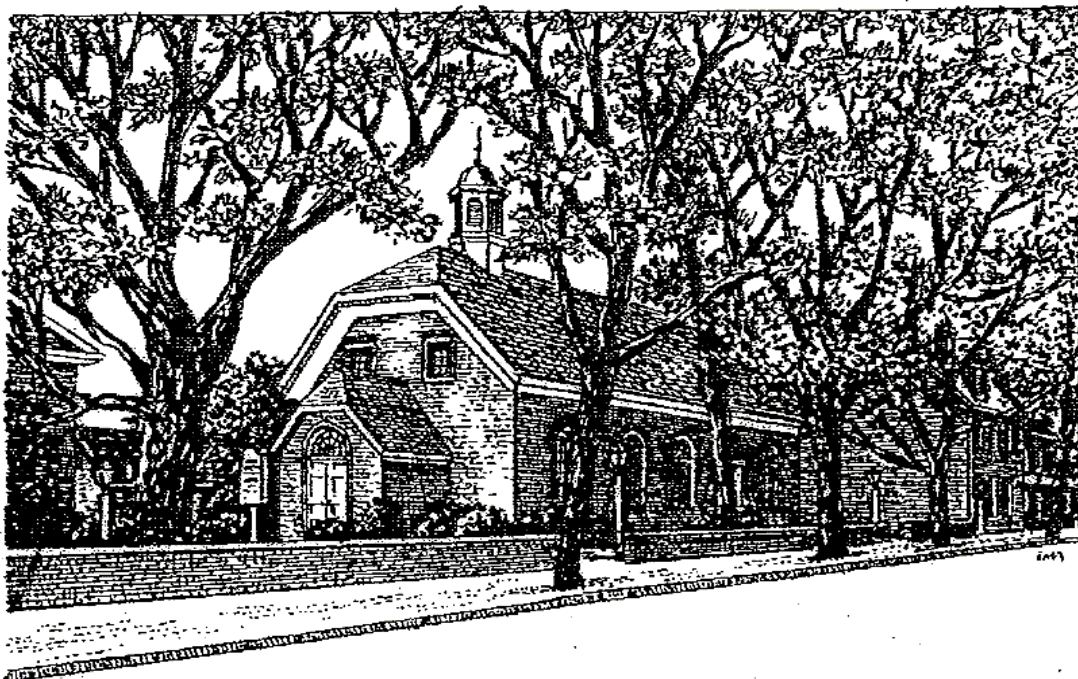


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!

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,

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

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.

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 in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the blue recycle can at the door as you leave – we recycle!

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is on Mondays.

**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 2, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

In Faith and Prayer
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Patti Drennan

**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

Our God is a god of compassion.

God's welcoming arms are always open.

God's heart draws us into a new way of life together.

May our hearts be like God's, helping us see and welcome.

We gather as the family of God to worship.

Let us rejoice that all are welcome at God's table of blessing!

***Hymn**

Come to The Table (See Insert)

*The soloist will sing first through verse 1,
then all are welcome to join for verse 1 and 2.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, you call us to see and welcome each other. Your steadfast love invites us to come to your table and know your way of forgiveness and mercy. Yet, our anger and our judgment get in our way of following you. Hear us as we name to you the ways that we have not loved you or our neighbors. Have compassion for us this day...

(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

Prayer for Illumination

O God, we give thanks to you for bringing us together. Your ancient words still bring joy to our hearts. May your Holy Spirit shape our minds to love you and our neighbors. In Christ's name, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:11-32 *From Compassion Camp VBS*

Jesus told this parable: There was once a man who had two sons. The younger brother greedily demanded his inheritance, turned his back on his family, and left them for a far away country. He wasted all the money he took from his family.

Soon he became needy and hungry. Even though he felt ashamed, he decided to return home, hoping his father might welcome him back.



When his father saw him, he was filled with compassion.

He ran out to his son and threw his arms around him. He was so happy he was alive! The father got a big dinner together with the best food and drink to give thanks for his son's safe return.

Meanwhile, the older brother came in from the fields, tired from working hard all day. When he heard the music and dancing, he became very angry and refused to go in.

His father went to the older brother to persuade him to come, but he said: "I've listened to you and worked hard for you all these years and you've never given me a party. My brother comes home after wasting all his money and you throw him a huge party!"

His father said to him: "Son, I love you. You know what is mine is yours. But people matter more than possessions. We thought we lost your brother from our family, but he's home. Come to the table, and celebrate with us!"

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

Compassion Camp: At the Table

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Larghetto from Sonata IV in C Major by G.F. Handel

Lisa Bowe – Flute

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**

Welcoming one, your warm, wide arms are always open, drawing us into your love. Make our arms your own, helping us see and welcome with compassion all those we meet. 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.

Words of Institution

Partaking

Please come forward to receive the sacrament by intinction,

dipping your piece of bread into the cup.

Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn**

Compassion Prayer (See Insert)

*The soloist will sing through the song first,
then all are welcome to join in.*

***Charge and Benediction**
Steeple Bell

Postlude

America, the Beautiful
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Joel Raney

*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: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Lyn Briggs & Barbara Whisman

Communion: Shirley Knox

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Marjorie A. Montgomery
1900-1972

Isabel M. Klein
1916-2010



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Nursery Care and Sunday School are on hiatus over the summer. Children are welcome to remain in the Meeting House during worship. (Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.) If families need to step out during worship, a "pray ground" and livestream are available in the Fellowship Hall.



SUMMER COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Join us for coffee hour today in the Fellowship Hall! Deacons and the Trustees will host coffee hour on the first Sundays of July and August, and on other Sundays, we'll gather for 2nd Street sidewalk fellowship after worship.

SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP

We are in need of **ushers** and **worship leaders** in the coming months. Take a moment [to sign up](#) today!

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: COMPASSION CAMP!

Join us for our one-night VBS on Sunday, July 16 from 4-7 p.m. Activities will be for children ages 4-10, and will include stories, crafts, games, and music! Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family. Dinner included. Register by July 9!

BROWNIES – JULY 6

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

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUN., JULY 9

Join us following worship on Sunday, July 9, for a Special Called Congregational Meeting to complete our officer slate. The Nomination Committee will nominate Peter McCurdy to serve as Elder Class of 2026 and Pat Taylor to serve as Nominating Committee Member-at-Large. Their biographies will be available in the July newsletter.

NEW AND NEWISH MEMBER GATHERING – SUNDAY, JULY 9

Anyone considering joining NCPC - or- liking what they observe and wanting to learn more - or - who has joined in 2023 is encouraged to gather at Greg and Susan Fogarty's home located 2 blocks from the church at 152 E 2nd Street. Join us there following worship for refreshments. Please RSVP by texting Greg at (302) 437-4731 or Susan at (302) 530-7158.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT CAMARADERIE – WED., JULY 12

Bring a folding chair to Battery Park where we will informally gather at 6 pm and watch the Seven Rings perform at 6:30pm as part of Battery Park's Summer Concert Series. Lip singers, Hummers and Karaoke Chanteuses are all welcome!

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH - FALL RETREAT 2023

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at [Pecometh Camp](#) from Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!) Congregational Life has reserved space for tent camping, a pavilion for group meals, and worship space for Sunday morning. Cabins and nearby hotels are available for personal reservation too!

RSVP ASAP by filling out this <https://forms.gle/ywMXhBo9fqeDnvH97>.

4th OF JULY 2023 BELL-RINGING CEREMONY IN HISTORIC NEW CASTLE

Join as we celebrate the 4th of July and the 18th century Delawareans who gathered in New Castle to support the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Children and families of all ages, regardless of age, faith, race or ethnicity, are cordially invited to attend historic New Castle's bell-ringing ceremony, which will be held at Immanuel Church on the Green from 1:30-2:30pm on the 4th of July. This free annual event is part of an ongoing national ceremony. When the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped, bells in Philadelphia and across the nation will ring simultaneously, to officially commemorate the birth of American Independence.



ONGOING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the July newsletter for information about providing a meal for Epiphany House, mentoring an elementary school student this fall, and collecting items for our Seaman's Center Christmas at Sea!

NCPC SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Help us wrap up this past year's theme of storytelling and dive into deeper discussion of what evangelism (sharing of the good news) looks like today! Check out Yaconelli's *Between the Listening and the Telling** this summer, and join Pastor Miriam for discussion and lunch at noon on Thursday, August 24, at Connie Reese's house. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by August 20. *Copies are available through the library.

LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE

While June is formally the month of Pride, our call to love all of God's children is year-long! Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" event to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we seek to become more authentic and creative in our welcome, affirmation and support of LGBTQIA+ people

The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover! If you are interested in being a part of planning for the event or wish to learn more about participating, please contact the [office](#).

Prayer List:

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

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
1900 Lovering Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2010
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

Rod Denison

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106 Colesbery Drive
New Castle, DE 19720
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Mary Duncan

1323 Richard's Alley
Wilmington, DE 19806
(302) 888-0282

Linda Twyford

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Judy Hentkowski

128 E. 2nd Street
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-8266

Robert Lindfors

202 Brylgon Ave.
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-5369

On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock

(Deploying to Bahrain,
address coming soon)

On Assignment with the Air Force:

James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	07/02	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Sidewalk Coffee Hour
Monday	07/03		Office Closed
Tuesday	07/04		4th of July – Office Closed
Thursday	07/06		Brownies Due
Friday	07/07	9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
Saturday	07/08	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	07/09	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Special Congregational Mtg
		11:35am	Sidewalk Coffee Hour
		11:45am	New and Newish Member Gathering @ the Fogarty's

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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)

