

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!

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 accessible parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday

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Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday in Easter**

May 3, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

**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 67*)

O God, be gracious to us and bless us. **Make your face to shine upon us.**

That your way may be known upon earth,

That your saving power be revealed among all nations.

Let the peoples praise, you O God!

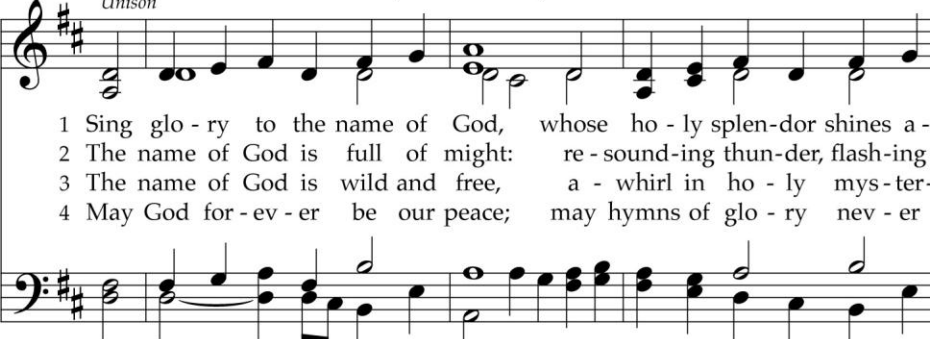
Let all the peoples praise you. Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God


(Psalm 29)

Unison

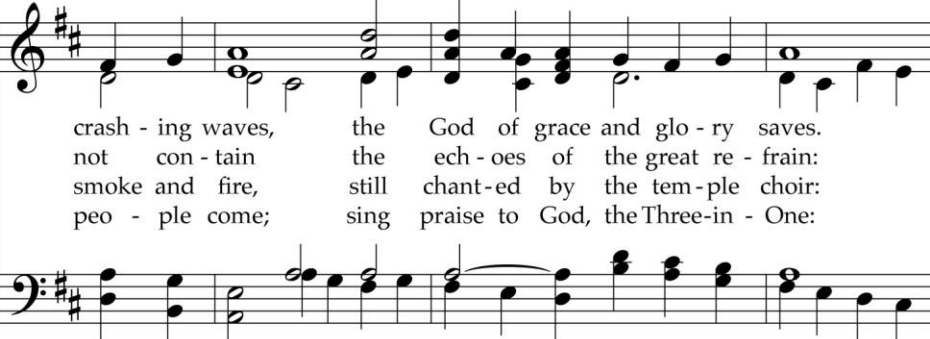


1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*



broad. En - throned a - bove the
light. The wil - der - ness can -
y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in
cease: Let all the faith - ful



crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, but you have shown us. Still, we don't live as your people. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life, 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.

***Sung Response #248 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (verse 3)**

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem

Thy Word

Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand." I will not forget your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side; and I will love you to the end. Thy Word.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Majestic and mighty God, in the joy of Jesus' resurrection, we gather to receive your wisdom and to hear your truth. Guide us to be your Easter people! Though the grass withers and the flowers fade, we praise your Word that stands forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 2:4-10

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Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a

holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” 8 and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

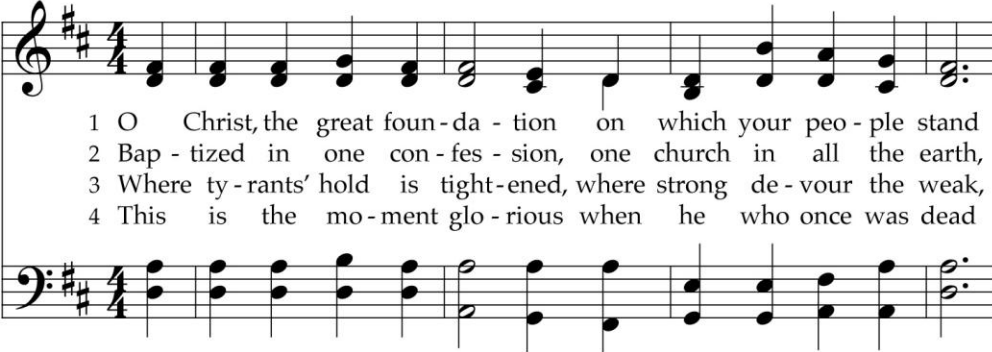
Sermon

Just South of Philadelphia

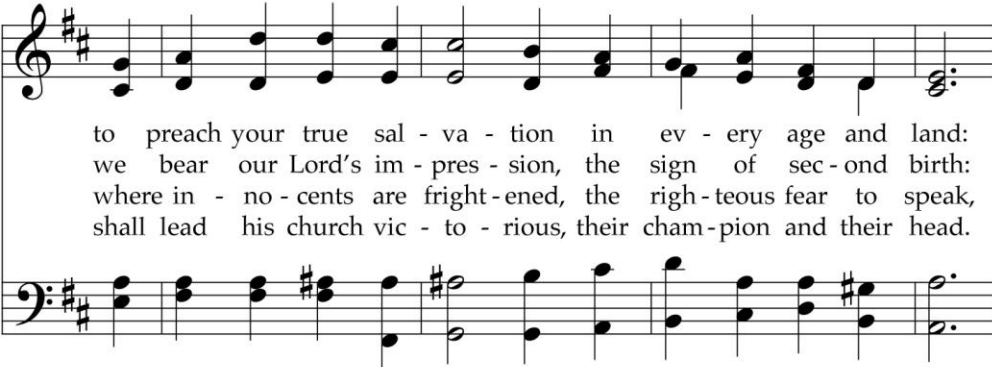
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #361

O Christ, the Great Foundation



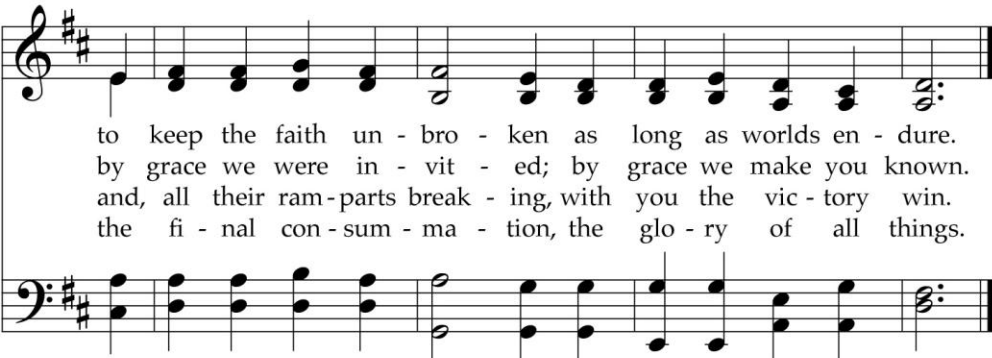
1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand
2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth,
3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,
4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:
we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:
where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,
shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.



pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,
one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,
there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin
The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heaven-ly king-dom brings:



to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.
by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.
and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.
the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Close to Thee
Bethany Faiz – Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

***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**

God of the empty tomb, pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all else, we may know your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Bless the offerings of our time, talents, and treasures that your good news would ring throughout the world, spreading joy and peace to all your people. In Christ's name, we pray, 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

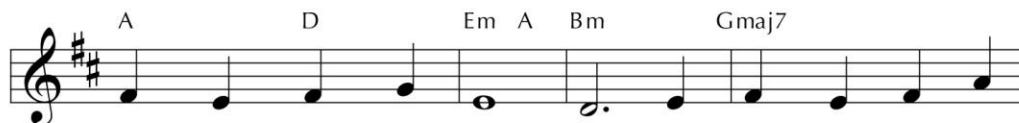
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



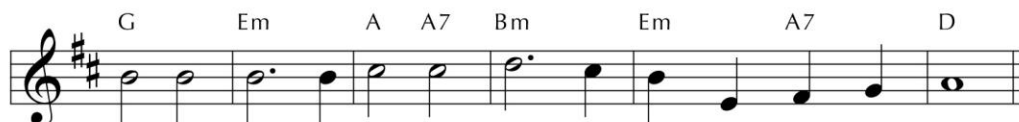
1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

***Charge & Benediction**
Choral Benediction
Steeple Bell
Postlude

Speak, O Lord
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Molly Ijames

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 in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Communion: **Dan Dunson***, Steve Handy, Bruce Raker and Marshall Freund

Ushers: The Fooks Family

Counters: Amy Selheimer/Gail Seitz

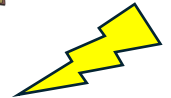
Nursery: Kim Beebe/_____

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Alice M. Keegan
1907 - 1978

Ann Pratt Girvin
1953 - 2012



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

PEOPLE WHO LUNCH

Our next get together will be on May 5 at Rancho Azteca at Noon. If interested, please rsvp on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact Jean Norvell.

DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE – MAY 16

On May 16, the Meeting House will be open from 10-4 for Day in Old New Castle, and we'll share information about our congregation and grounds, including - as requested by the DIONC Committee - our burial grounds! Would you help share about where the saints of NCPC have been buried over the centuries? (Courtesy of Herb Pratt, we have a great handout!) Please sign-up for a docent shift on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall!

NCPC YOUTH GROUP IN MAY

Confirmants, mentors, and family members are encouraged to gather next Sunday, May 10, after worship to review upcoming happenings, including our Youth Worship on May 17!

ALL-AGES GAME NIGHT: MAY 23

Congregational Life is planning another All-Ages Game Night in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 23 from 6-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game! RSVPs to Gina Kouma or sign up in the Fellowship Hall by May 15.

BROWNIES

Thank you for taking home the brownie boxes to provide a delicious dessert for families and individuals who get meals at the Emmanuel Dining Hall. Brownies are due before 21st of the month.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 2

Mark your calendars for this year's VBS on August 2 from 3-7 p.m.! Our VBS Theme this summer - *Jesus Calms the Storm* - invites us to be still and know that God is God! Through art and games, music and storytelling, we'll learn about Jesus' love and care for his disciples in Mark 4. Children who are entering Kindergarten up through just finished 5th grade are invited to participate! *We're still looking for a few more adult volunteers for VBS; if you're interested, please reach out to Julie Barry. Our next planning meeting will be Sunday, June 21 following worship.*

EPIPHANY HOUSE & EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

New sign-up sheets are now available in the CE Building for the coming months. Please consider volunteering for one of the following opportunities to serve those in need:

- Epiphany House: On the 2nd Thursday, serve dinner at this transitional home for women in Wilmington.
- Emmanuel Dining Room: Cook for guests on the 22nd of each month.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Scott or Amy Selheimer

FIRST & CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

1 in 7B Saturday lunches and showers!

Come to Christina Park in Wilmington and help by either prepping lunches, serving lunches, helping with guest check in or assisting with laundry and shower services with 1 in 7B's mobile shower and laundry truck.

First Saturday of every month:

June 6, July 4, August 1, October 3 and November 7 (no Sept. help needed)

Summer Sanctuary at First & Central -

Every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 - 5:00 PM starting on July 4th and ending on August 29th. This is allowing those to come in from the heat, charge their devices and have a cool drink and a snack.

See Amy Selheimer if you are interested in either opportunity.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/03	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	05/04	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	05/05	12:00pm	People Who Lunch – Rancho Azteca
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	05/06	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
			Worship Committee Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/07	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	05/09	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	05/10	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

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)

