

# 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.

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### Prayer List:

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

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##### ***SN George Spock***

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##### ***James Boyle***

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

April 27, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Michael Hunter

**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**

**Call to Worship** (*From Psalm 150*)

Alleluia! Praise the Lord! **Praise God in God's sanctuary!**

Alleluia! Praise the Lord! **Praise God for God's mighty deeds!**

Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

**Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

**Alleluia! Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn #267**

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, your love is boundless, and your grace exceeds our imaginations. Graciously, you seek us out. You find ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. We confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you are not with us. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord... (*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 #240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

***Refrain:***

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give praise to his name**

**2. Spread the good news o'er all  
the earth:**

**Jesus has died and has risen.**

***(Repeat refrain)***

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Conversation with Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson**

**John 20:19-31**

**Page: NT 115**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

Sermon

*Faithful Thomas*

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**\*Hymn #817**

**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Michael Hunter

**\*Response #245**

**Christ the Lord is risen today! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**All creation, join to say: Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Sing, O heavens and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, move through these gifts of our lives and offerings that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus 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 #248**

**Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Steeple Bell**

**Postlude**

Michael Hunter

*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:* Carol Mayhew

*Counters:* Connie Reese/Kelly McCurdy

*Ushers:* Jim & Barb Whisman

*Fellowship Hour:* Trustees

*Nursery:* Jane Fouracre & Molly Shaw

*Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Melissa Boris

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***Wallace D. Neilson***  
***1904-1982***

***Sara Hampton***  
***1919 - 1997***



### ***This Week's Schedule***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4/27</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <b>Community Open Mic Night</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/29</b>	<b>7:00pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Congregational Life &amp; Membership Mtg</b> <b>Promises of AA Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/30</b>	<b>3:00pm</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> <b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/01</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/02</b>		<b>May Market</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/03</b>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> <b>Friendship House Walk in Battery Park</b> <b>May Market</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5/04</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b> <b>&amp; Communion</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <b>Young-ish Women Gathering</b>

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – SPECIAL OFFERING**

We collected envelopes and Fish Banks last Sunday for OGHS. Each gift supports Presbyterian efforts to alleviate hunger, provide disaster response, and encourage the self-development of people. There's still time to give via cash or check to NCPC (memo: OGHS) or online at: <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>

## **BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR**

Gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Miriam for a weekly Bible Study. We'll read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. No need to RSVP; come and join the conversation

## **YOUNG(ish) WOMEN – MAY 4**

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather on May 4 from 12-2pm for lunch fellowship. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the email list.

## **PEOPLE WHO LUNCH – MAY 6**

A new fellowship group is forming! The essential part is the availability to have lunch the first Tuesday of every month. If you need a ride, let us know. First get together is May 6th. If interested, call or text Eileen Larkin (302) 897-2552 or Miranda Matthews (302) 521-3140

## **ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – MAY 18**

Join us from 11:30 to 12:30 for our last All-Ages gathering for the school year. Over lunch, we'll learn about Praying in Color from members of our CE Committee.

## **WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE**

On Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 AM, we will walk here in Old New Castle in Battery Park. Sign up for a Friendship House team or make a donation here.

[www.walkforahealthycommunity.org](http://www.walkforahealthycommunity.org)

Please let Amy Selheimer know if you'll be walking with us this year!

[amysel63@gmail.com](mailto:amysel63@gmail.com) or text: 302-584-0982



## **COLLECTION FOR BAYLOR**

Mission and Outreach will be collecting gently used and/or new women's clothing for the Baylor Correctional Facility. These clothes are needed for when the women leave the facility or for colder temperatures where they need to wear layers to stay warm. You can drop off your donations to the CE Building - with the final collection date of Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day.

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

Please sign up to usher and serve as worship leader:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>



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**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Lyn Briggs, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2025	2026	2027
Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry
Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann
Connie Reese	Ray Snyder	Amy Selheimer
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

*Session meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2025	2026	2027
Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock
Janet Spring	Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt

*Deacons meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

## TRUSTEES

2025	2026	2027
Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Mike Smith	Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy

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

