

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
handicapped 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
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

April 6, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Wondrous Cross

arr. Molly Ijames

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 Isaiah 43*)

God makes a way out of no way.

God makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

When we pass through the waters, God will be with us.

When we walk through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm us.

God is about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

We are your people, O Lord; may our lips praise you!

***Hymn #309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

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 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your ways seem so extravagant.

We work hard, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish lengthy to-do lists, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet, you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where achievements don't accumulate, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in self-giving, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure.

Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagant grace, that we, too, might be generous with our love... (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 Prayer with Lead Us Lord arr. by Tom Fettke

Bethany Faiz - Piano

We pray You'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and help us to be wise in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer when we lose our way. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace to a place where we'll be safe. We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts as darkness falls each night remind us where You are. Let this be our prayer when shadows fill our day. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe. Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness; make Your way plain for us to see. We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts as darkness falls each night, remind us where You are. Let this be our prayer, just like every child needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe. Lead us, Lord.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we might know peace in your salvation and walk in your light. As we turn to your saving Word today, send your Holy Spirit to fill us with courage and joy in your astounding goodness. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 12:1-8

Page: NT 106

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Sermon

Making Room for Conversation

*Hymn #201

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et - wom - an broke a jar, by Love's di - vine ap -
 2 A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb by Love's di - vine com -
 3 Though wom - an - wis - dom, wom - an - truth, for cen - tu - ries were
 4 The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, by Love's di - vine or -

point - ing. With rare per - fume she filled the room, pre -
 mis - sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a -
 hid - den, un - sung, un - writ - ten, and un - heard, de -
 dain - ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid - ing and a - noint - ing. A proph - et - wom - an broke a jar,
 ris - ing from sub - mis - sion. A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb,
 rid - ed and for - bid - den, the Spir - it's breath, the Spir - it's fire,
 powers and gifts un - chain - ing. The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls,

the sneers of scorn de - fy - ing. With rare per - fume she
 with res - ur - rec - tion gos - pel. She saw; she heard; she
 on free and slave de - scend - ing, can tum - ble our di -
 from wom - en, men, and chil - dren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.
 preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.
 vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.
 serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

This text seeks to reverse the neglected witness of biblical women by celebrating the woman who washed Jesus' feet (unnamed in Matthew 26:6-13/Mark 14:3-9/Luke 7:36-50; Mary of Bethany in John 12:1-8) and Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10/Mark 16:1-7/Luke 24:10).

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness** arr. Molly Ijames
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**

Creator God, you have formed us as your own. In Jesus Christ, we are always coming home to you. May this offering of our gifts and lives reflect your glory and proclaim your abundant welcome. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. 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 #533

In the Singing

Dmaj7 G Dmaj7 G Bm Bm7 Em

Leader or All



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pec - tant,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac -

Asus A Dmaj7 G Dmaj7 G



o - pen, in the bless - ing, in the break - ing,
cep - tance, in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing,

Bm Bm7 G A7 D



in the Pres - ence at this ta - ble
in the cir - cle of your peo - ple

Refrain All G C#dim F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 D



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace:

G C#dim F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 D



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In its vivid and carefully observed details this profoundly simple text evokes the interplay of present awareness and timeless meaning that accompanies the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Its unifying tone of solemn joy is aptly conveyed by the chantlike musical setting.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1994
MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1996
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BREAD OF PEACE
LM with refrain

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Hallelujah, What a Savior

arr. Mark Hayes

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: Nancy Kersey

Counters: Sarah McCann/Mary Fontinha

Communion: **Ray Snyder*** Julia Spock, Jen Dunham and Toni Marley

Ushers: Connie Reese/

Fellowship Hour: Deacons

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Chris Fagles *Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Kim Beebe

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Elizabeth H. Stewart
1903-1981

Gladys Morie Viola
1904-1997



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	4/06	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship and Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	4/07		Meals on Wheels
Tuesday	4/08		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	4/09		Meals on Wheels
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper Immanuel Episcopal
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	4/10		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	4/11		Meals on Wheels
Saturday	4/12	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	4/13		PALM SUNDAY
		10:25am	Processional on 2nd Street
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:30am	Youth Group
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting

LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

This Wednesday at 6:00pm, join with our New Castle neighbors for our final Ecumenical Soup Dinner at Immanuel Episcopal (The Strand & Harmony Street).

HOUSING RESOURCES

Attack Addiction provides resources for individuals and seeks to remove the stigma of addiction. One of their recovery residences for women is a working farm in Seaford. There, the ladies care for animals and maintain gardens. If you have any tools, pots, soil, or other garden supplies that you can donate, please contact Phee Price at 305.490.5930 or just drop off what you have on the porch at 17 East 2nd Street, Historic New Castle. Deadline is Sunday, April 13th. Thank you!

WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

On Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 AM, we will walk here in Old New Castle in Battery Park. Sign up for a Friendship House team or make a donation here. www.walkforahealthycommunity.org
Please let Amy Selheimer know if you'll be walking with us this year!
amysel63@gmail.com or text me: 302-584-0982



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher and serve as worship leader:
<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

FISH BANKS / ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online at: <https://pcusa.org/donate/102-shared-mission-support>



EGGS FOR THE EASTER FAIR

Pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs in the CE building and fill them with various goodies (candy, stickers, etc.) for our Easter Fair Egg Hunt. **All eggs are to be returned by April 13.** Pro-tip: tape the eggs shut! Interested in volunteering at the Easter Fair (setting up, hiding eggs, cleaning up, etc.). contact Melissa Boris at borism1010@gmail.com



EASTER FAIR REGISTRATION

Join us during Sunday School on Sunday, April 20, for our annual Easter Fair. We are looking forward to the younger members of the church participating in Easter activities, songs, and stories...as well as everyone's favorite Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour! Register by April 14 at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/easterfair>

EASTER FLOWERS FORM

On Easter Sunday, the Meeting House is decorated with spring flowers to help us celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. If you would like to donate a flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, please return the form by April 13.

HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

Palm Sunday (4/13) - Palms Processional begins across 2nd Street at 10:25

Maundy Thursday (4/17) - 7 p.m. Bluegrass Worship with Communion in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday (4/18) - Individual meditation all day in the Meeting House

Easter Sunday (4/20) – 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier,
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Meeting House, Easter Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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