

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 5th 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
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

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Holy Manna
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

We tremble with the rolling rocks; **God is our strength and our salvation.**

We sing with the roaring rivers; **God is our justice and joy.**

The heavens and earth tell of God's glory; **we join in telling God's story.**

With all that we have and all that we are, we join our voices in saying:

God is good! Let us praise the Lord!

***Hymn 621**

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Sung Twice – Congregation sings 'Part 1' Both Times

Part 1 (melody)

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be

Part 2 (echo)

I will call up-on the Lord

praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.

who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be

I will call up-on the Lord.

saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up-on the Lord.

Refrain

The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-

va-tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,

and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex - alt - ed.

This text is based on Psalm 18:3 and 46 in the King James Version and uses musical repetition to give weight to each verse. The earlier verse is treated as a canon with a concluding unison phrase, and the later one is sung through twice in unison to a nearly identical melody.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive. May we show others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us...(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

God's Wonderful Word

Joseph M. Martin

Bethany Faiz – Piano/ Amy Shimmin – Recorder

God's word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Beautiful words, wonderful words of life.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

O God of deliverance, guide us by your Word and Spirit. In your light, may we see light. In your truth, may we find freedom. In your will, may we discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

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²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all

his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

As We Forgive

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Ordination and Installation of Officers

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Candidates

Questions to Candidates & Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Mariellen, Heather and Connie as Deacons, and Cindy, Melissa and Peter as Elders 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 them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? (We do.)

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration and Welcome

***Hymn #698**

Take, O Take Me as I Am (*sung three times*)

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995
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TAKE ME AS I AM
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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

How Great Is Our God

arr. Tom Fettke

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**

Almighty God, in Christ, we are reconciled to you and called to witness to your mercy. Send your Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with your kindness and guide us as your disciples in the world. May these offerings of our lives and resources proclaim the good news of your everlasting love. 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.

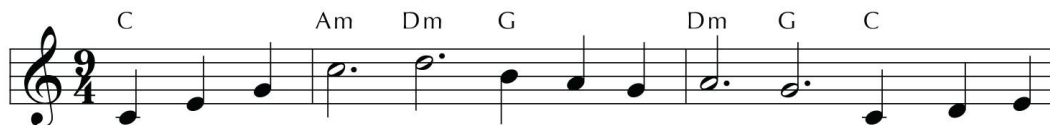
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #702

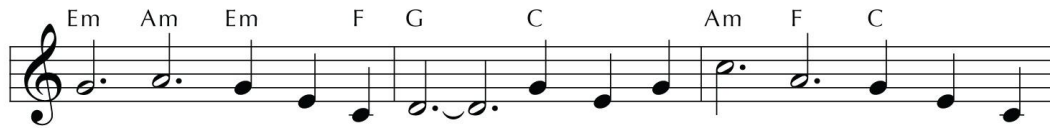
Christ Be Beside Me

C Am Dm G Dm G C



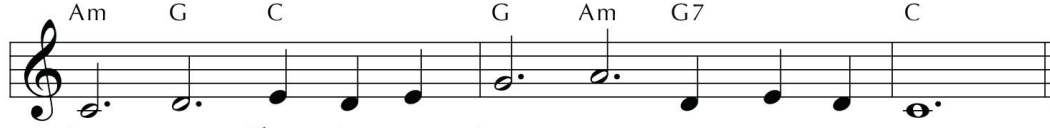
1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

Em Am Em F G C Am F C



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

Am G C G Am G7 C



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
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BUNESSAN
5.5.5.4.D

*Charge & Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

When in Our Music God Is Glorified 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: Melissa Boris

Ushers: Gail & CJ Seitz

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Chris Fagles

Coffee Hour: Session

Counters: Sarah McCann/Gary Graham

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/ _____

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ida Y. Rausch
1890 - 1986

Sharon Graybeal
1930 - 2015



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We need ushers for almost every Sunday this fall! 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.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Miriam. No need to RSVP; come and join the conversation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins TODAY. This year we kickoff with a unit on Creation. We will explore how God made everything, and the events that followed in Genesis. 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)!

NCPC YOUTH GROUP - FALL Happenings

NCPC's Youth Group is for 5th-12th graders and meets once a month. *We'll kick off the year with lunch and fun at NCPC on Sunday, September 20 from 11:30-2!* (Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam.) Keep an eye out for more information in the mail!

FALL CAMPFIRE & COOKOUT - SEPT 26

Join us at 5 p.m. on Sat, Sept 26 for a campfire and cook-out at Connie Reese's house. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a side and a camping chair and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun around the campfire! Contact Gina Kouma or Connie Reese with any questions.

ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for our Bible Discovery Coffee Hour on Sunday, Sept 27 from 11:45-12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We'll crack open our Bibles and explore the family tree of God... Which can often make our own families look tame in comparison!

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Mission and Outreach is collecting new and gently used clothing. The Winter Sanctuary specifically needs men's and women's pants, sweatpants, sweatshirts, coats, and long-sleeved tee-shirts. The Clothing Bank of Delaware needs all types of clothing for men, women and children. If you are able to label your donation for each (CB or WS) that would be greatly appreciated! Last day for collection is Sunday, October 11th. Questions? Please reach out to Amy or Scott Selheimer

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/13	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship, Installation of Officers
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
		12:00pm	Cong Life & Membership Meeting
		12:00-2:00pm	Youngish Women Gathering @Rancho Azteca
Monday	09/14	9:00am-4:30pm	Meals on Wheels Private Counseling - Library
Tuesday	09/15		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
		8:00pm	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday	09/16		Meals on Wheels
		11:00am-4:30pm	Private Counseling – Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	09/17		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	09/18		Meals on Wheels
Saturday	09/19	10:00am	Presbytery Meeting
		6:00-8:00pm	Family Game Night
SUNDAY	09/20		Newsletter Deadline
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00-2:00pm	Youth Group
		5:30pm	Community Open Mic Night

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Lyn Briggs, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2027	2028	2029
Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham	Cindy Beam
Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles	Melissa Boris
Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma	Peter McCurdy
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2027	2028	2029
Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage	Mariellen Edinburg
Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks	Heather Raezer
	Nan Wallace	Connie Reese

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2027	2028	2029
Gary Graham	Marshall Freund	Rob Barry
Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith	Brendan Mackie

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

