

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
handicapped parking only.

## Office Hours:

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

## Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,  
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## Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:30 a.m.

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**

**Arise, My Soul, Arise**

arr. Molly Ijames

Bethany Faiz - Piano

### **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 139)**

O Lord, where can I go from your spirit?

**If I go up to heaven, you are there.**

Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**Even there you hand shall guide me.**

Even there, God's right hand holds us fast.

**Let us worship the Lord of heaven and earth!**

\*Hymn #377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, we struggle to wait with patience. We forget to sing your praises. We overlook your work in our lives and would rather take credit for ourselves! When we choose the easy way out, when we look away from uncomfortable truths, forgive us. Forgive us for all the ways that we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will and trust in you. Return us to your path of righteousness. (*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

### Choral Anthem

**Open Thou Mine Eyes**

Benjamin Harlan

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see. Open Thou mine ears and I shall hear. Incline my heart, I shall desire, order my steps and I shall walk the ways of Thy commandments. O Lord my God be Thou to me a God that I may love You, that I may serve You, that I may worship You and adore You, that I may follow You, that I may look to You. Amen.*

### Scripture Conversation with Children

#### Prayer for Illumination

Almighty and gracious God, your saving grace comes to us through your holy word. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may hear and receive your good news, recognizing your gracious will for us.

In the reading and proclamation of scripture, teach us to love and serve you with delight, praising and glorifying you in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Scripture Lesson

**John 1:29-42**

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<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a

man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Sermon

*Come and See*

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #468

### **In My Life**

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.  
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.  
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.  
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being’s “chief end is to glorify God.” Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

## Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

**How Firm a Foundation**

arr. Sandra Eithun

**\*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

**Holy One, you meet us where we are and call us to step forth in faith. Claim us as disciples, strengthen us by your Spirit, and launch us to lives of faithfulness, that through the gifts of our lives and offerings, we would proclaim your grace and mercy to all. In Christ our Savior, Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

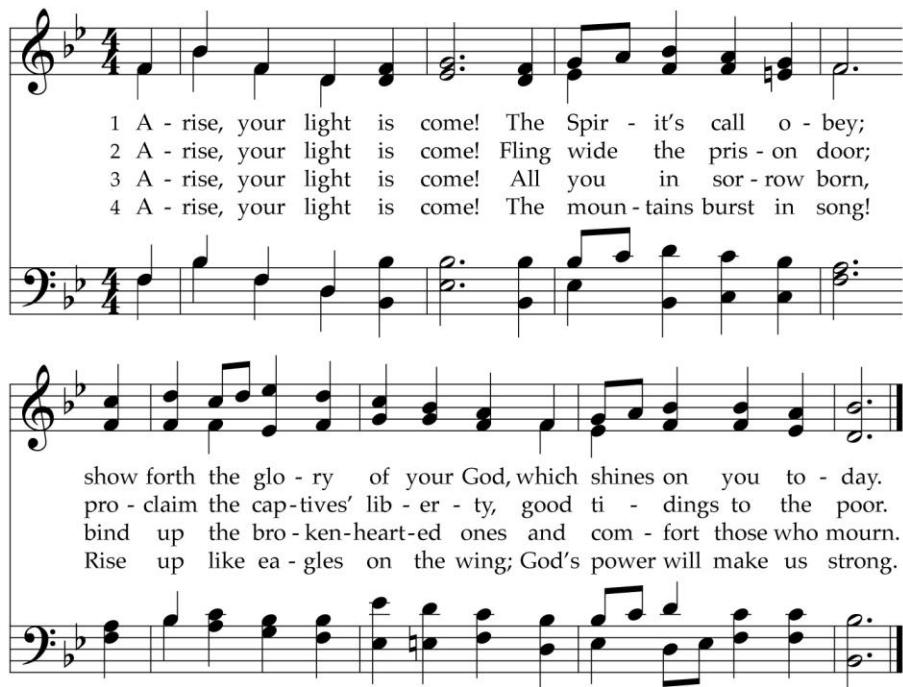
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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 #744**

**Arise, Your Light Is Come!**



Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

**Choral Benediction  
Steeple Bell  
Postlude**

**And Can It Be**

arr. Lloyd Larson

**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 after worship for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.*

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**Thank you for serving today:**

*Worship Leader:* Nancy Kersey

*Coffee Hour:* Deacons

*Ushers:* Nana Kwakye/Connie Reese

*Counters:* Julie Barry/Marshall Freund

*Nursery:* Mariellen Edinburg/Stephanie Foltz

*Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

**C. Richard Valiant**  
1940 - 1973

**Erle F. Dobson**  
1965 - 2006



**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

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

**COMPASSION IN ACTION - TODAY**

During coffee hour, NCPC member Toni Marley will present on *Compassion in Action*, sharing resources from her experience as a Hospice Social Worker. She will provide resources how to provide comfort, dignity, and emotional support for loved ones during life's final stages. We'll have information available about hospice, community programs, counseling, and tools available to guide families and ease the caregiving path.

**JANUARY ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Join us on January 25 for a Valentine's Day Card-Writing project led by the Christian Education and Congregational Life Committees. You'll get to design or write a card to send to members of our church family who are at home for various reason. We will supply materials, envelopes, addresses, and a variety of Bible verses about God's amazing love. (And NCPC will mail the cards!) Please plan to stay and put your creative skills in full gear as we send love to our members who we might not have seen in a while!

**NEW MEMBERS GATHERING - JAN 25**

Are you a recent new member or interested in learning more about becoming a member of NCPC? Join members of the Congregational Life Committee during Coffee hour on Sunday, January 25! We'll share more about the ministry and mission of NCPC and also have time to connect with one another in Christ's love. RSVP to Gina Kouma at [ina.kouma@gmail.com](mailto:ina.kouma@gmail.com).

**NCPC GRIEF GROUP**

Sign up for a four-week grief group led by Teisha Fooks, a licensed clinical social worker. Meetings will be Monday afternoons at 1:30. Cost is \$50 for the series. To sign up or for more information, contact Teisha at (302)883-7167.

## STOVE PROJECT

Thank you all for your generous donations during Advent for the Association's [fuel-efficient stove project](#). Your gifts have ensured that we can keep this project going for another two years, surpassing our goal. AMAZING! This means that more families will save time and money, their health will improve, trees will not be cut down, and the five workers who make and deliver the stoves will have secure employment for another 24 months. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!

## UNDIES SUNDAY FOR WINTER SANCTUARY – FEB 8

Mission and Outreach is again having an Undie Sunday on Sun., Feb. 8th. Help support The Clothing Bank of De and the Winter Sanctuary by donating new underwear and socks. Men's and women's underwear, bras and socks are greatly needed! Donations can be dropped off in the CE Building.

Winter Sanctuary is a program that First & Central Presbyterian Church has provided for more than 30 years. Every Saturday morning from 6 am to 10 am, November to March, First & Central opens its doors to those experiencing homelessness. In Dec 2026, the number of guests welcomed on a Saturday morning has risen to more than 150. In addition to warm drinks, breakfast foods and a freshly baked treat, the volunteer crew provides 25-30 showers and fulfills more than 70 requests for clothing or toiletries each week. Follow this QR code to sign up for a volunteer shift!



### This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	01/18	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour: Compassion in Action
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Nite <i>moved to 1/25</i>
Monday	01/19		OFFICE CLOSED
		1:30pm	Grief Group
		2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		6:30pm	Trustees Meeting
Tuesday	01/20		Deadline for Newsletter
		11:00am	Staff Meeting
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	01/21	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	01/22	9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	01/24	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:00am	Use of Facility – Foltz Family
SUNDAY	01/25	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	All Ages Sunday School / Valentine Card Making
		12:00pm	New Member Gathering
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Nite

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

## TRUSTEES

2026	2027	2028
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Marshall Freund
Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith

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



MORE LIGHT  
PRESBYTERIANS