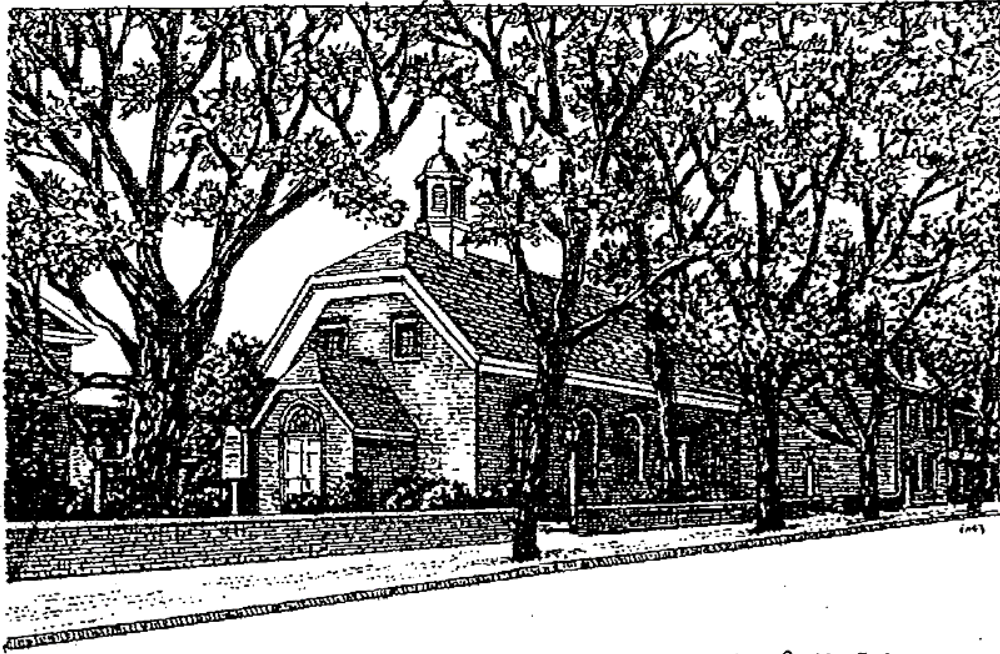


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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,
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New Castle Presbyterian Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Martha Mier

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 146)*

Praise the Lord, O my soul! **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and watches over the strangers.

Praise the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised!**

*Hymn #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and righteousness, when we look at Jesus, we see that we have fallen short of your glory. You lift up the lowly and fill the empty, but we adore the high and mighty. You reach out to the poor; we pursue wealth without a care for others. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving that we would find our life in Jesus Christ. Shepherd 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

On Eagle's Wings

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Bethany Faiz – Piano

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life. Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear. Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you, and hold you, and hold you in the palm of His hand, of His hand, in God's hand.

Welcome into Membership – Alexis Byers

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

Faithful and loving God, you hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy. You answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Send your Spirit to speak your truth to us, that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

Page: NT 79

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ” *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

The Good Place

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #702

Christ Be Beside Me

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

Am G C G Am G7 C

low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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BUNESSAN

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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Sun of My Soul
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Tom Fettke

*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

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all the ways that you remember and lift up your children. May our lives be an offering to you. In Christ's name, may we give food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor. May these offerings proclaim your saving love to the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

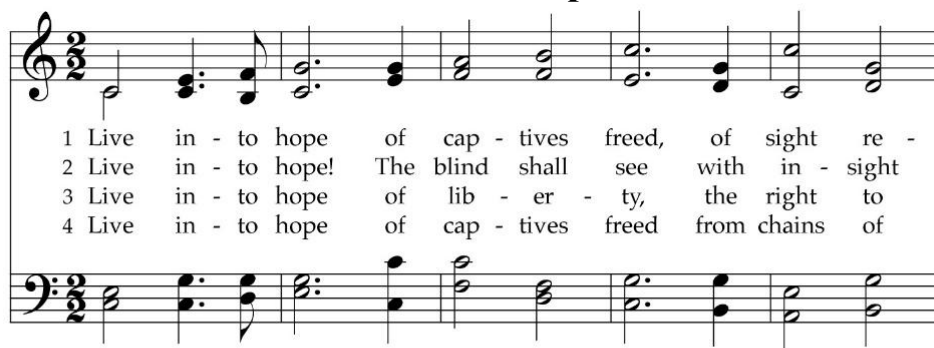
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**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.**

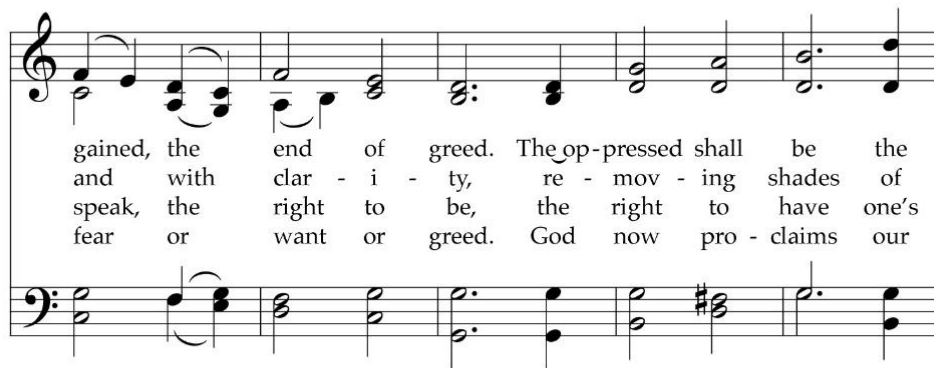
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #772

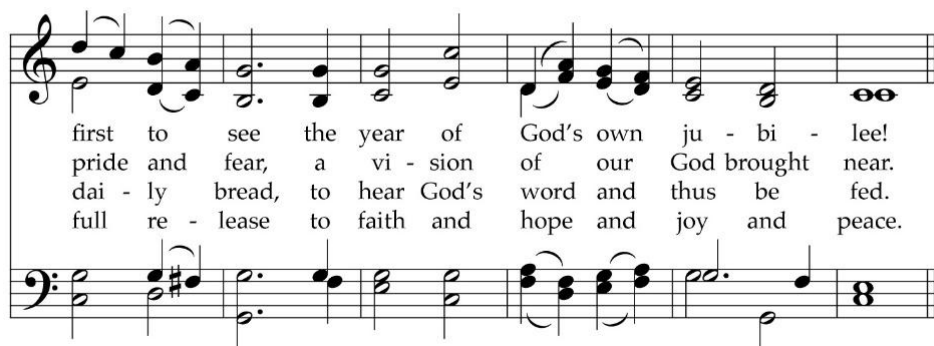
Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Mark Hayes

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 Fellowship

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Ray Snyder

Ushers: Toni Marley/Connie Reese

Counters: Gina Kouma/Marshall Freund

Nursery: Julia Bechtel/Melissa Boris

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Gladys T. Quillen
1899 - 1970

Julia Jenson
- 2002



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – TODAY

Join the CE Committee for today's potluck coffee hour. From 11:50 am to 12:30 pm, we'll offer a fun, all-ages program exploring "The Church's Family Tree."

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 5

On Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m., we will have a Blessing of the Animals outside of the CE Building. If your pet doesn't travel well or play well with others, bring their picture or one of their accessories to be blessed. And feel free to invite one of your pet's friends as everyone would benefit from a blessing!

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING – OCT 5

Join us in worship as we celebrate World Communion Sunday, recognizing our oneness in Christ with our siblings around the world. We will collect our Peace and Global Witness Offering, which encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Offering envelopes are in the pews.

SEPTEMBER CLOTHING DRIVE – FINAL CALL

Mission and Outreach is collecting new and gently used clothing for the Clothing Bank of Delaware and for the Winter Sanctuary at First and Central Presbyterian. Donated items will be collected 10/2.

MENTORING AT CARRIE DOWNIE THIS FALL

NCPC volunteers will work one-on-one with students to help them build self-esteem, communication skills and school engagement. The time commitment is once a week through the school year for 30 – 60 minutes in the school. Contact Gail Seitz at gailmseitz@gmail.com for more information.

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GENE MAYHEW

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Gene Mayhew, who died to this life on September 23 at the age of 82. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at NCPC on Friday, October 3 at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow in the Christian Education Building.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/28	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	All Ages Sunday School
		3:00pm	Session Minute Review - Dover
Monday	09/29		Meals on Wheels
		2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling - Library
Tuesday	09/30		Meals on Wheels
		5:00pm	Mission & Outreach Committee Mtg
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	10/01		Meals on Wheels
		2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling - Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/02		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	10/03		Meals on Wheels
		11:00am	Gene Mayhew Memorial Service and Reception
Saturday	10/04	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	10/05	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		3:00pm	Blessing of the Animals

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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)

