

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.

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
handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

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

Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

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

We find ourselves on the mountain this Transfiguration Day.

Like the disciples, we are terrified by Christ.

Christ's clothes became unbelievably dazzling white.

Christ converses with Elijah and Moses.

Do we set up three tents? Do we pull out our smart phones?

How do we capture the awesomeness of God?

Let us listen to Christ, God's Son, the beloved.

Let us worship our God of all the ages!

***Hymn #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The melody is characterized by frequent three-note units, as noted in the explanatory text.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, we confess that we do not always seek the light of your way. We are satisfied to dwell in shadows, holding fast to the comforts of material fortune. We ignore the needs of others and selfishly look the other way when our neighbors suffer. In your merciful way, help us to establish your equity in the world. Move us to protect creation and ensure equality, that all of our siblings may have a share of your abundance and the safety of your peace. May the light of your face shine upon all creation... (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

The Light of The World

Price and Besig

*Minerva Lermond – Soloist / Steve Handy – Tambourine / Bethany Faiz - Piano
Jesus is the Light of the World. Hallelujah! Jesus is the Light of the World and we will follow Him. When there is trouble, no need to go astray. He will shine. Jesus will help you find your way. Take His hand, let Him lead. When you follow Jesus He will set you free. Keep Him in your life and let Him shine! When there is darkness, no need to be afraid. Jesus will bring a brighter day. He will shine. Follow Him, strong and true. Look at what the power of His love can do. Keep Him in your life and let Him shine!*

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you are present in our midst, yet beyond all comprehension. By your light, we see light. By your healing, we are made whole. By your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 9:28-36

Page: NT 69

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Sermon

Recalculating Route

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #673

Jesus, Light of Joy



1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did
2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning
3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,



glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,
has be - gun: still your gra - cious light is with us,
God of might. All cre - a - tion shines with glo - ry,



heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,
bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,
sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, we a - dore you, light di - vine.
al - le - lu - ia, God of glo - ry, Three - in - One.
al - le - lu - ia, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly light.

The images of light in this text are drawn from the ancient Christian vesper hymn *Phos hilaron*, which dates from at least the 3rd century. (For other versions, see nos. 671 and 672.) That rather brief original hymn is augmented here in the third stanza by language based on the *Sanctus*.

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MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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LAUDA ANIMA

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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

I Gave My Life for Thee

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**

O Lord our God, you are clothed in majesty and splendor, wrapped in light as with a robe. We praise you for your saving grace in Jesus Christ.

Transfigure us by your Spirit, and let your love shine through our offerings that all the world may see your radiant light. In the name of Christ, we pray, 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

D G Bm F#m Em7 A Bm



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age

A D Em A Bm Gmaj7



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -

Em7 A D Bm7 E Asus A D



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -

G Em A A7 Bm Em A7 D



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. John Purifoy

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: Jane Fouracre

Counters: Amy Selheimer/Marshall Freund

Communion: **Gail & CJ Seitz***, Conchita Showell and Kim Beebe

Ushers: Barb & Jim Whisman

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Nursery: Chris Fagles/Stephanie Foltz *Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Melissa Boris

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Iden Kerney
1898-1984

Maryanne Gebhart Herbert
1924-1996



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

There is an immediate need for ushers during the month of March!

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	3/02	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		1:00pm	Field Trip to Hockessin Colored School
Monday	3/03	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Tuesday	3/04	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	3/05	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	3/06	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	3/07	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	3/08	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	3/09	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:30am	Youth Group
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting

GIFTS OF LOVE COLLECTION

Donations through the Gifts of Love envelopes help our neighbors pay the rent, medical bills, car repairs, or utility bills. We also donate food items for the St Peter's food pantry.

Thank you NCPC for being such good neighbors.

FIELD TRIP TO HOCKESSIN COLORED SCHOOL - TODAY

Join Chief Justice Seitz and members of our church community to learn about and tour the Hockessin school – one of the schools at the center of the US Supreme Court's Brown v Board of Education decision. We'll meet at the school at 1:00 (25 minute drive from NCPC).

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. All are welcome!

CODE PURPLE

First & Central Presbyterian welcomes Wilmington's unhoused neighbors into their social hall every Saturday until the end of March. Sign up at <https://shorturl.at/X6Vyd>

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – MARCH 5

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Join us for a worship service at 7 pm in the Meeting House. During this service of confession and preparation, our foreheads are marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes remind us that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. The shape of the cross reminds us of God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

We have two Lenten devotionals available this season. For adults, be sure to check out an incredible daily reflection from the Presbyterian Outlook. The theme is “**Grieving Change and Loss**: The unpredictable, non-linear, faith-filled journey toward resurrection”. For families with children (and folks of all ages interested in a slower walk through Holy Week), we have a weekly reflection on “**Last Things... and More**,” which follows and supplements our Sunday School curriculum during Lent. Pick up your copy today in the CE Building!

NCPC SOUP DINNER – MARCH 12

During Lent, our Ecumenical Supper Series will be on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crockpot of soup or stew for the first dinner at NCPC on Wednesday, March 12! Check out the purple flyers around for the order of soup dinners this season.

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – MARCH 9

This month, we'll be taking a field trip to Congregation Beth Emeth and meeting with Rabbi Yair! If you are a youth or know a youth interested in participating, contact Pastor Miriam for more information and to RSVP!

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL - MARCH 16

Our Lenten Lunch and Learn will explore how we make room for God's kingdom. Jesus teaches us that God's kingdom needs time and space to grow - like waiting for a tiny seeds to grow or dough to rise! As we explore how to make room in our lives, homes, and schedules for God's kingdom, we'll plant Easter grass and make pretzels together. All ages are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

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