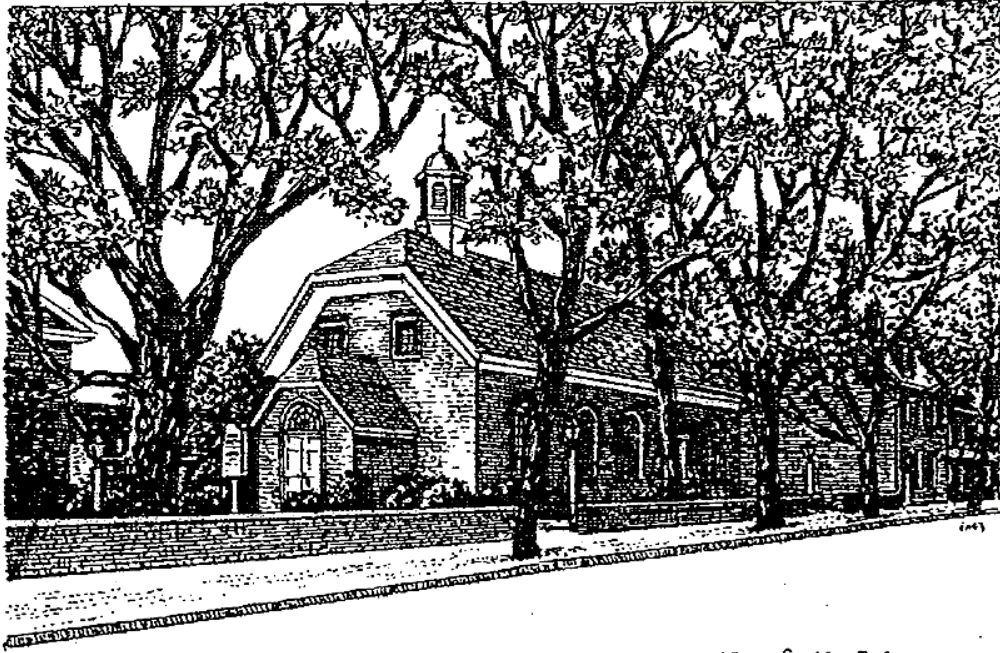


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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 is not offered today but Nursery is still available and children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available at the back of the Meeting House. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery. 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. Sunday School will return next week.

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
Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Hymn of Promise
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. John Carter

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

Holy, holy, holy is our God!

Heaven and earth are filled with God's glory.

The God of glory thunders;

God's voice shakes the wilderness.

We hear God's voice asking, "Whom shall I send?"

O God, we are here, send us!

Let all in God's temple say, "Glory!"

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

For you so loved the world, O God, that you came among us to feel our pain, amplify our joy, and bless our broken stories.

For you so loved the world, O God, that you are among us still, calling us by your spirit to follow in the way of your love.

Forgive us when we do not listen, O God:

When we forget the love that you have for us and the love we are called to share with one another, forgive us, three-in-one God, and may your love transform our lives... (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

Here I am, Lord arr. by Craig Courtney

Amy Shimmin – Flute / Bethany Faiz - Piano

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night, I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart. I, the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart. Here I am, Lord.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 3:1-17

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Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Sermon

“Not to Condemn, But to Love”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #443**

There Is a Redeemer

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and

leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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Offertory

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Lloyd Larson

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**

Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us. Teach us how to love each other, that we may have life and have it abundantly. Triune God, all our blessings are gifts from you, and may our offerings this day give glory to your 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 #634

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

America, the Beautiful
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Joel Raney

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

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Lyn Briggs/

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Mary Fontinha *Sunday School:* No Sunday School

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Blanche W. Cain
1914-1988

Dorothea Campbell
1927-2019



WELCOME

Cindy Kohlmann has served two churches as a solo pastor, in Ohio and Massachusetts, and the Presbyteries of Northern New England and Boston as Resource Presbyterian. She was elected in June 2018 as Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In January of 2021, she began service as the Connectional Presbyterian and Stated Clerk for New Castle Presbytery (Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland). She is married to the Rev. Eric Markman, bridge pastor of Concord Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE, and has two adult step-daughters.

PENTECOST OFFERING

As we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit, today's Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage young people and address the needs of at-risk children. Use the envelope in your bulletin or go online to donate and learn more:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in May and June. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

NURSERY - UPCOMING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday School continues through June 9, but Nursery care will continue through the summer. We are planning a May orientation for new and returning volunteers. If you're interested, please contact Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com.

MEN'S GROUP HIKE - JUNE 1

The NCPC Men's Group will meet up for a hike at Lums Pond State Park on the morning of Saturday, June 1. Gather at the Boat Rentals area at 8:00 am. There are several route options and we should be done within 3 hours. (*A three hour tour...*) Bring your own water, snacks, hiking boots, and dress appropriately for the conditions. Please call or text Steven Foltz at (206) 953-6490 to RSVP.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our slate of Deacons and Trustees is coming together! However, we are still looking for Elders. Terms are for three years and begin in September. Session meets on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m.; committee meetings are flexible. Reach out to co-chairs Melissa Boris or Peter McCurdy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING – JUNE 5

Put on Love is our VBS for Pre-K through 12 on Sunday, July 14 from 4-7 p.m. We'll hear Paul's words to the Colossians to wear Christ-like compassion, kindness, and love. We need a range of volunteers to help teach, lead music/ games/ crafts, help serve food, and clean-up. Please join us at our first planning meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be hybrid, with folks gathering in the Fellowship Hall, as well as via Zoom. Let Pastor Miriam know if you'd like the zoom link!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING + CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 9

Join us following worship on Sunday, June 9 in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2027 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation. After our business concludes, 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. Come and celebrate God's goodness!

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

This May and June, we have the opportunity to donate to one of Friendship House's greatest needs: School uniforms. Many schools in Delaware require them, putting a burden on students and their families. In 2023, the Clothing Bank was able to provide over 10,000 uniform items to 18 public schools in Delaware. Donations can be made online through the Friendship Clothing Bank website at: <https://www.friendshiphousedel.org/delaware-homeless/our-programs/clothing-bank/school-uniform-initiative/>

Go to the right side of the page and select from three different donation registries (Target, Amazon, and French Toast). Clothing items will then be delivered directly to the Clothing Bank. Thank you for assisting with this great cause. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Selheimer at selheime@udel.edu or 302-368-8639.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE WALK – JUNE 8

You are invited to join fellow New Castle Presbyterian Church members as we take part in the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on the morning of Saturday, June 8 at Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront. All of the proceeds from the event go directly to local non-profits, including Friendship House. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with the walk set to begin at 9 a.m. We have formed a team "New Castle Presbyterian" and would love to have you join us, either by walking together, virtually walking with us from wherever you are, or supporting us with a donation. Please go to the following website to register or donate: <https://shorturl.at/pqOS2>

HABITAT WORK DAY – JUNE 22

Limited volunteer spaces are available to join with New Castle Presbytery churches for a Habitat Eastside Wilmington Work Day. Details are located in the May Newsletter. Must be 16 years of age, complimentary lunch will be provided by Concord PC, and work clothes required to participate in the build. Although the registration deadline is 6/17/24, we intend to have the ten-person volunteer slots filled quickly, so register today!

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/26	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship with Guest Preacher Cindy Kohlmann
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	05/27		MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED
			
Tuesday	05/28		Meals on Wheels
		12:15pm	Staff Meeting/Lunch
		3:00pm	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
Wednesday	05/29		Meals on Wheels
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/30		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	05/31		Meals on Wheels
Saturday	06/01	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	06/02	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
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		

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)

