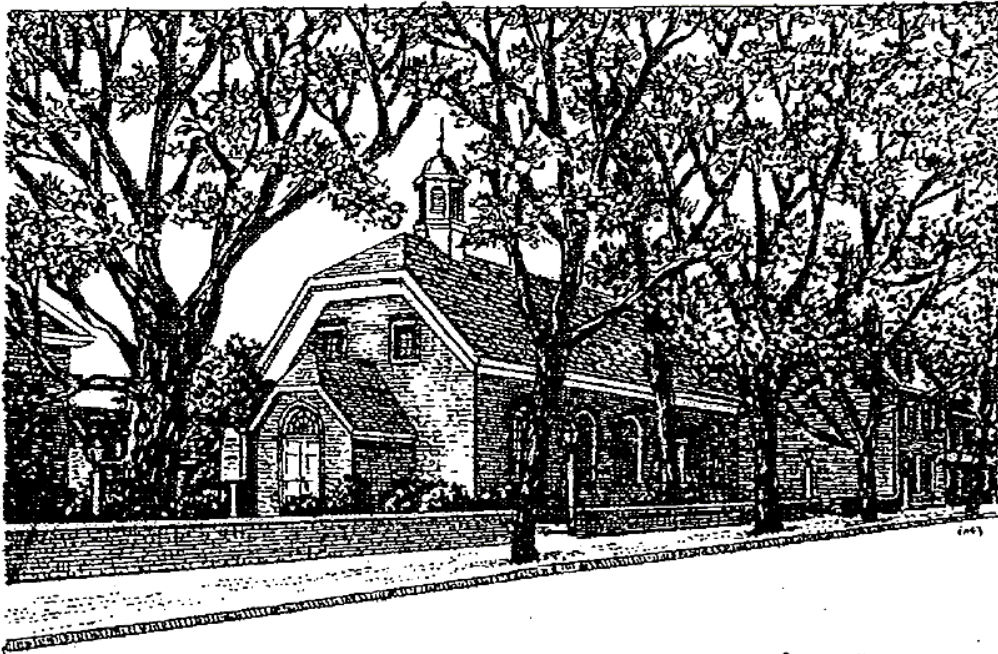


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available 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 and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery care will be available following the Scripture Conversation.

At the end of worship, please join us for Sidewalk Fellowship on 2nd Street.

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



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

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

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New Castle Presbyterian

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

O Day of Rest and Gladness

arr. Stan Pethel

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

Call to Worship

Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

Thank you God for your love to me

Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God

Thank you God for your love in this place

Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

Thank you God for your love to others

All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

Thank you God for your love that we can share

Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

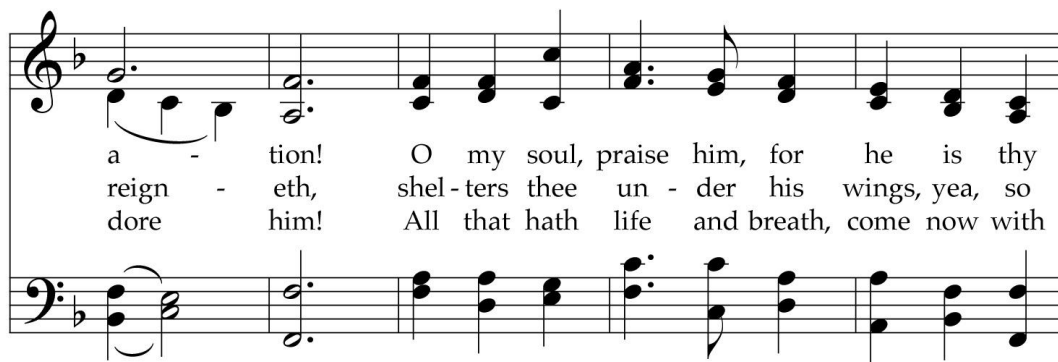
Thank you God for your love endures forever.

*Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty



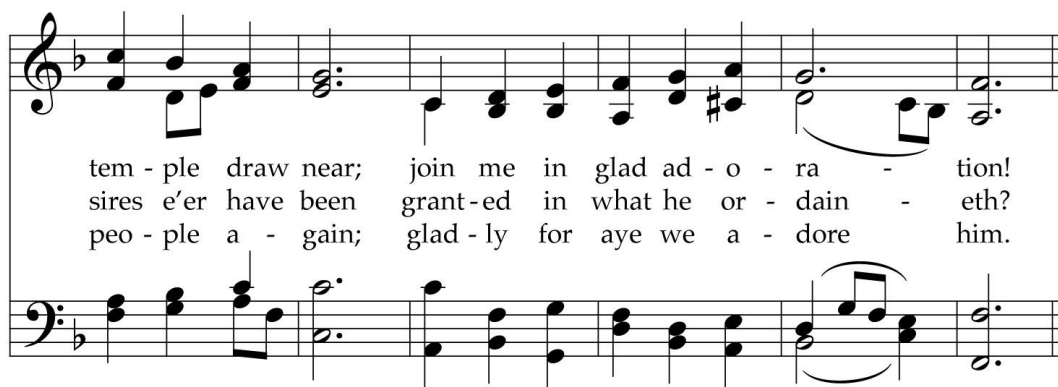
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

Call to Confession

God our Creator, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in Your covenant, yet we forget Your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. We trust that You hear our confession and, in Your great mercy, will be moved yet again to extend the forgiveness we desperately need. Help us to receive it with humility and joy, to turn from our sin, and walk in peace with You. Amen. (Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

***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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

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Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

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

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*Guatemalan Gratitude*GIVE THANKS TO GOD***Hymn #730****I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of

brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous

died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in

doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in

on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just

God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Homeward Bound

arr. Jay Althouse

Kellie Tetrick & Phee Price – Duet Soloist / 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**

Lord, we thank you for the abundance you provide. As we dedicate these offerings, may they be used to spread your love and grace. Help us to be faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. 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 #8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

***Charge & Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Tom Fettke

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 Sidewalk Fellowship.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Candy Dunson

Coffee Hour: Sidewalk Fellowship

Ushers: Valerie Leary/_____

Counters: Sarah McCann/Mary Fontinha

Nursery: Melissa Boris/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Louise D. Parisano
1899 - 1986

G. Rolfe Scofield
1917 - 2015



WELCOME – GUEST PREACHER AMY SELHEIMER

Amy has been a member with my husband Scott for over 35 years. She is a retired teacher and elementary school principal after working in the Christina School District for 35 years. She's a member of the Guatemalan Steering Committee and has had the privilege to travel there twice - and is planning on going again in January. In her free time she enjoys the beach, traveling and reading.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We need ushers for almost every Sunday this summer! Sign up online here:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

If you haven't ushered before, do not fear! When you arrive at 10 a.m., a handy-dandy checklist takes you through the steps of turning on the lights, opening pew doors, and preparing our space to welcome folks to worship God. Reach out to Elders Jen Dunham or Ray Snyder to learn more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The summer is almost over, which means Sunday School is back soon!!! If you are interested in volunteering for Sunday School or Nursery, or need a refresher, there is a new volunteer training after church on August 30th!! Sunday School begins again September 13th. We are so excited to read stories, sing songs, make crafts, and learn about the love of God together. This year we kickoff with a unit on Creation. We will explore how God made everything, and the events that followed in Genesis. If you are interested in volunteering in Nursery or Sunday School, please reach out to Molly Shaw at 302-743-6588, Mallory Mackie at 302-690-5665, or any member of the CE committee (Melissa, Stephanie, Lynn, Chris)!

BABYSITTER NEED

Tricia and Joe are looking for a sitter for their three kids one to two days a week from 6am-10am. Please contact Tricia directly.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Next Sunday, September 6 there will be a Gifts of Love collection; donations may be made through the white envelopes in our bulletins and pews. Our contributions for St Vincent de Paul Society at St. Peter's church will assist our New Castle neighbors in need to pay their electric, gas and water bills.

PASTOR MIRIAM'S SABBATICAL

From June 8 through August 31, Pastor Miriam is on Sabbatical. During this time of rest, she is grateful for your prayers! While she is away, NCPC is in good hands. Check out the newsletter for the schedule of upcoming Sunday morning preachers. If you have any administrative questions, you can contact Administrator Kris Krawczyk in the Office or Clerk Scott Selheimer. If you have a pastoral need, please reach out to the office or to Deacon Moderator Teisha Fooks or Deacon Vice-Moderator Nan Wallace. Each week this summer, NCPC does have a pastor from around the Presbytery on-call should a pastoral emergency arise.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	08/30	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		12:30pm	Training – Communion/Sunday School/Nursery Volunteers
Monday	08/31	9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	09/01	11:00am	Staff Meeting & Lunch
		12:00pm	People Who Lunch @ Rancho Azteca
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	09/02	9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
SUNDAY	09/06	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship, Communion & Backpack Blessing
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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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)

