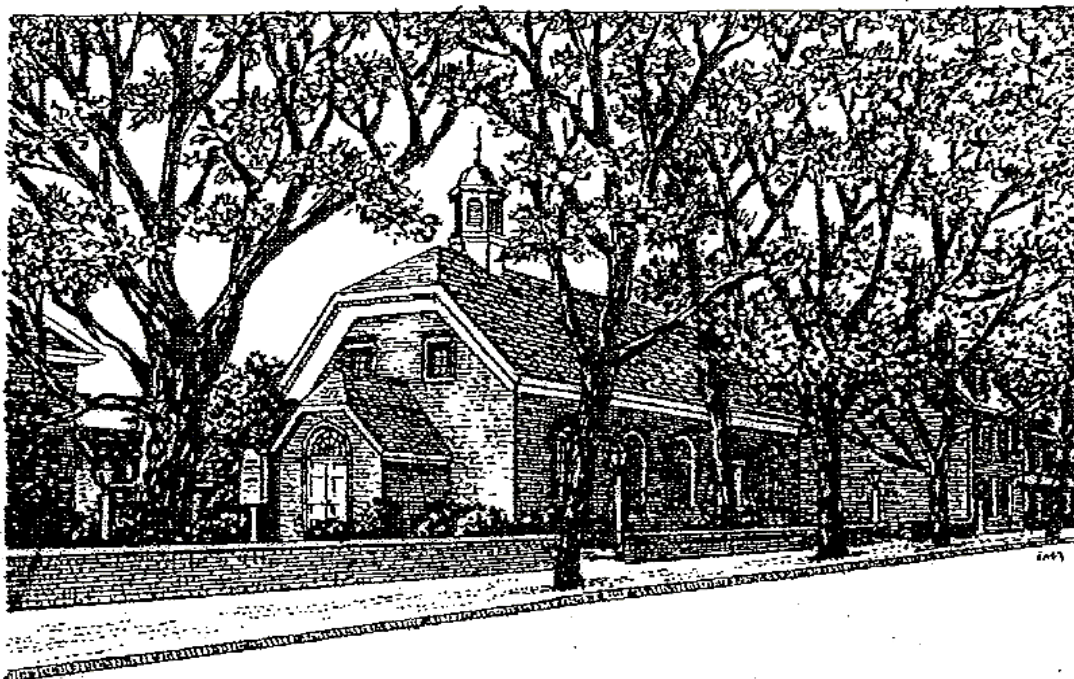


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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!

Whether you are worshiping with us in-person or joining via livestream, we gather today as a community of faith, 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.

For folks joining us for in-person worship,

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children are invited to 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. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions. If your family needs to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall.

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 in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the blue recycle can at the door as you leave – we recycle!

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is on Mondays.

**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

He Hideth My Soul
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

**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 78*)

Give ear, O people, to the Lord's teachings.

We incline our ears to the words of God's mouth.

We open our lips in parables; we utter dark sayings from of old.

**We tell of things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors
have told us.**

We will tell them to the coming generation.

**Let us proclaim the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders
that God has done!**

***Hymn #697**

Take My Life

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, to know you, and to serve you. But we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your reign on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.

Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. *(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

Anthem

A Grateful Heart by Gambrell and Sensmeier
Bethany Faiz - Piano

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering. Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice. Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with gentle hands, your word is true, your works are just; in you, O God, the faithful trust. With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never, never end.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, you are our dwelling place. In you we find our rest; in you we find our purpose. Gather us under the shelter of your wing. Calm our minds and fill our hearts with your love. Restore us to your path and call us again to faithful discipleship. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 4:10

Page: NT 235

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

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

Stewardship Moment

Amy Selheimer

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

Page: NT 28

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Sermon

Gifts of Grateful Praise: Treasure

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Stewardship Dedication

As you are able, please bring your pledge form forward to the Communion Table, as we sing together #717 For the Life That You Have Given.

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in
Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these
gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;
heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory My Faith Has Found a Resting Place arr. Patti Drennan
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**

Lord of all, we marvel at the beauty of your creation, the wonder of each hour of our lives, and the joy of human love. We especially give you thanks for yourself, best gift divine, freely given to the world in Jesus Christ. In response to your goodness, we lift up to you these gifts of grateful praise. Bless our time, our talents, and our treasure, that through our lives your great love would be shared with all your children. Creator God, we give you all praise this day. 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 #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

The Solid Rock arr. Patti Drennan
(with "O God, Our Help in Ages Past")
Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.
As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Mary Fontinha Counters: Rob Barry/Gail Seitz
Ushers: Scott & Amy Selheimer Coffee Hour: Cindy Beam
Nursery: Kim Beebe/Lynn Smith Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/ Laura Sparrow-Hood

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Edith W. Eisenmann
1900-1976

Joseph S. Harrington
1920-2014



STEWARDSHIP SEASON – GIFTS OF GRATEFUL PRAISE

Extra copies of 2024 Pledge Cards are available in the entryway; we will join our gifts of grateful praise together during worship today. If you need more time to complete the form, please mail them to the church office or leave them in Recording Secretary Shirley Knox's office box at your earliest convenience.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THIS WEDNESDAY

We will gather one more time in 2023 for our weekly Bible Study; gather with Pastor Miriam in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday at 2 p.m. Our weekly study will resume in early January 2024.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL + ADVENT BOOK DISCUSSION

The Season of Advent will begin on Sunday, Nov. 26! Our Advent devotionals – *In Light and Darkness* – come in both adult booklet and family packet form (complete with shadow box storytelling supplies!) Pick up a copy in the CE Building entryway starting this week.

To accompany this devotional, we'll be reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, and gather for a discussion on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 2-4 p.m. at Connie Reese's house. Please RSVP to Connie or Conchita Showell by December 10.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS – NOV 17

Every year, our Mission and Outreach committee organizes Thanksgiving Baskets for thirty families in our area. We'll pack the baskets on Friday, November 17 and deliver them to three local elementary schools - Carrie Downie, New Castle, and Eisenberg Elementary. Thank you for all your generous giving that makes these blessings possible!

THANKSGIVING BAGELS AND BLESSINGS – NOVEMBER 23

Gather with NCPC in the Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23, at 8 a.m. for bagels, coffee, and a short devotional time together as we give thanks for God's many blessings. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Miranda Matthews at thecatmagnet@yahoo.com.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT NCPC, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Help NCPC welcome guests and support Friendship House. Friendship House's mission is to unite people facing homelessness with loving, supportive communities they can call home. Friendship House provides programs such as the Clothing Bank, Empowerment Centers, Winter Shelters, Financial Assistance, and Transitional Housing.

NCPC will be providing music in our Meeting House and selling soups and baked goods in our CE Building. We will also be welcoming guests with our free cookie and coffee/hot chocolate table. Please volunteer your time and cooking talents by signing up on the posted sheets in the CE Building.

*Christmas is the Season for Kindling the Fire for Hospitality in the Hall,
and the Flame of Charity in the Heart. - Washington Irving*

SPECIAL SEASONAL SERVICES

We'll gather for our Longest Night Service on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. Our Christmas Eve services (on a Sunday!) will be a 10:30 Family Service and a 7 p.m. Traditional Service.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders. Please sign up today:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	11/12		Stewardship Sunday
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:45am	Deacon's Meeting
		1:30-4:30pm	Private Use of Hall
Monday	11/13	6:30pm	Resource Development Meeting
Tuesday	11/14	7:00pm	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday	11/15	2:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	11/16	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	11/17		Thanksgiving Basket Assembly
Saturday	11/18	8:00am	Tai Chi
		4:00-9:00pm	Private use of Hall
SUNDAY	11/19	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Baptism of Micah Foltz
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	Walt Sparrow-Hood
Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		
Miranda Matthews		

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha
Gary Graham	Mike Smith	Gail Seitz
Barbara Whisman		

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

