

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 5th 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.

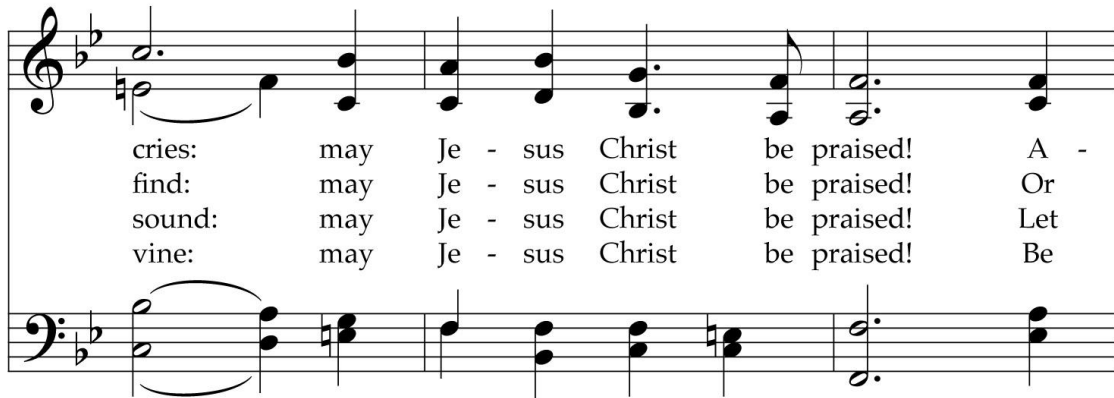
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is on Mondays.

*Hymn #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies



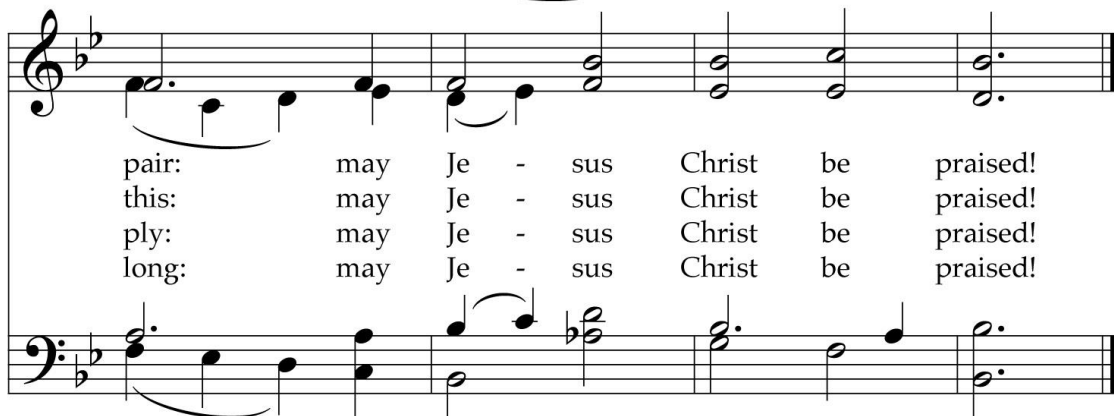
1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be



like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges



pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols. We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division, instead of the radical truth of your word.

Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you. Fix our sight on your way alone. Fill us with your love until there is no room for fear or hatred in our hearts... *(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

God's Peace

arr. by C. J. Adams

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace; from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace; come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul. From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole. At the table of God's presence all the saints are

richly fed. With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come then, children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his Kingdom's reign. Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them, he alone will satisfy. All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die. Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Page: NT 198

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Sermon

“Letter from Roman Jail”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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 Miranda as a Deacon and Walt as an Elder, 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

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Molly Ijames
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**

O God who sees us in our distress, behold your church today. We bring to you our joy and our brokenness, our thanksgivings and our demands. Fill us with your assurance that you truly know our needs and our hopes; line our paths with goodness and mercy. As we lift up our offerings to you, bless our giving that your way, your truth, and your life might be known throughout all creation. 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 #821

My Life Flows On

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

*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: Julia & George Spock
Nursery: Rachel Handy-Hayes/

Counters: Connie Reese/Mary Fontinha
Coffee Hour: Liz Toto/Julia Spock
Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ernest J. Skeoch
1907-1975

Richard M. Appleby
1928-2013



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks. 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 sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

NO BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our weekly Bible Study is on hiatus this Wednesday as Pastor Miriam will be away from the office. It will be back in person in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, October 25. Reach out to Pastor Miriam if you have any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION – SAT., OCT. 28

Help us celebrate All Saints Day (Nov. 1) by caring for our church cemetery. Join the NCPC Trustees from 10am to 12pm at 2 Umbrella Road. Bring gloves and a trowel; wear sturdy shoes. We will pick up trash and plant bulbs around the perimeter. Contact Gary Graham if you have any questions.

PUMPKIN PARTY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Put on your costumes and join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. Children of all ages will head over to the Fellowship Hall around 10:50 a.m. for story and craft time with our Christian Education volunteers. During coffee hour, parents and children can play games, and ALL church members will be invited to participate in our mini Halloween parade.

The Pumpkin Party will be held alongside our Chili Cook-off, so lunch will be provided for all ages (we will have some non-chili options as well). Guests are invited to bring toiletries and peanut butter and jelly to donate through our Gifts of Love program. Please RSVP here: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party>

FALL CHILI FEST – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Chili fest is back again during coffee hour! Come and bring your favorite crockpot of chili to share with everyone. A sign-up sheet is located on the rolling bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all for some fall fun!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS MEETING TODAY!

On December 9, Spirit of Christmas is back for another year of Christ-like welcome and joyful revelry in support of Friendship House. A town-wide committee is leading much of the planning effort this year, but we will gather for a meeting TODAY from 11:45 to 12:15 to plan the set-up for NCPC's Fellowship Hall. (Will there be soups for sale? Hot chocolate and cookies given out? Festive decor?) Help us plan how we should open our doors, welcome our neighbors in Christ's name, and raise support for [Friendship House](#)!

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Our Stewardship Season kicks off Sunday, October 29, as we explore the many gifts we have been given. What gifts of time, talent, and treasures, has God blessed us with? Join us in learning what gifts members of our congregation have discovered throughout their life. Mark your calendars for our Stewardship Report after worship on Nov. 5 and participating in Pledge Sunday on Nov. 12.

DITTY BOX COLLECTION – ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER

We will be collecting the following items for the Seamen Center's ditty box. Knitted hats and scarves, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, razors, deodorant, shampoo, playing cards, chapstick, cough drops, hand lotion, sewing kits, hard candy (no chocolate), soap, stationary, pens, socks, and gloves. There is a box in the CE entrance way. **PLAN TO BRING ITEMS TO THE FALL FEST 10/29**

GUATEMALAN PRAYER PARTNERS

More than a decade ago, a [Prayer Partnership](#) program was initiated. The premise is simple. One person from the U.S. is paired with one person from Guatemala. Partners exchange photos of each other and promise to pray for each other every day. Please let Candy Dunson know by October 15 if you are interested.

COVENANT CONVERSATION – NOV 11

Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we welcome, affirm and support LGBTQIA+ members.

The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. Let Pastor Miriam know if you plan to attend and sign up today:

<https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-new-castle-presbytery/>



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
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Wilmington, DE 19806

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
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Wilmington, DE 19808

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Janet Reed

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Linda Twyford

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David Lioi

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New Castle, DE 19720

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George Spock

USCGC Scheuerman
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FPO AE, 09834

On Assignment with the Air Force:

James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/15	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Installation of Officers
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:45am	Spirit of Christmas Planning Meeting
Wednesday	10/18	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/19	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	10/20		Deadline for Newsletter
Saturday	10/21	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	10/22	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	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

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 1st 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 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)

