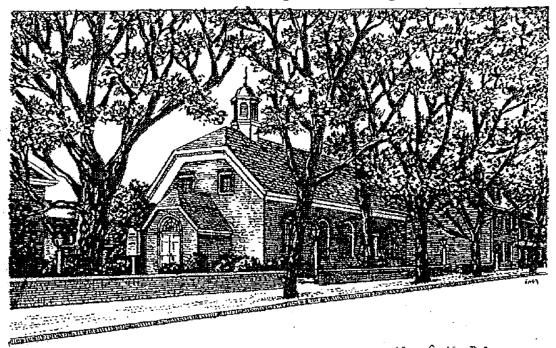
New Castle Presbyterian Church

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New Castle Prespyterian 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 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 is on maternity leave. Reverends Alison Halsey and Bill Hathaway are in the office on Wednesday mornings.

New Castle Presbyterian Church Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 Acts 2:17, Romans 8:26 and Psalm 104:30)

Remember the promise of the Lord:

God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

Interceding with sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God renews the earth.

Bless the name of the Lord!

*Hymn #401

Here in This Place



The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing you will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.... (Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the God news of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Loved and held in God's arms we are made a new creation.

Everything old has passed away everything has become new. 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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit William L. Dawson
Bruce Raker - Soloist
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan River is chilly and cold; it chills the body but not the soul. There ain't but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and right back.

Prayer for Illumination

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-21 Page: NT 119

English – Jane Fouracre; Spanish – Alison Halsey; Russian – Kaitlyn Raker; French - Minerva Lermond

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon "A Colorful Community of Positive Deviants"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God Bethany Faiz - Piano arr. Mark Hayes

*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

Creator God, you continue to bless us with love, insight, and imagination. Today we gather as a community to celebrate the birthday of your church, separated by circumstance but joined in heart, mind, and devotion. We bring these offerings, born of the gifts with which we were endowed, both in grateful response and as a sign of our commitment to bring about the kind of world for which we strive. A world where the voices of every manifestation of your love are not only heard but understood, their divinity recognized, and invited into our community. May the power of these offerings be multiplied by your blessing and our resolve to use them to bring about your kingdom on Earth. Amen.

Prayers of the People (beginning with the Litany for Pentecost)

Litany for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of the word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you made us in the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts – the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.

Come, Holy Spirit

True and only light, from whom comes every good gift: send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

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.

*Hymn #757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



*Hymn #757 (cont'd)



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction Steeple Bell

Postlude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Bethany Faiz - Piano arr. Marianne Kim

KINGSFOLD

CMD

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: Jane Fouracre Counters: Melissa Boris/Dan Dunson

Ushers: Steve Martin/Cynthia Robbins Coffee Hour: Mike Smith

Nursery & Sunday School: No Nursery/Sunday School

Preacher: Rev. Bill Hathaway

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Molly S. Wrightington Frank J. Reese 1922-1971 1921-2008



PENTECOST – OFFERING TODAY – ENVELOPES IN PEWS!

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

BROWNIES!



Open call for brownie bakers for Emmanuel Dining Room! Ten batches of brownies needed in the church's freezer by 6/6. Boxes of mix are available in the church kitchen. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Join us following worship on Sunday, June 11 in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2026 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation. After our business concludes, we'll gather for our annual picnic provided by our Elders and celebrate the end of our programming year.

HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

You are invited to join fellow New Castle Presbyterian Church members as we take part in the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on the morning of Saturday, June 10 at Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront. All of the proceeds from the event go directly to local non-profits, including Friendship House. Register at http://hcf.convio.net/friendshiphouse

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME - FRIDAY, JUNE 16 @ 6:35 PM

Group tickets are all reserved for our Blue Rocks game on Disaster Preparedness Night. If you're interested in purchasing tickets at \$14 each, email Jen Dunham for more information about where our group tickets are located. Look forward to seeing you there!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The CE Committee is planning some fun activities for the children of the congregation before and during our Church Picnic on June 11. For those activities we need a few things!

We need:

- Approximately 10 20 shoe boxes
- 4 buckets
- 2 large sponges
- · Beach balls
- Bubbles and/or any type of bubble activity



There will be a marked box in the CE Building entrance way. Thank you for your help!

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

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James Boyle

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		This Week's Schedule		
SUNDAY	05/28		PENTECOST SUNDAY	
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream	
			Worship	
		10:50am	No Sunday School/Nursery	
		11:30am	Coffee Hour	
Monday	05/29		MEMORIAL DAY	
•			OFFICE CLOSED	
		4:00pm	Spanish Class	
Wednesday	05/31	7:30pm	Choir	
Thursday	06/01	1.00nm	Bible Study via Zoom	
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SUNDAY	06/04	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship	
		10:50am	Sunday School	
		11:30am	Coffee Hour	

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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	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)

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)





