

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.

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. Nursery care will be available following the Scripture Conversation.

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

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Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

My Country, 'Tis of Thee
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 (adapted from Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all,
and God's compassion is over all creation.**

All our works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power and never-ending love.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

And so we shall worship God this day!

*Hymn #327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of love and welcome, from generation to generation you have heard your children seeking forgiveness and you have embraced us all. Forgive us when frustration and exhaustion keeps us from following you and when we fail to seek forgiveness from our coworkers, neighbors, family and our enemies too. Hear the concerns of our hearts, examine our motives, and forgive our faults. Help us to welcome all persons as you have welcomed us, through you Son Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who died and rose again that we might learn from your love and find the life you desire for us to have.

(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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 24:34-38; 42-49;58-67

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So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵the Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, "You shall

not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son..."

⁴²"I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' ⁴⁴and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

⁴⁵"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.'

⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'

⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon


Writing a Love Story

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #27


Sacred the Body

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b F^{sus} F Gm D^{sus} Dm




1 Sa - cred the bod - y God has cre - at - ed,
 2 Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es,
 3 Love re - spects per - sons, bod - ies and bound - aries.
 4 Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 F^{sus} F



tem - ple of Spir - it that dwells deep in - side.
 pale, full of col - or; both frag - ile and strong.
 Love does not bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse.
 make us your tem - ples; in - dwell all we do.

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b F^{sus} F Gm D^{sus} Dm



Cher - ish each per - son; nur - ture re - la - tion.
 Ho - ly the dif - ference, gift of the Mak - er,
 Love touch - es gent - ly, nev - er co - erc - ing.
 May we be care - ful, ten - der and car - ing,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b



Treat flesh as ho - ly, that love may a - bide.
 so let us hon - or each sto - ry and song.
 Love leaves the oth - er with pow - er to choose.
 so may our bod - ies give hon - or to you.

Despite biblical directives to “honor God with your body” (1 Corinthians 6:20) and “offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God” (Romans 12:1), Christians have often scorned the body, failing to see how the mystery of the Incarnation continues in each person.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory **Somebody's Knocking at your Door** Arr by Moses Hogan
Jim Green – Bass / 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**

Loving God, use us, and use the gifts we bring to share your love, to offer hope to those who are weary, to work for peace where conflict reigns, and to create justice where injustice is perpetrated. 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.**

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.**

Words of Institution

Partaking

Prayer

*Hymn #340

GO IN GOD'S NAME

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

***Charge & Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

America, the Beautiful

arr. Joel Raney

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

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Hall (Deacons)

Communion: **Beverly Stoudt***

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Counters: Amy Selheimer/Marshall Freund

Nursery: Molly Shaw/Rachel Handy Hayes

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Fitzhugh L. Brauer
1910 - 1985

Helen G. Calloway
1928 - 2013



WELCOME – GUEST PREACHER REV. RANDALL CLAYTON

Rev. Randall (Randy) Clayton is a retired PCUSA Minister of Word and Sacrament who has served small, medium, and large churches, in both installed and transitional ministry positions. He has also served in validated ministries in non-profits to meet needs of frail older adults, persons with severe mental illness and substance use disorders, and persons who are experiencing a time of homelessness in their lives. He holds a D.Min from Columbia Theological Seminary and a MSW from Fordham University. He is currently the Chair of New Castle Presbytery's Commission on Ministers and Congregations.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We need ushers for almost every Sunday this summer! 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 2

Mark your calendars for VBS on August 2 from 3-7 p.m.! Register early at

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/vacation-bible-school>

As we get busy making plans for our VBS event on Sunday, August 2 we could use some assistance. We are putting together a theme related dinner.

This is where we would like to ask for a little help from our amazing congregation and friends. We are asking for donations via the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please look at the sheet and see how you can help. Please drop your donations off by Sunday, July 26 to the kitchen and be sure to label everything VBS. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the CE committee (Julie Barry, Melissa Boris, Chris Fagles, Stephanie Foltz, Mallory Mackie, Molly Shaw and Lynn Smith)

PASTOR MIRIAM'S SABBATICAL

From June 8 through August 31, Pastor Miriam is on Sabbatical. During this time of rest, she is grateful for your prayers! While she is away, NCPC is in good hands. Check out the newsletter for the schedule of upcoming Sunday morning preachers. If you have any administrative questions, you can contact Administrator Kris Krawczyk in the Office or Clerk Scott Selheimer. If you have a pastoral need, please reach out to the office or to Deacon Moderator Teisha Fooks or Deacon Vice-Moderator Nan Wallace. Each week this summer, NCPC does have a pastor from around the Presbytery on-call should a pastoral emergency arise.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	07/05	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour (Deacons) – Fellowship Hall
Monday	07/06	9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Tuesday	07/07	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	07/08	9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	07/09	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	07/10	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
SUNDAY	07/12	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship

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