chili Cook-Off

Ushers: The Fooks

Counters: Julie Barry/Gary Graham

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Julia Bechtel

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Molly S. Wrightington

1922 - 1971

Janet Warren

1928 - 2003



CHILI COOKOFF TODAY

Chili Cookoff is back today during coffee hour! Come sample and vote for your favorite chili! While our Congregational Life Committee counts the votes, our Christian Education committee will present a "Pop-up" All-Ages Sunday School. After the cook-off winner is announced, younger folks will be invited outside for a pumpkin walk! Hope to see you there.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The NCPC Directory will be updated this week. Please send Kris any updates to your address, email, phone, etc.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Gather on Wednesdays this Fall at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Miriam for a weekly Bible Study. No need to RSVP; come and join the conversation!

FLOWER FOLKS

Interested in the beautiful arrangements in the meeting house window? Get involved in a new team of "flower folks" to continue the amazing displays. Please reach out to Brenda Walters for more information.

PRIDE TABLE

Join our LGBTQIA+ task force on Saturday, November 1 as we table on New Castle's Green as part of a Pride Fair. If you are interested in helping us be a welcoming presence, please reach out to Phee Price at pheeprice@gmail.com

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

We are looking for one (or more!!) members to join RD as a "member at large." Are you interested in the budget? Policies? The inner workings of the church staff? Resource Development is for you!!! Please reach out to Peter McCurdy if you are interested and / or if you have any questions!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Seaman's Center Ditty Boxes! As we look ahead to Thanksgiving, Mission and Outreach is again giving 30 Thanksgiving Baskets to three local elementary schools for families who need our support for a Thanksgiving meal. Committee members will be buying all of the supplies but would love some volunteers to help put together these baskets of love. Date: Friday, November 21 at 10:00 AM here in the CE building. No need to sign up - hope to see some of you there.

WINTER SANCTUARY

First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington is opening up their Winter Sanctuary on Saturday, November 1. Each Saturday, from 6:00 - 10:00 am, First & Central opens their doors to people experiencing homelessness. They may come in for a rest, warmth, a hot meal, coffee & snacks, a place to charge their phones, and even a shower.

Here is the link if you'd like to sign up. Even if there are no spots open - please just show up! There's always plenty for volunteers to do. Questions? Please reach out to Amy Selheimer (302-584-0982)

Donations needed:

- shampoo, deodorant and toiletries
- new underwear and socks
- gently used sweats, pants, t-shirts, shoes and sneakers



Signup Genius
to volunteer

CHECK OUT THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

For important information about All Saints' Sunday (November 2), our Stewardship Season (running through November 16), our new Building Use Task Force, and more!

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/26	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Chili Cook-Off & All-Ages Sunday
			“Pop-up” Sunday School
		1:00pm	Building Use Task Force
Monday	10/27	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	10/28	7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	10/29	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling - Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/30	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	11/01	8:00am	Tai Chi
		12:00pm-5:00pm	Pride Fair
SUNDAY	11/02	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00-2:00	Young(ish) Women's Group

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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)

