

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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Cindy Berry

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 Psalm 119*)

The Lord exists forever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven.

O God, your faithfulness endures to all generations.

You have established the earth, and it stands fast. **I am yours; save me!**

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my misery.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Let us praise the Lord!

*Hymn #458

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
 path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
 light un-to my path. *Fine* When I feel a-fraid, and I
 think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me.
 Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
 Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984

MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber

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THY WORD

Irregular

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess to you: we struggle to walk in your way. We don't seek you with our whole heart. We hurt others with our words and actions. We delight in the wickedness of others. Forgive us. Speak your words of hope and truth to us. Be at work in us, that we might live as your forgiven and forgiving people... (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 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr Keith Christopher
Bethany Faiz - Piano / Steve Handy - Percussion

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Then God spoke all these words, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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

Sermon

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Presentation of Candidate

Questions to Candidate & Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Cynthia Beam as an Elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (We do.)

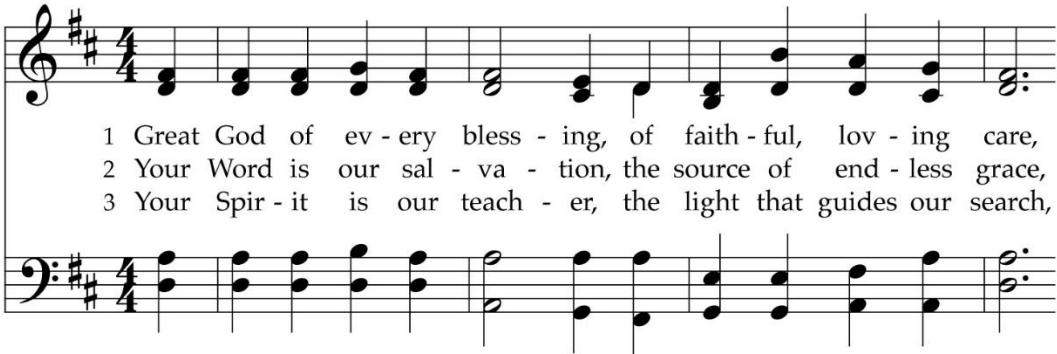
Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? (We do.)

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

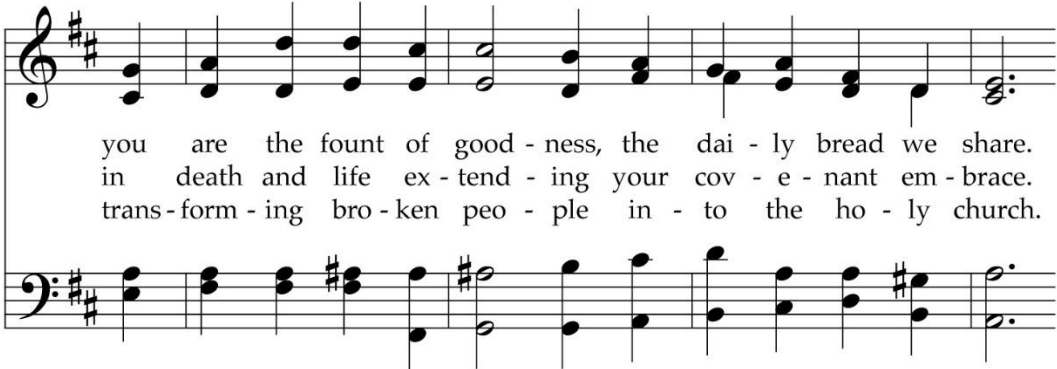
Declaration and Welcome

*Hymn #694

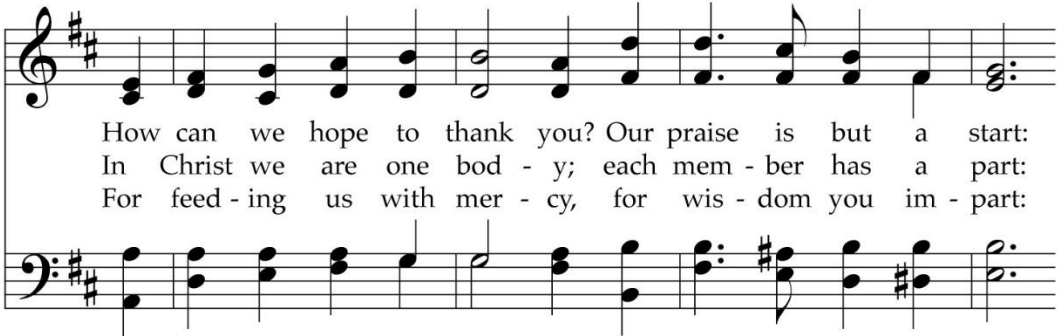
Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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AURELIA

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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee** arr. Cindy Berry
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**

O God, author and giver of all things, bless us with discomfort at easy answers and half-truths. Bless us with anger at injustice and tears to shed for others. Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in your world. Bless these gifts of our lives and of our offerings to your work of 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 #450

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Hope for God's People

arr. Patti Drennan

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: Jacob Fooks

Coffee Hour: All Ages Sunday School

Ushers: Mike Smith & Parker Foltz

Counters: Rob Barry/Brendan Mackie

Nursery: Mariellen Edinburg/Melissa Boris

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

David Harry Fries

1946 - 1988

William T. Quillen

1935 - 2016



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 preparing our space to welcome folks to worship God. Reach out to Elders Jen Dunham or Sarah McCann to learn more.

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL - TODAY

The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me! NCPC's Christian Education Committee invites you to join us for our All Ages Sunday School during Coffee Hour TODAY. We will provide coffee and a few items; you're encouraged to bring dishes for a potluck gathering.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Interested in helping our children learn God's Good News? 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)!

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.

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING

Join us in worship October 4 as we celebrate World Communion Sunday, recognizing our oneness in Christ with our siblings around the world. We will collect our Peace and Global Witness Offering, which encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

VIVA L'ITALIA CONCERT

Next Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m., come enjoy music by Italian Composers as performed by Delaware musicians Barbara Prugh (trumpet) and Rob Kennan (piano) in the Church's Meeting House. The Concert is free to attend; a free will offering will be collected to benefit the Music Ministry of NCPC. Come hear these amazing artists fill up the Meeting House with beautiful music!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 7

On Wednesday, October 7, at 6 p.m., we will have a Blessing of the Animals outside of the CE Building. Creatures of all shapes and sizes are welcome. If your pet doesn't travel well or has crossed the rainbow bridge, bring their picture or one of their accessories to be blessed. And feel free to invite one of your pet's friends as everyone would benefit from a blessing!

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/27	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	All Ages Sunday School
		3:00pm-7:00pm	APA
Monday	09/28	8:00am-5:00pm	APA
		6:30pm	Trustees Meeting
Tuesday	09/29	8:00am-5:00pm	APA
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	09/30	8:00am-1:00pm	APA
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	10/01	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
SUNDAY	10/04	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	New Members Gathering in the Library
		3:00pm	Viva L'Italia Concert in Meeting House

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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)

