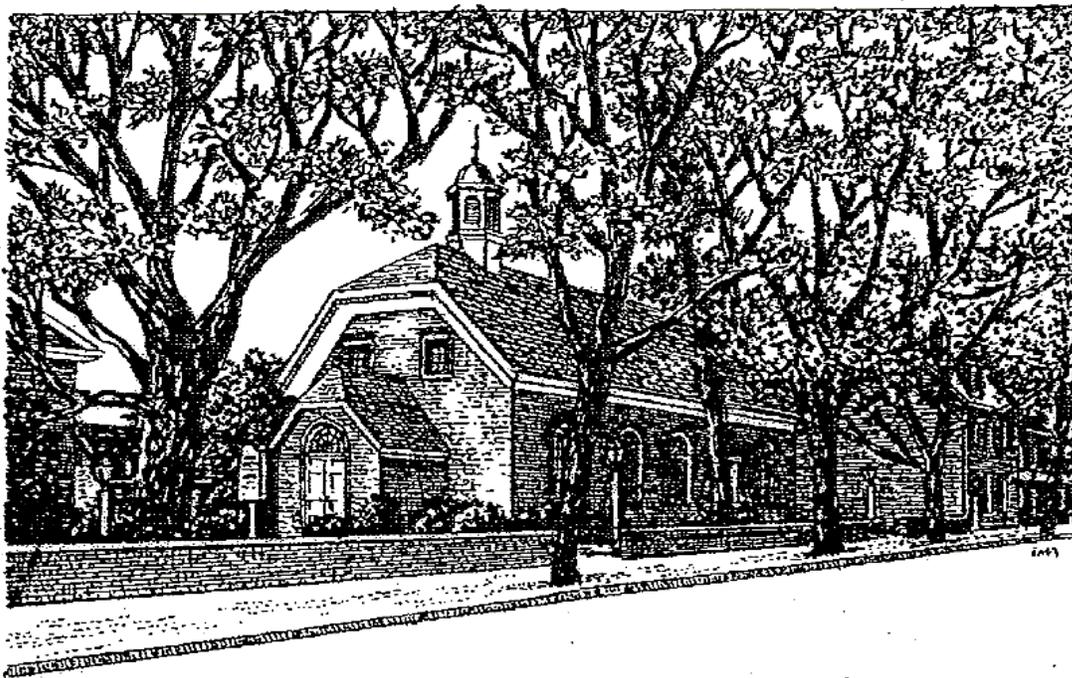


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

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 ages five through eleven 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.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the basket 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.

***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 people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: 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.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11.11 with refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Create in us clean hearts, O God. Cast out the wrongdoings that you find there – ransack, renovate, redecorate! Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features and restore your original design.

The old lamps are dim; bring new light to illuminate the shadows. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom, so the hearts you transform may rejoice...*(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

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Jane Holstein

Bethany Faiz - Piano

1)Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it. 2)Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation. 3)Put peace into each other's hands, like bread we break for sharing; look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring. 4)Give thanks for strong, yet tender hands, held out in trust and blessing. Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love expressing. 5)Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, whether our spirits are lifted or worn down, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, and sustaining your creation. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and live as your people. We long for a world that moves with the rhythm of your grace. In the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

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Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sermon

“The Finder of Lost Things”

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Statement on Ordained Service from I Corinthians 12:4-6

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
And there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
And there are varieties of activities,
But it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Candidates

Questions to Candidates & Congregation

*Do we, the members of the church, accept Toni and Janet as Deacons and Jennifer and Melissa as Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **(We do.)***

*Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **(We do.)***

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration and Welcome

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

And Can It Be

arr. Anna Laura Page

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**

Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to find us, save us, and deliver us. Help us rejoice in your love, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors. Through the offerings of our lives and our gifts, may your joy spread throughout all the world. 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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #649

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
Ishmminti pulla cha
hatak ilbusha pia ha
is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
ah non ah cha pa kas
cha fee kee o funnan la kus
um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
yisdáshítinígí,
lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
shénáhoosdzin,
doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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: Melissa Boris
Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman
Communion: Ray Snyder

Counters: Steve Martin & Lyn Briggs
Nursery: Molly Shaw & Chris Fagles
Sunday School: Diana Reilly & Kim Beebe

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Robert J. Quillen
1896-1968

Walter Keen
1918-1998



GIFTS OF LOVE COLLECTION – TODAY

On quarterly Communion Sundays in 2022, the Deacons are coordinating collections for Gifts of Love. Our financial gifts provide Delmarva utility assistance to our neighbors in need. Please make a contribution through the white Gifts of Love envelopes as we renew our efforts to love our neighbors.

SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER OR WORSHIP LEADER

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders throughout this Fall.

Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS

This is your chance to make sure coffee hour has all of your favorite items! The sign-up sheet for First Sundays is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Haven't hosted before? Sign up with a friend and learn how our fair trade coffee gets made!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday School and Nursery care are back. We are in need of volunteers throughout the fall! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly - dckr0680@gmail.com

For Nursery: Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com

THURSDAY REFORMATION SERIES AT 1 p.m.

Our Thursday Bible Study group will zoom on Thursdays at 1 to learn about the Reformation through the Yale Divinity Series. Email Pastor Miriam for the link.

NCPC FALL RETREAT – BESIDE STILL WATERS

Our Fall Retreat will be Sept. 24-25 at Pocomoke State Park. Let our coordinators Greg Fogarty (gregorymfogarty@gmail.com) & Mike Smith (mikesmithteam@gmail.com) know if you have any questions.

MENTORING

Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child to listen, play games, or help with school work. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email [Candy Dunson](mailto:Candy.Dunson) to learn more about training.

EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER SIGN-UP

Epiphany House (722 N Union St.) is one of Friendship House's transitional homes for women. NCPC provides a dinner on the second Thursday each month. Two volunteers arrive with food at 5 p.m., enjoy the meal with the residents, and are on their way by 6. For meal inspiration and dates, the sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Scott Selheimer with any questions.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 1

Join us on Saturday, October 1 at 10 a.m. for a short, outdoor service where the pets of NCPC may be blessed by Pastor Miriam. All creatures are welcome, but if your pet doesn't travel well, bring a picture or an accessory to be blessed.

NEW MEMBERS EVENT - OCT 2

Want to connect with NCPC? Join Congregational Life on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 12:30 at the Manse. Following Coffee Hour, walk on down the sidewalk to 20 The Strand for some extended conversation and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Jennifer Dunham - hunterbear80@hotmail.com.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE

This year, Friendship House is especially looking for men's fall and winter clothes, and they're also interested in new or used school uniforms: solid color polo shirts and khaki pants, new or used, any size! Throughout the month of September, donations can be left in the Mission/Outreach room of the Fellowship Hall (second room on the right at the top of the stairs).

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
302-328-7346 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

Mary Pratt

Room 325-B
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Franklin Square, NY 11010

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Anita Johnson

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Doug & Linda Twyford

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Smyrna, DE 19977
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Corky Viola

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On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock

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Coos Bay, OR 97420

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/11	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion Installation of Officers
		10:45am	Backpack Blessing
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday	09/13	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	09/14	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	09/15	1:00pm	Bible Study - Reformation Series via Zoom
		7:00pm	Congregational Life & Membership Meeting
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
SUNDAY	09/18	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacons Meeting

Kris will be on vacation, Thursday, September 15 – Monday, September 19.

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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

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jane Fouracre	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Nanette Nichol	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Janet Spring	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

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

