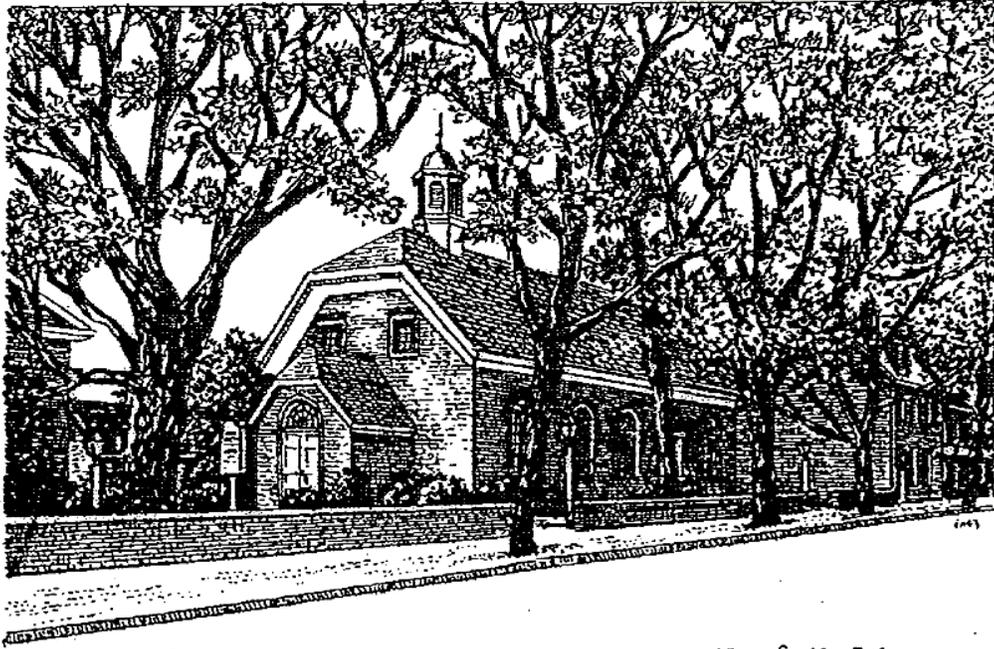


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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 of Easter**

May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Thanks Be to Thee
Bethany Faiz - Piano

by G.F. Handel
arr. John Carter

**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 148*)

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and women, old and young together.

Praise the name of the Lord, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn #634

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



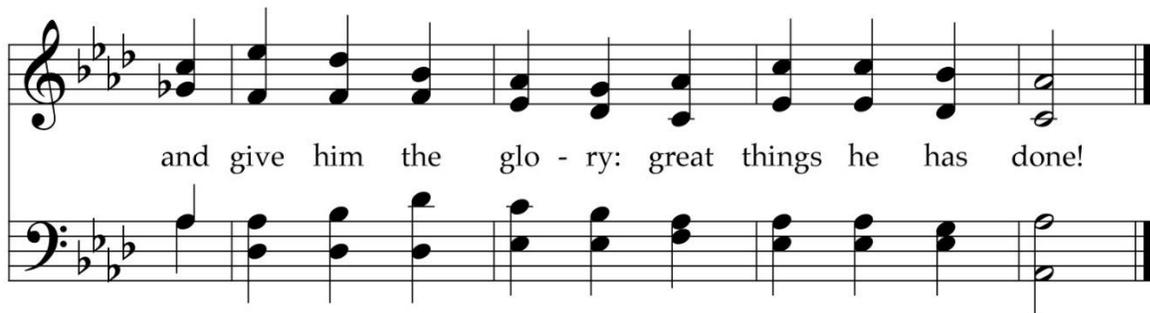
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11 with refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we are only concerned about our profit margins. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.

Forgive us, God. Lead us in your way of resurrection. Invite us to be a part of your beloved community as we seek a new heaven here on earth. Help us to live in your 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 #240

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

**2. Spread the good news o'er all
the earth:**

Jesus has died and has risen.

(Repeat refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Praise Canon

by Michael Sharp

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever.

From age to age His love remains, give thanks and praise His name!

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever.

From age to age His love remains, give thanks and praise His name!

Who can count His joyous blessings? Who can understand His love and grace?

Who can tell of His wondrous deeds? Who can fully declare His praise?

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever.

From age to age His love remains, give thanks and praise His name!

Give thanks and praise His name!

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism: Charlotte Elizabeth Hayes

Presentation

Affirmations by the Parents & Sponsors

Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Charlotte by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be his faithful disciple? **We do.**

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

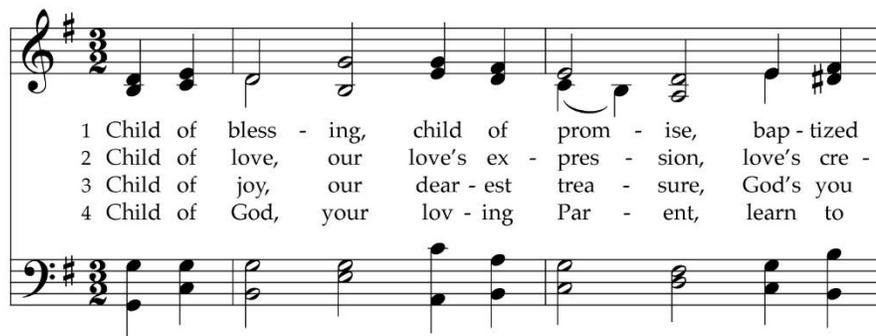
Amen.

Prayer

Act of Baptism

Hymn #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise



1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and



sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

Words of Welcome

Charlotte, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church! May you always know that you are held in God's hands and in the hearts of your church family. Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Ever-present God, you reveal yourself to us in the gift of Christ our Risen Lord. Yet, we still feel the sting of death and the pain of sin. Send your Holy Spirit to share your Good News once more, that we would know your gift of resurrection hope this day. Amen.

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 51-58 Page: NT 176

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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

Sermon

The Body of Christ

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #247

Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Although there were some traditional Easter carols, this hybrid one has been created by grafting a 20th-century English text onto a late 15th-century French tune. The allegory of the dying and rising grain as a parallel for Christ's Resurrection is probably based on John 12:24.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

The Trumpet Shall Sound

From “The Messiah”

by G. F. Handel

David Brundage - Bass Soloist

Miriam Foltz – Trumpet, Bethany Faiz - Piano

***Response #245**

Christ the Lord is risen today! Al-le-lu-ia!

All creation, join to say: Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing, O heavens and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, form us into Christ’s body to share your love. Amid all the changes of this world, may our hearts be fixed where true joy is found. We return these abundant gifts to you; may your peace that surpasses all understanding transform our minds and our world. 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 #361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken arr. Cindy Berry
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: Scott Selheimer

Counters: Julie Barry/Gary Graham

Ushers:

Fellowship Hour: Sunday School

Nursery: Teisha Fooks

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Pauline Steele Appleby
1901-1981

Evelyne Schooley
1910 - 1998



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	5/18	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship/Baptism
		12:00pm	All Ages Sunday School
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night
Monday	5/19	6:30pm	Trustee Meeting
Tuesday	5/20		DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	5/21		BROWNIES DUE
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	5/22	9:00am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	5/24	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	5/25	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

Pastor Miriam is out of the office this week. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Church Office or a Deacon for assistance.

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>

ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – MAY 18

Join us from 11:30 to 12:30 for our last All-Ages gathering for the school year. Over lunch, we'll learn about Praying in Color from members of our CE Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NCPC's Nominating Committee is seeking two more Deacons (Class of 2028) to help care for our congregation! If you feel called to help minister to homebound members, provide grief support, and more, please reach out to committee members Peter McCurdy and Jen Dunham

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Miriam for a weekly Bible Study. We'll read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. No need to RSVP; come and join the conversation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christmas in July is our VBS gathering for Pre-K through 11 on Sunday, July 13 from 4-7 p.m. We'll hear the story of Jesus' birth, sing Christmas Carols, and learn how Christians all around the world celebrate the Good News of God's love. Our next planning meeting will be Tuesday, June 17 at 8 p.m. via zoom. If you'd like to help out in any way (food, music, crafts, activities, decorations!), email Mallory Mackie to find out more information – sundayschool@newcastlepreschurch.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING + CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 8

Join us following worship on Sunday, June 8 in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2028 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation. After our business concludes, we'll gather for our annual picnic to mark the end of Sunday School and Choir for this programming year. NCPC Elders will fire up the grills to cook hamburgers and hotdogs, and we'll have cake to celebrate all who had milestone birthdays this past year. Come and celebrate God's goodness!

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