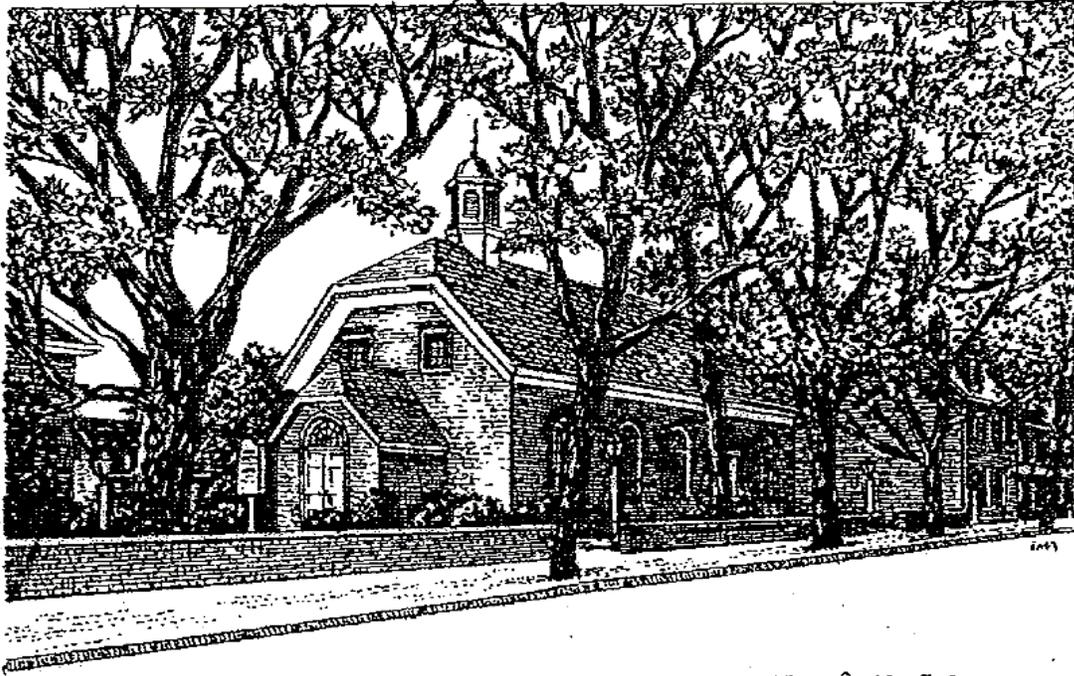


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

New Castle Presbyterian Church
World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Martha Mier

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 – Hymn #388, *1st time – choir, 2nd and 3rd times - all*

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come now and worship the Lord.

*Hymn #340

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that the seed of faith within us is small. Hope is often absent. Love is frequently inconvenient. Our sin keeps us from responding to you. Tend to us in mercy, so that we may grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love, after the example of Jesus Christ...

(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

Communion Song Nancy Price and Don Besig
Bethany Faiz - Piano

We come to the table the Lord has prepared. With hearts ever grateful, we join now in prayer. For times we have failed in the lives that we live, we come to seek forgiveness that God alone can give. Now the bread is broken; now the cup is poured. Now the words are spoken in remembrance of our Lord. Now we know God's promise; now we feel God's grace. Now we find forgiveness in this gift of love we share today. We come as believers who trust in the Lord. We come because we love Him and want to love Him more.

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful Lord, present in sorrow, present in hope, meet us in our lament and longings with space to seek you, that we may not forget that your steadfast love never ceases and your Spirit forever flows. Come, O Holy Spirit, spark our memories and our imaginations today. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:6-13

Page: OT 685

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 17:5-7

Page: NT 80

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Good Bread”

Ordination and Installation of Officer

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.

Presentation of Candidate

Questions to Candidate & Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Connie 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 her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? (We do.)

Prayer of Installation

Declaration and Welcome

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Stan Pethel

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**

God of our salvation, we thank you for the gift of faith. We thank you for all those who have taught us the good news. Kindle in us always this gift, this good treasure, that we may live the life to which you have called us, according to your purpose and grace. Bless our giving that all our gifts reflect the grace of the one who abolished death and brought life to light through the gospel, our Savior Christ Jesus. 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 #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. 

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell
Postlude

Ye Servants of God
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: Ray Snyder

Ushers: Peter McCurdy/Sandy Wilson

Nursery: Rachel Handy-Hayes/Molly Shaw

Counters: Connie Reese/Marshall Freund

Coffee Hour: Janet Spring/Miranda Matthews

Sunday School: Diana Reilly/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Iden Kerney
1898-1984

James T. Eliason III
1926-1999



SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY – PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

Today's special offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ in the U.S. and across the world. Our faithful, hope-filled giving supports collaborative projects of Christian Education and witness, from gun violence prevention programs in Indianapolis to our global partners supporting refugees in Greece. Let us go out in joy and be led forth in peace!

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

DRIVE-UP CELEBRATION – TODAY AT NOON

At noon, we'll gather on 2nd Street to celebrate the Reed's 69th Wedding Anniversary! Earl & Janet will drive up in their car, and we will congratulate them from the curb.



NEW MEMBERS EVENT - TODAY

If you RSVPed for today's new members event, following Coffee Hour, walk on down the sidewalk to 20 The Strand for some extended conversation and light refreshments.

THURSDAY REFORMATION SERIES AT 1:00 p.m.

Our Thursday Bible Study group will zoom on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. to learn about the Reformation through the Yale Divinity Series. Email Pastor Miriam for the link.

WALK FOR JUSTICE – FRIDAY AT 5:30

At 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 7, join people of faith from around Wilmington for a silent prayer walk from the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew to Rodney Square. Contact Pastor Miriam to learn more.

SEAMAN'S CENTER PRESENTATION – OCT 9

Join us during coffee hour on October 9 to learn about the Seamen's Center, one of the local missions we support and opportunities for you to get involved. Christine Lassiter, Director, will give a brief presentation on their work, and we'll have a sign-up for a tour of the port!

FALL FEST ON OCT 30 – SIGN UP TODAY FOR PUMPKINS AND CHILI

Our Pumpkin Party for children of all ages will be from 10:30-12:30 on October 30 (during Sunday School/Nursery and Coffee Hour). Sign up today to participate in our time of spooky games, stories, and crafts - <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party>.

Alongside this event, Congregational Life is coordinating a Chili Cook-Off, so lunch is provided for all ages. (Non-chili options for younger members available!) Sign up in the fellowship hall to enter your crockpot of chili into the fun competition.

Costumes encouraged, firepit and s'mores provided, and fun for all generations!

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, and sign up today for Thursday, October 13.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Carlo Viola ("Corky"), who died to this life at the age of 79 on Wednesday, September 21, at Kutz Senior Living. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and a Celebration of Corky's Life will be on Sunday, October 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the NCPC meeting house. The service will be livestreamed and overflow seating will be available in the Christian Education Building. A reception will follow at Penn Farm, 807 Frenchtown Rd E, New Castle, DE 19720.



The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Mary Pratt, who died to this life at the age of 97 on Tuesday, September 27, in New York. Mary and her husband, Herb, joined NCPC in 2000, and she served as an Elder, Deacon, Pastor Nominating Committee and was active with Noon Circle. A native of Georgia, Mary's southern accent and gracious hospitality remained through her years in Delaware. As a High School Science teacher, Mary was an avid learner herself, sharing a great curiosity with Herb for the many wonders of God's wonderful creation.

We give thanks that for Mary, suffering has passed and that she now rests in Christ's peace. May the Holy Spirit comfort the Pratt family, including Mary's surviving children, Allison and Warren. We will share Mary's obituary and service information as it is available

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

Rod Denison

ChristianaCare
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At Home:

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Doug & Linda Twyford

513 East Roosevelt Ave.
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-6824

Judy Hentkowski

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On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock

1346 Crocker St.
Coos Bay, OR 97420

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/02	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship, Communion and Installation of Officers
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	2nd Street Celebration
		12:30pm	New Member – Coffee & Chat at the Manse
Monday	10/03	7:00pm	Resource Development Mtg via Zoom
Tuesday	10/04	7:00pm	Session Mtg
Wednesday	10/05	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/06	1:00pm	Bible Study - Reformation Series via Zoom
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
SUNDAY	10/09	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Seamen's Center Presentation

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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

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett	Toni Marley
Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	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)

