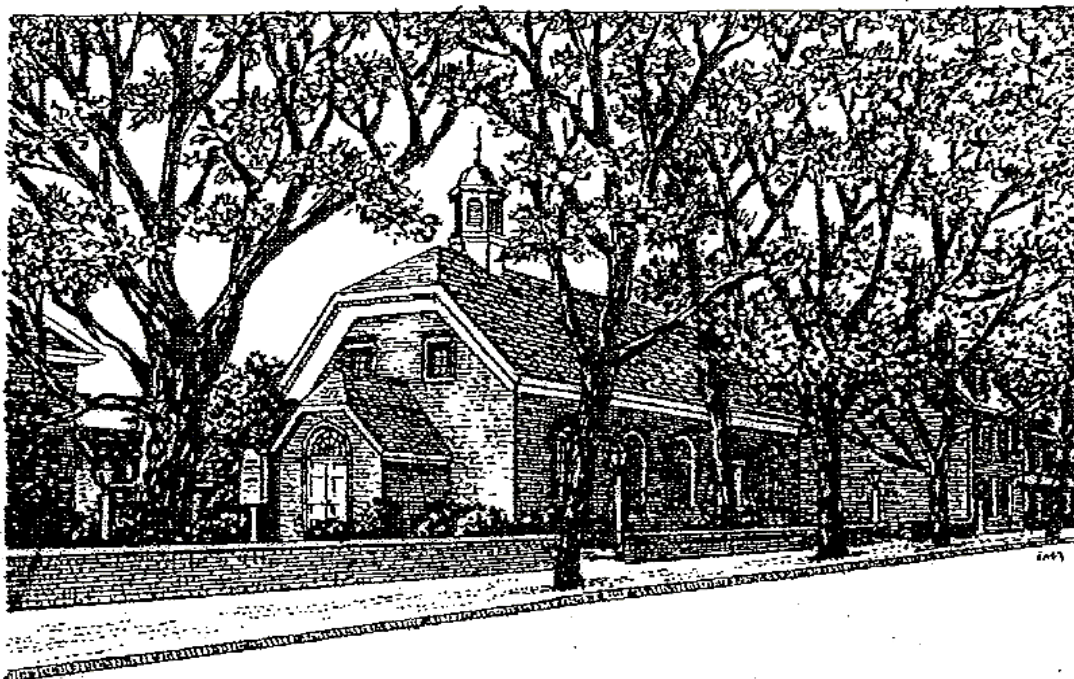


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!**

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,**

**Please take basic COVID precautions with us.** Masks are encouraged but not required in the Meeting House and Education building.

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

**Children are always welcome in worship!** Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available at the back of the Meeting House. 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 sidewalk Coffee Hour on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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

**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**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 25, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Cindy Berry

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**

**Call to Worship**

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

**God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.**

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted. **We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**

**\*Hymn #738**

**O, Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
guide them in the home - ward way.  
trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.**

### **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**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.**

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

## **Scripture Conversation with Children**

**Sermon**

*“A Rigorous Hike”*

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Like a River Glorious

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**

**Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us,  
send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. 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 #753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

D                      Bm                      A7                      D                      Em                      A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace.                      Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace.                      Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace.                      It

D                      Bm                      G                      Em                      A7

there is ha - tred, let me bring your love.                      Where  
 there's de - spir in life, let me bring hope.                      Where  
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,                      in

Em                      A7                      Em7                      A7

there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord,                      and  
 there is dark-ness, on - ly light,                      and  
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive,                      and in

Em                      A7                      D                      1                      2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.  
 dy - ing that we're born to e-ter - nal life.

G                      Em                      D                      Bm

3 O, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek                      so

Em                      A7                      D                      A7                      D                      D7

much to be con - soled as to con - sole,                      to be

G                      Em                      F#m                      Bm

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand,                      to be

E                      E7                      A                      E                      A                      A7

loved as to love with all my soul.                      to Stanza 4

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.



# **\*Charge and Benediction**

## **Steeple Bell**

**Postlude**                **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life** 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.*

\*Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott - © Presbyterian Outlook, 2023

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### ***Thank you for serving today:***

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew                Counters: Steve Martin & Gary Graham  
Ushers: Gary Graham & Scott Selheimer  
Preacher: Rev. Tracy Keenan

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***Frances Massey Appleby***  
***1930-1973***

***Annabelle H. Witt***  
***1927-2010***



## **WELCOME TO REV. TRACY KEENAN**

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan is the Missional Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery. After having pastored four churches in both Pittsburgh, PA and Columbus, OH, she came to New Castle Presbytery because she was inspired by our emphasis on helping churches live courageously into their calling. As the primary staff person for the Ignite team and presbytery mission partnerships, she believes that the purpose of church is to equip people for loving the world well. She cherishes friendships among a wide variety of people from various traditions, conditions, religions, and opinions. Tracy and her husband, the Rev. Jim Mehler, have two grown daughters. She plays the piano, writes music and stories, rides a Harley, and looks for the joy.

### **SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUN., JULY 9**

Join us following worship on Sunday, July 9, for a Special Called Congregational Meeting to complete our officer slate. The Nomination Committee will nominate Peter McCurdy to serve as Elder Class of 2026 and Pat Taylor to serve as Nominating Committee Member-at-Large. Their biographies will be available in the July newsletter.

### **NEW AND NEWISH MEMBER GATHERING – SUNDAY, JULY 9**

Anyone considering joining NCPC - or- liking what they observe and wanting to learn more - or - who has joined in 2023 is encouraged to meet other newbies at Greg and Susan Fogarty's home located 2 blocks from the church at 152 E 2nd Street. Join us there following worship for refreshments and an INCREDIBLE charcuterie tray. Please RSVP by texting Greg at (302) 437-4731 or Susan at (302) 530-7158.

### **CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT CAMARADERIE – WED., JULY 12**

Bring a folding chair to Battery Park where we will informally gather at 6 pm and watch the Seven Rings perform at 6:30pm as part of Battery Park's Summer Concert Series. Lip singers, Hummers and Karaoke Chanteuses are all welcome!

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Nursery Care and Sunday School are on hiatus over the summer. Children of all ages are welcome to remain in the Meeting House during worship and make a joyful noise to the Lord! (Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.) If families need to step out during worship, a "pray ground" and livestream are available in the Fellowship Hall.



## SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP

We are in need of **ushers** and **worship leaders** in the coming months. Take a moment [to sign up](#) today!

## SUMMER COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Deacons and the Trustees will host coffee hour on the first Sundays of July and August, and on other Sundays, we'll gather for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street sidewalk fellowship after worship.

## HIGHMARK WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Members of New Castle Presbyterian Church once again took part in the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, June 10 at Tubman-Garrett Park and the Wilmington Riverfront.

Amy and Scott Selheimer, Julie and Rob Barry, and Phee Price and Ken Boos took part in the 5K walk on the Riverfront, Pastor Miriam and Steven Foltz and Parker and Micah enjoyed their own "virtual" walk through Battery Park, and Gail and C.J. Seitz also contributed to the team total. The event raised over \$90,000 for our friends at Friendship House in Wilmington. Over 600 people took part in the walk.



Thank you to all who participated. Look forward to seeing you at the event in 2024!

## **Prayer List:**

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

## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

### ***Joan Smith***

Kentmere Rehab & HC  
1900 Lovering Avenue  
Wilmington, DE 19806

### ***Barbara Quillen***

Cokesbury  
HealthCare Rm 2010  
726 Loveville Road  
Hockessin, DE 19707

### ***Rod Denison***

Cadia Rehab Capitol  
1225 Walker Road  
Room 132A Holly Unit  
Dover, DE 19904

## ***At Home:***

### ***Kathy Griffin-Graham***

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New Castle, DE 19720  
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### ***Anita Johnson***

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Smyrna, DE 19977  
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## ***On Assignment with the Coast Guard:***

### ***George Spock***

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Coos Bay, OR 97420

## ***On Assignment with the Air Force:***

### ***James Boyle***

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54  
JBPHH, HI 96860

***This Week's Schedule***

**SUNDAY**      **06/25**      **10:30am**      **In-Person & Live Stream  
Worship  
– Guest Pastor Tracy Keenan**  
**11:30am**      **Sidewalk Coffee Hour**

**Monday**      **06/26**      **4:00pm**      **Spanish Class**

**Saturday**      **07/01**      **8:00am**      **Tai Chi**

**SUNDAY**      **07/02**      **10:30am**      **In-Person & Live Stream  
Worship & Communion**  
**11:30am**      **Sidewalk Coffee Hour**

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**Kris Krawczyk, Admin. Assistant**

**Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music**

**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

*Session meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

*Deacons meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)*

## TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Mike Smith
Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman	

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

