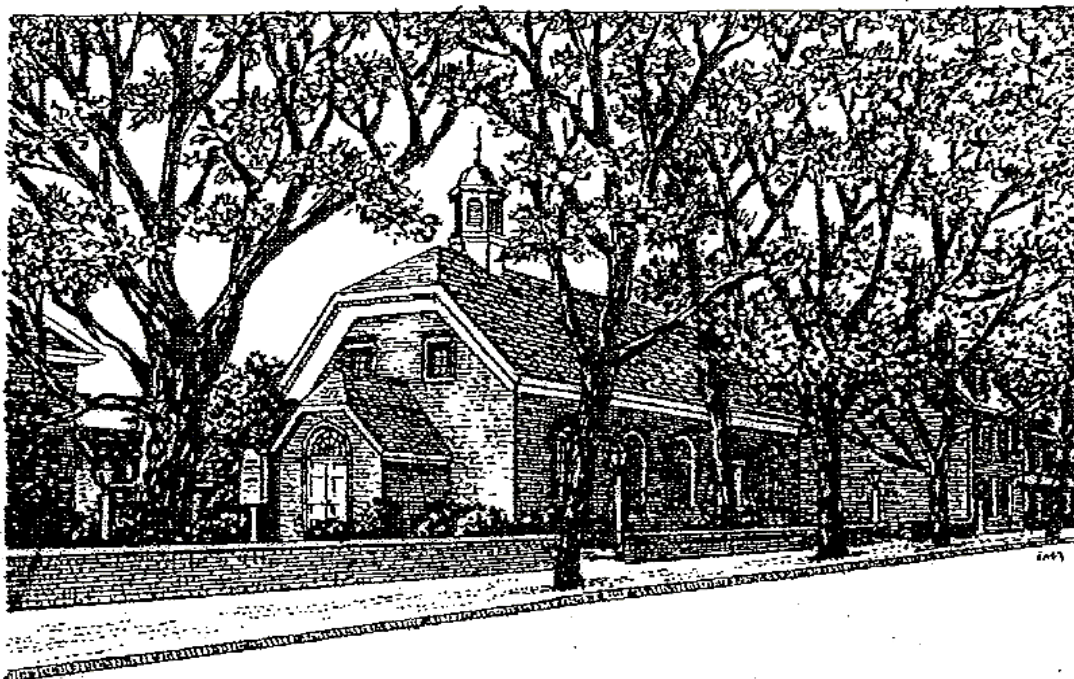


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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,**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 4, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

One Bread, One Body  
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**

God gathers us together in this place.

**Let us sing praise to the Lord.**

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

**Let us sing praise to the Lord.**

God lifts up the downtrodden and casts out wickedness.

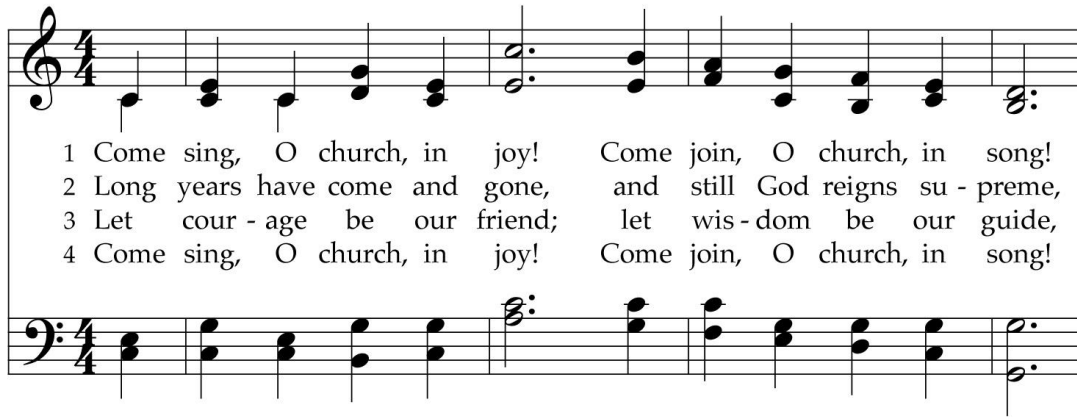
**Let us sing praise to the Lord.**

We sing to God with thanksgiving.

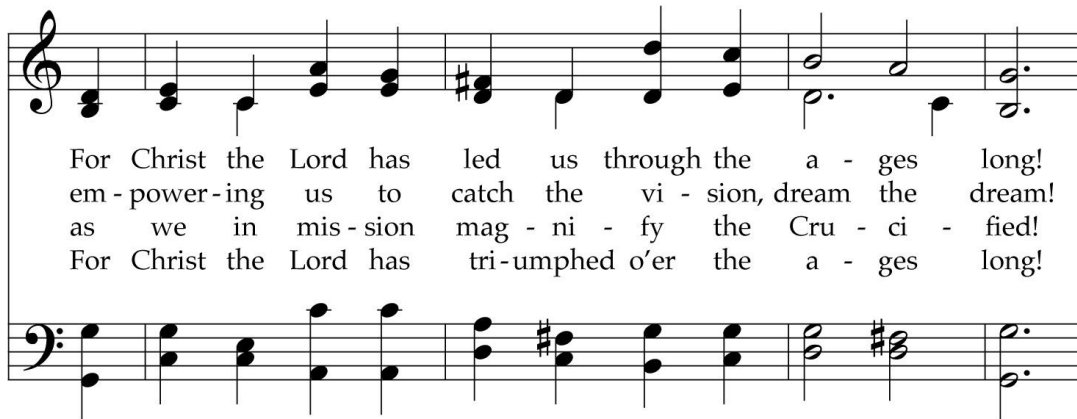
**Let us worship God with our heart, mind, body, and soul!**

**\*Hymn #305**

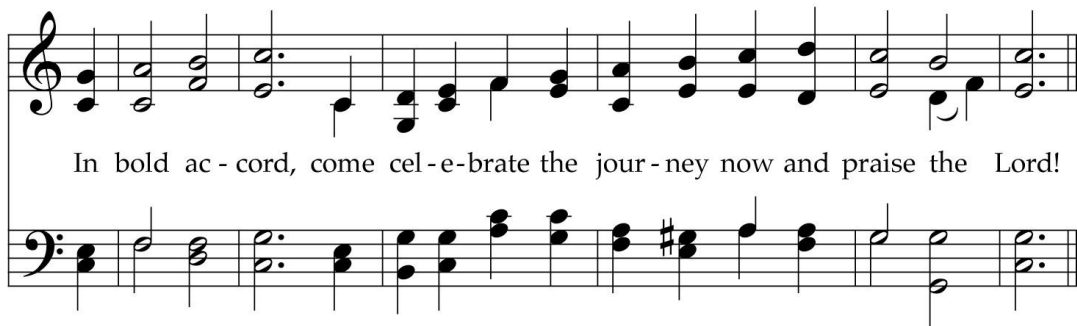
**Come Sing, O Church in Joy**



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you call us to be holy, but we delight in meanness. We worship our own comfort while ignoring the cries of our neighbors. We simmer in our resentments and jealousy, as we compare ourselves to our neighbors and belittle their accomplishments.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Help us to perceive what you are doing among us, that we might hear your voice through the noisiness of our lives. Restore us to beloved community and show us how to live in gratitude, freed from the bondage of sin. Forgive us, we pray, and re-orient us to your way of peace... *(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**

**I Will Sing Praise**

**Joseph Martin**

**Bethany Faiz - Piano**

*I will sing praise to the Lord, my God, Lift up my voice in the sanctuary. I will sing praise to the Lord, my God; I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy name. Sing the glory of his name; I will praise his name forever. Oh, the name above all names! I will sing praise to him, give all my life to him. Sing Alleluia, all heavens rejoice! Sing Alleluia, lift high your voice. Sing alleluia and make a joyful noise.*

## Scripture Conversation with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

**O Lord, bless us with unhardened hearts. Equip us with unending grace. Empower us with unconditional love. With these divine gifts in hand, may we receive your Word now, and with the guidance of your Holy Spirit, follow in your way. In Christ's name, Amen.**

### Scripture Lesson

**Mark 1:29-39**

**Page: NT 35**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### Sermon

*"Friendship House"*

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Bread of Life

arr. Gordon Young

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 Life, we come to you for healing of mind and body and soul. By your Spirit's touch, we pray that you would make creation whole. Bless these gifts that your grace and peace would reach all of your children. Help us to become all things to all people that we might reach many with your good news. In Christ's name, Amen.**

## **Communion and Prayers of the People**

### Invitation

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

#### 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.**

#### Words of Institution

#### Partaking

#### Prayer

**God of grace, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world – because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #769

## For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

### Refrain



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.



**\*Charge and Benediction**  
**Choral Benediction**

**Steeple Bell**  
**Postlude**

And Can It Be                      arr. Joshua Evanovich  
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: Ray Snyder      Counters: Marshall Freund/Scott Selheimer  
Communion: Janet Spring, Jim & Susan Flook and Scott Matthews  
Ushers: Gail & C.J. Seitz          Coffee Hour: Ray Snyder & Steve Martin  
Nursery: Lynn Smith/Mary Fontinha  
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*William B. Carpenter*  
*1931-1980*

*Francis Jane Handy*  
*1922-2016*



**WELCOME TO GUEST PREACHER KIM EPPEHIMER**

Kim has been with Friendship House since 2014 and began serving as the Executive Director in 2017. She lives with her husband, two boys and two dogs. When she's not working on improving the lives of people facing homelessness or with family, she is often off running, working on a puzzle or the latest Wordle.

**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 is in the Fellowship Hall.

## **UPCOMING LENTEN HAPPENINGS**

Lent begins on February 14 with our Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House. The service will be livestreamed.

In the CE Building, pick up our Sanctified Art devotional - *Wandering Heart* - as we journey with Simon Peter through this season of discipleship and preparation for Easter. We have a weekly devotional for adults and daily devotional card sets for families.

## **LENTEN ECUMENICAL DINNER - CALL FOR SOUP**

Our Feasting on the Word Ecumenical Lenten Suppers begin on Wednesday, February 21, at NCPC. We'll gather at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for soup dinner and a short reflection. *If you can make/ buy and bring a crockpot full of soup to share that evening, please let Jen Dunham know.* For the full schedule, pick up a flyer in the CE Building entryway!

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

NCPC is organizing a grief support group this winter, and due to weather and schedule conflicts, we're reevaluating our gathering time. If you are interested in gathering with others to share about your loss and receive resources to navigate grief, please reach out to Toni Marley - [toni.kiger@gmail.com](mailto:toni.kiger@gmail.com).

## **NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY'S 2024 BEACH RETREAT**

Gather with fellow Presbyterians from DE and MD from March 1-2 in Dewey Beach for our Presbytery's annual retreat: Love Embodied. Dynamic retreat leaders will lead us in worship and conversation to inspire, equip, and encourage us to dig more deeply into loving our neighbors in tangible, life-changing ways. To learn more and register, go to [www.ncpresbytery.org/retreats](http://www.ncpresbytery.org/retreats). Talk with Pastor Miriam or Elder Connie Reese if you have any questions.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce the hiring of Mallory Mackie as our new Sunday School Coordinator. Mallory brings extensive experience in early childhood education to our Sunday School classroom. Mallory's email is [sundayschool@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@newcastlepreschurch.org). We are still recruiting Sunday School and Nursery volunteers for this Spring. If interested, please contact Melissa Boris at [borism1010@gmail.com](mailto:borism1010@gmail.com)

## A NEW TWIST TO UNDIE SUNDAY – VOLUNTEER ON FEB 4

Last call as we are finalizing collecting *new* underwear for Friendship House. All shapes, sizes and colors are needed for men, women and children (even beyond extra-large, like 2X, 3X and 4X), including socks! *And for something new this year, our friends at the Clothing Bank have invited us today (Feb. 4) to tour their Wilmington facility and volunteer assisting the staff in their duties.* If you have RSVP'd to Scott Selheimer, bring a brown bag lunch, and we'll head out around Noon.

## COFFEE HOUR VALENTINE'S CARDS – SUNDAY, FEB. 11

Congregational Life will provide materials to craft and write Valentine cards during coffee hour, for members of our church family in need of extra love this season. Envelopes, addresses, and postage will be provided! "Roses are red, violets are blue, and we hope to see all of you."

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS EARLY

March 16th at 6:00pm Blue Coats basketball game at the Chase Fieldhouse. Wish winter goodbye by watching the Delaware Blue Coats play the Birmingham Squadron; the game starts at 6:00 pm.

We have 16 premium seats reserved together in Section 7. Tickets are \$21 each. Please contact Greg Fogarty cell is (302) 437-4731 for tickets.



**SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE**

# OPEN MIC NIGHT

Location: New Castle Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
25 E 2nd Street, New Castle, DE 19720

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month starting on:  
**Sunday, February 18, 2024**  
**7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Performers:  
Sign-up begins at 6:30

Come out for a night of entertainment performed by acoustic singer-songwriters, musicians, poets, and comics (clean acts only)

- Admission - \$3.00 per person
- Performers have 10 minutes or two songs to showcase their talent
- Coffee, tea, and sweets will be available for purchase
- All proceeds benefit the Friendship House in Wilmington, DE

For more information contact James or Charlotte -secondstreetcoffeehouseenc@gmail.com

## **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:***

### ***Rod Denison***

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.  
505 Greenbank Rd., Room C7  
Wilmington, DE 19808

### ***Linda Twyford***

New Castle Nursing & Rehab  
32 Buena Vista Dr,  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-2580

## ***At Home:***

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

323 Oregon Avenue  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 324-9944

### ***Anita Johnson***

Cokesbury  
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HealthCare Rm 2006  
Hockessin, DE 19707

### ***Janet Reed***

106 Colesbery Drive  
New Castle, DE 19720  
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### ***Mary Duncan***

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Wilmington, DE 19806  
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### ***Judy Hentkowski***

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202 Brylgon Ave.  
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### ***David Lioi***

201 Natalia Drive  
New Castle, DE 19720

## ***On Assignment with the Coast Guard:***

### ***George Spock***

USCGC Scheuerman  
PSC 851 P.O. Box 11620  
FPO AE, 09834

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

### ***James Boyle***

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54  
JBPHH, HI 96860

**This Week's Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>02/04</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Undie Sunday In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher Kim Eppehimer</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/06</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Brownies Due Mission &amp; Outreach Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>02/07</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Emmanuel Dining Room Prep</b>
		<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>No Bible Study this Week</b>
		<b>3:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>Ballance Funeral Reception</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/08</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Congregational Life &amp; Membership Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02/03</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>02/11</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour Valentine making for homebound members</b>

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Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)*

