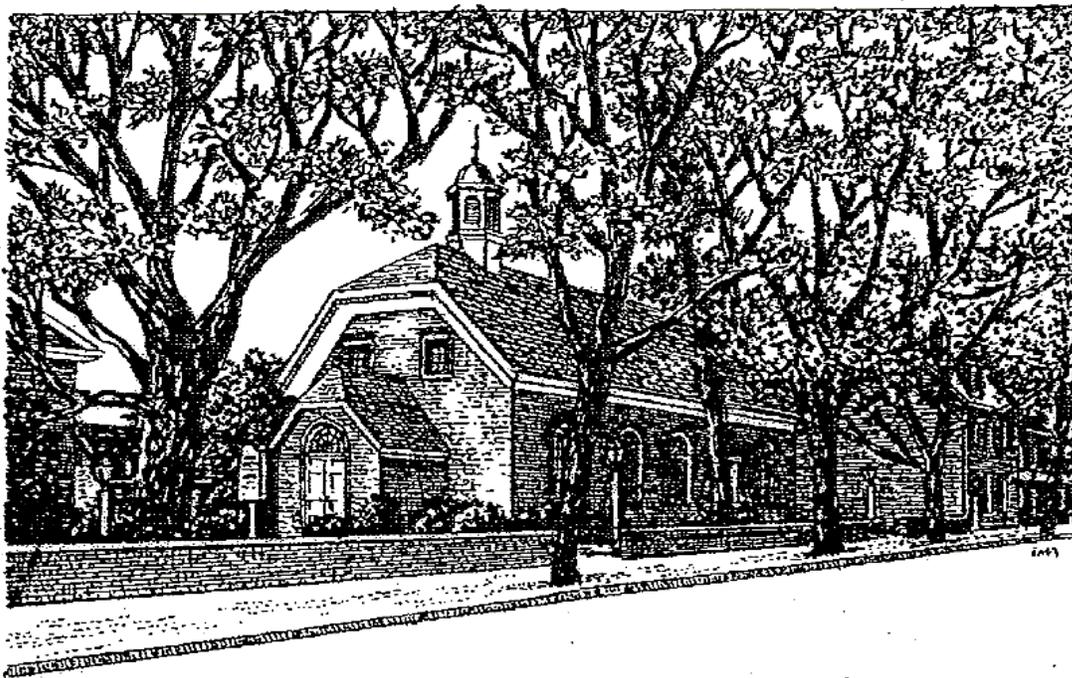


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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 are available for children 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 available in the Fellowship Hall

At the end of worship, please join us for sidewalk fellowship along 2nd Street. Summer Coffee Hours are on the 1st Sundays of the month.

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.

New Castle Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

O Day of Rest and Gladness
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Stan Pethel

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** *(from Psalm 65)*

God visits the earth and waters it.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion!

The pastures of the wilderness overflow;

The hills gird themselves with joy.

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks;

The valleys deck themselves with grain;

They shout and sing together for joy.

Praise to you, O God, throughout all the earth!

*Hymn #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Caring and loving God, we are worried. We worry about our life, what we will eat, what we will drink, what we will wear. In the midst of your abundant care, we give in to narratives of scarcity. We wear ourselves thin as we worship work and idolize busyness. We fear the judgment of our neighbors, even as we ridicule others.

But you break open the hardened soil of our lives to plant seeds of hope. Just as you provide for the birds of the air, you will provide for us. Just as you clothe the grass of the field, you will clothe us.

Call us again to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Keep planting your seeds of your truth in our world and bring forth the fruit of your good news in our lives...

(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

Prayer for Illumination

Grant us this day, O God, the chance to sit at your feet, to be planted and rooted in your word. May your Holy Spirit shine on us and water us with faith, that our lives would bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 4:1-9

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Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ² He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸ Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.” ⁹ And he said, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Re-New”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher

Sarah McCann - Soloist

***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**

Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ, all creation finds our purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift. Renew us and our neighbors in our call to stewardship, that we would all grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. Through these offerings of our time, talents, and treasures, may your gospel sow hope throughout the world. 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 #36

For the Fruit of All Creation



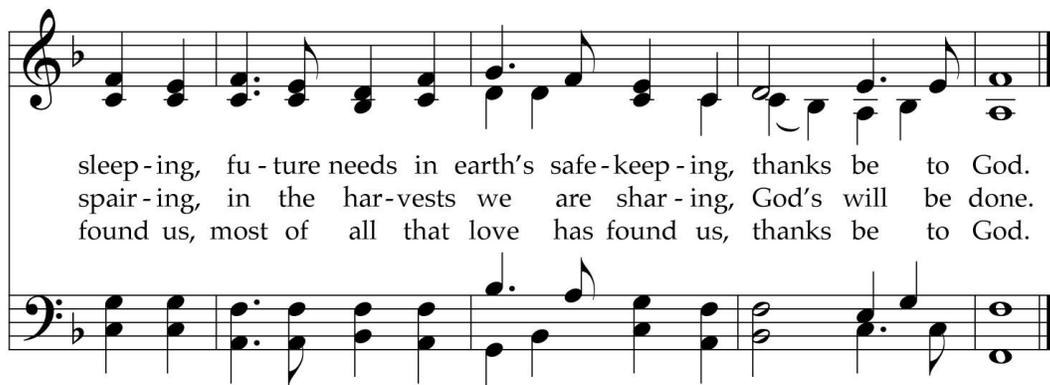
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

***Charge and Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

arr. Stan Pethel

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us along 2nd Street for outdoor fellowship.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Monty Gerhart

Ushers: Ringo Keka & Mark Rappold

Counters: Barbara Whisman & Lyn Briggs

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Clara Filler Zimmerman

Erica Wallstab

1897-1966

1997



ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Due to the recent uptick in spam emails, we've changed the password to our online directory. Please contact Kris in the church office to receive the latest password.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting today following worship to elect Connie Reese as Elder, Class of 2025.

2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – TODAY!



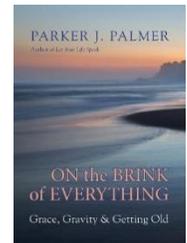
Vacation Bible School: ReNew will be one night of fun - today from 4-7 p.m. Activities will be for children ages 4-10, and will include stories, crafts, games, music, and more! Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family. Dinner included. In support of our theme, ReNew, we will welcome donations which will benefit a local “green” non-profit organization.

CAMARADERIE AT THE CONCERT

Bring your lawn chair, blanket and dancing shoes and join us for another summer concert on Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Battery Park. Jimmy Pritchard will be playing as part of the summer concert series. New members or those thinking about becoming members are encouraged to come. Keep an eye out for Pastor Miriam and come sit with our NCPC group!

SUMMER BOOK STUDIES

Thursday, August 11 at 1 p.m. - at Conchita Showell's house - Parker Palmer's [On The Brink of Everything](#)
Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by the Sunday before our gathering.



MENTORING

Our mentoring program with local schools was put on hold during the pandemic, but we're gearing up to get started again this fall. [Creative Mentoring](#) provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email [Candy Dunson](#). If we have 3 or more new mentors, we can arrange for the training to be done as a group at our church this fall.

SUMMER COFFEE HOURS

We'll gather for summer coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month. Trustees will host on August 7. In the meantime, we'll gather for sidewalk fellowship along 2nd Street as the weather permits.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: CO-CHAIR NEEDED

Trusting in God and the vaccines, we are expecting to have a full *Spirit of Christmas* celebration on Saturday, December 10, 2022 with NCPC again taking a major role along with the City of New Castle and the New Castle Historical Society. *We are looking for a special volunteer to serve as co-organizer with Steve Martin, who worked on it last year.* If you want to know more about what may be involved, email Steve (martin@udel.edu) or call him at 302-354-4428.

NOW HIRING: PART-TIME CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTOR

Help us share the Good News of Christ with our youngest members! NCPC's Children and Youth Director position includes teaching Sunday School for children ages K-5, coordinating seasonal events for children of all ages, and planning activities for middle and high school-aged youth.

Anticipated start on August 28, 2022.

A full job description is available on our website.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Today's bulletin insert provides highlights from the business of our 225th General Assembly. Commissioners gathered in person for committees and via zoom for plenary. To learn more about any of the motions that did and didn't pass, as well as checkout our newest co-moderators, <https://pres-outlook.org/>. The Holy Spirit is on the move through the PCUSA!

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
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Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2010
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

Mary Pratt

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This Week's Schedule

**SUNDAY 07/17 10:30am In-Person & Live Stream
Worship
11:30am Special Congregational Mtg
11:45am Sidewalk Fellowship
4:00pm-7:00pm Vacation Bible School**

**Wednesday 07/20 6:30pm Deadline for Newsletter
Battery Park Concert**

**SUNDAY 07/24 10:30am In-Person & Live Stream
Worship
11:30am Sidewalk Fellowship**

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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)

