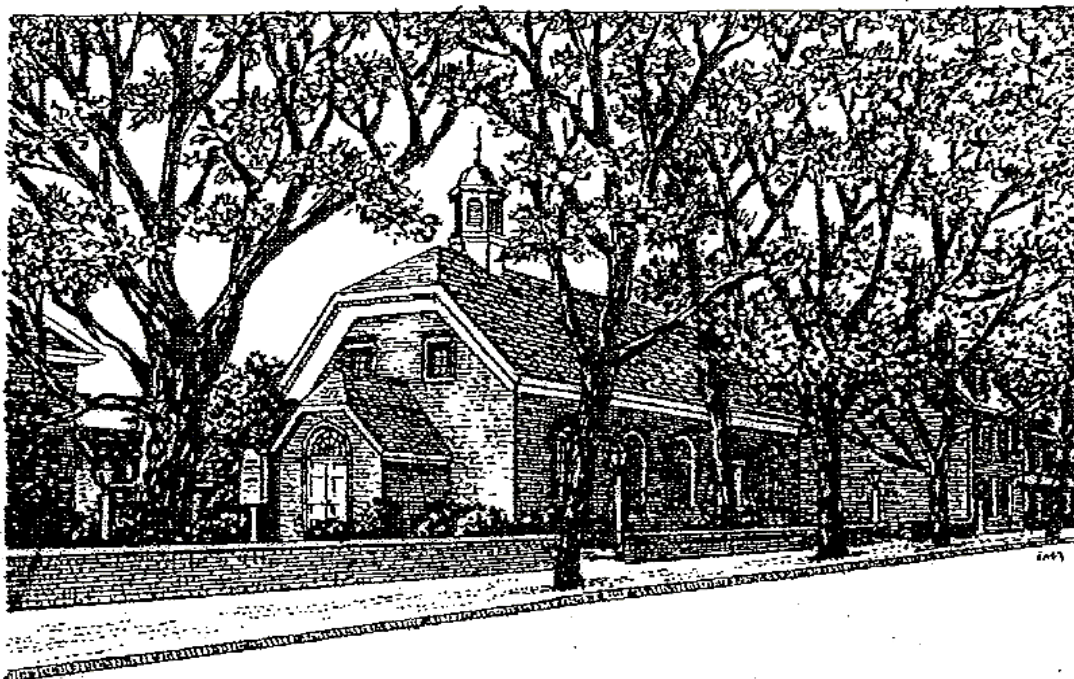


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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. Sunday School and Nursery will return next week.

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
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 24, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Larry Shackley
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 (from Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The universe proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

And night to night declares knowledge.

God's law is perfect, reviving the soul.

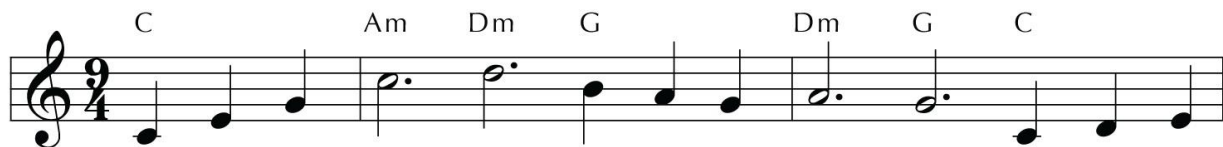
God's commandments are sweeter than honey.

Let us walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

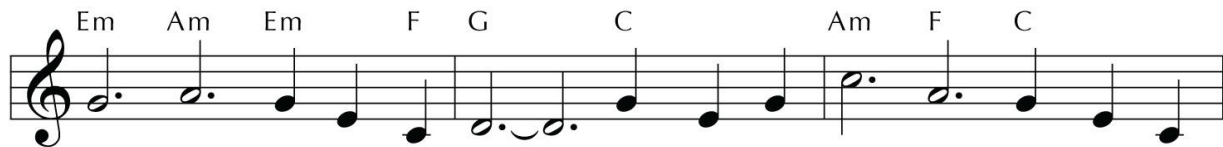
Let us join creation in singing God's praise!

*Hymn #664

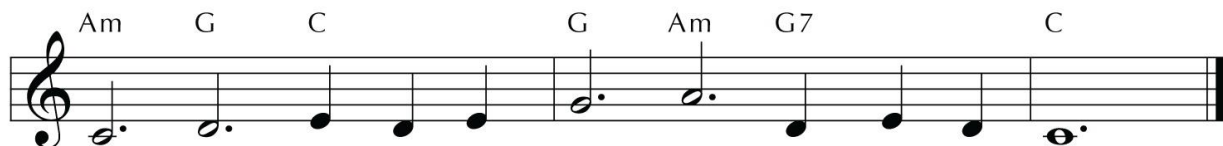
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
Text © David Higham Assoc., Ltd.
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment as those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show.

Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy... (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 #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – verse 1**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination – #288 Spirit of the Living God, sung twice

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture Lesson

Micah 4:1-4

Page: OT 864

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's temple shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it,² and many nations shall come and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³He shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more;

⁴but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Reflection

Wangari’s Trees of Peace

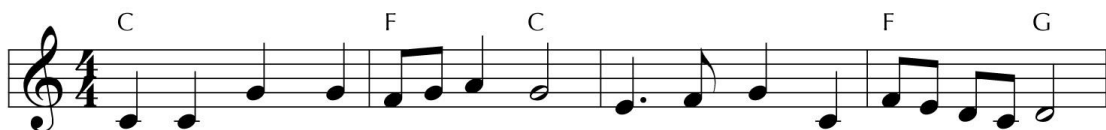
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GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God of Great and God of Small

*Hymn #19

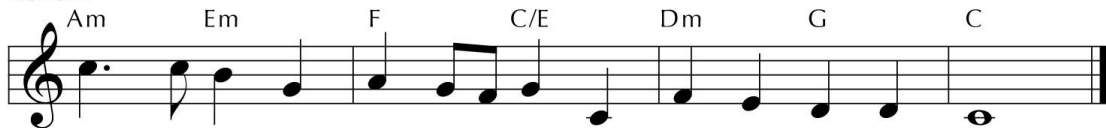


1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

This Is My Father's World

arr. Lloyd Larson

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**

God our provider, as you fed your people in the wilderness, may your grace be our daily bread. We praise you for your gift of this earth.

Nourish us in faith that we would grow as your holy people, and bless these offerings to your service. May all who hunger and thirst be satisfied through your generosity. 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,

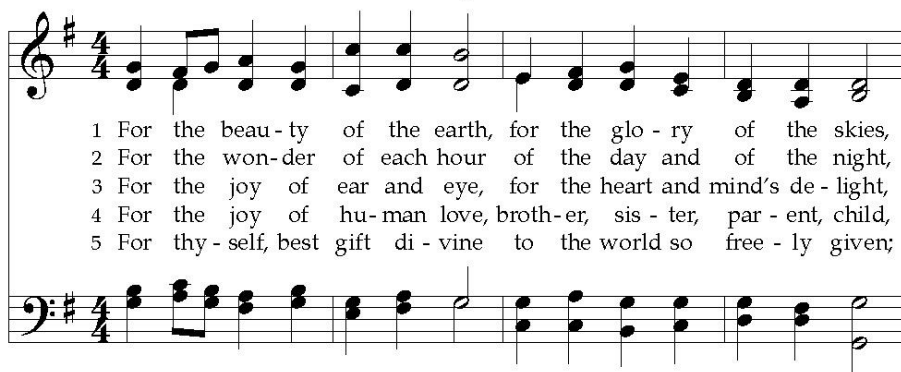
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

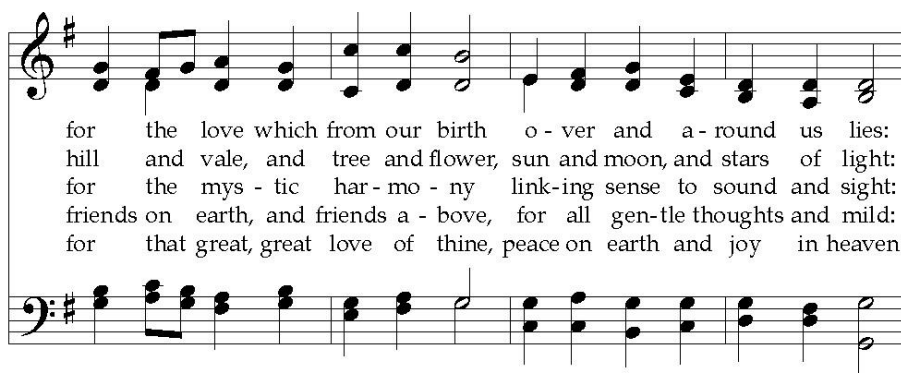
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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/Melissa Boris/Will Nielsen

Counters: Jennifer Dunham/Lyn Briggs

Ushers: Gary Graham/Sandra Wilson

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Bertha Seaman
1894-1974

Sarah J. Reeves
1910-2012



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

What a glorious celebration in my honor last Sunday! I want to thank everyone who took part in planning and participating in it. It has been a great joy to direct the bells and to be a member of this wonderful caring congregation throughout these years.

- Minerva Lermond

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our weekly Bible Study will be this Wednesday at 2 p.m., in person in the Fellowship Hall. This fall, we'll be studying the lectionary passage for the upcoming Sunday. Reach out to Pastor Miriam if you have any questions!

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – OCT 1

Session has called a special meeting on Sunday, October 1, following worship to elect Miranda Matthews as a Deacon, Class of 2024.

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING – OCTOBER 1

Join us in worship next Sunday 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. Learn more about this offering here:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE – FINAL CALL

Refresh your life (and your closets!) by donating your new or gently used, clean clothing and school uniforms by October 1. Donations can be left in the second room on the right on the second floor of the CE building, or if that's difficult, in the entryway. Volunteers are invited to help load the Friendship House van after worship next Sunday.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 4

Good Doggie, Kitty, Fishy, Ground Hoggie! On Wednesday, October 4th (St. Francis of Assisi Day) at 6pm, we will have a Blessing of the Animals event outside of the CE Building. Creatures of all shapes and sizes are welcome. If your pet doesn't travel well or play well with others, 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!

MENTORING THIS FALL – A CHILD NEEDS YOU

Creative Mentoring provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills. This is not tutoring, it's more of an opportunity for a child to connect with a caring adult. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email Candy Dunson - ddunson2@aol.com.

MEALS ON WHEELS

In Matthew 25, Christ calls us to feed the hungry and visit the sick, and through Meals on Wheels, we get to do Christ's work of feeding and visiting our homebound neighbors. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers' service! We are looking for a few additional volunteers to deliver meals regularly and on a substitute basis. Please give this volunteer opportunity your thoughtful and prayerful consideration. It means so much to those being served. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me at 302-328-7346 or email me at suzieflook@hotmail.com. Thank you! Susan Flook, Meals on Wheels Coord.

PUMPKIN PARTY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Put on your costumes and join us October 29th for our Pumpkin Party! Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m.; children of all ages will head over to the Fellowship Hall around 10:50 a.m. for story and craft time with our Christian Education volunteers. During coffee hour, parents and children can play games, and ALL church members will be invited to participate in our mini Halloween parade. The Pumpkin Party will be held alongside our Chili Cook-off, so lunch will be provided for all ages (we will have some non-chili options as well). Guests are invited to bring toiletries and peanut butter and jelly to donate through our Gifts of Love program. Please RSVP here: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party>

FALL CHILI FEST – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Chili fest is back again on October 29th during coffee hour! Come one, come all and bring your favorite crockpot of chili to share with everyone. A sign-up sheet is located on the rolling bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all for some fall fun!

COVENANT CONVERSATION – NOV 11

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. Let Pastor Miriam know if you plan to attend and sign up today:

<https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-new-castle-presbytery/>



Prayer List:

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

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Kentmere Rehab & HC
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Wilmington, DE 19806

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JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/24	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	09/25		MEALS ON WHEELS
Tuesday	09/26		MEALS ON WHEELS
Wednesday	09/27		MEALS ON WHEELS
		6:00pm	Worship Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	09/28		MEALS ON WHEELS
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	09/29		MEALS ON WHEELS
Saturday	09/30	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	10/01	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Special Called Congregational Meeting
		11:45am	Coffee Hour

*Kris is on vacation Monday, September 25 – Friday, September 29
phones will be covered Monday, Wednesday & Thursday.*

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SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	Walt Sparrow-Hood
Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
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)

