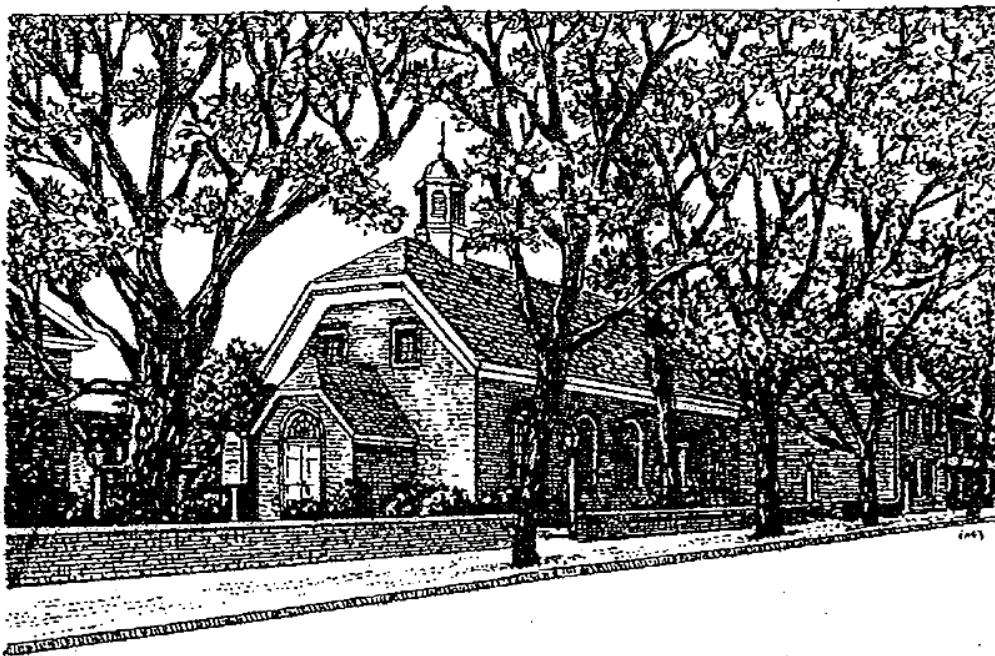


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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 Sidewalk Fellowship on 2nd Street.

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

arr. Martha Mier

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

How very good and pleasant it is

When kindred life together in unity.

And who are our kin?,

Those who hear the word of God and do it.

We gather to be filled with God's love

And to do it, live it, and share it with the world.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn #401

Gather Us In



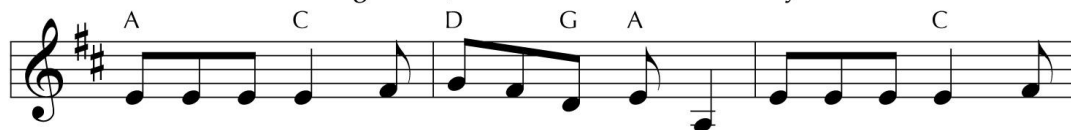
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you know how hard it is for us to manage our words. We blurt out our impulsive and unloving thoughts. We label people. We paint whole populations with ugly accusations. Forgive us. Let us be persuaded by your grace to love beyond labels. In Christ we pray.

Amen. *(Time for silent prayer.)*

Assurance of Pardon

***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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, O God, in the reading of your word, that we hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out on us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. ³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

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

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #661

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,
 3 When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,



Why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,



when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead - eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos - er to him; from care he sets me free:



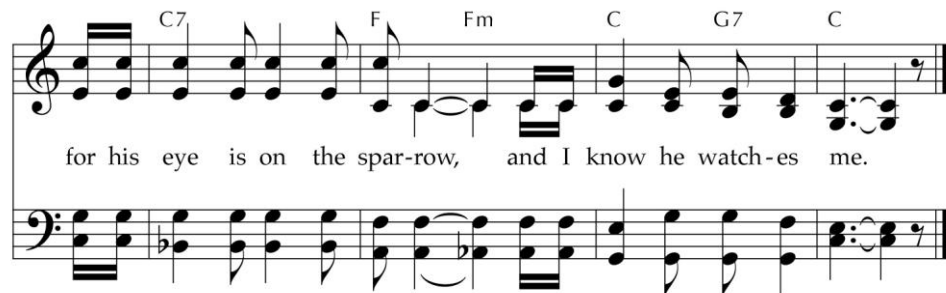
his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



for his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29-30/Luke 12:6-7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Like a River

Perry/Hatch

Michael Alexander – Soloist / 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**

We thank you, O God, for our lives, for the love that shapes us, and for the countless ways we are blessed. May we share generously, giving back to you by sharing our resources, our time, and our very selves. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

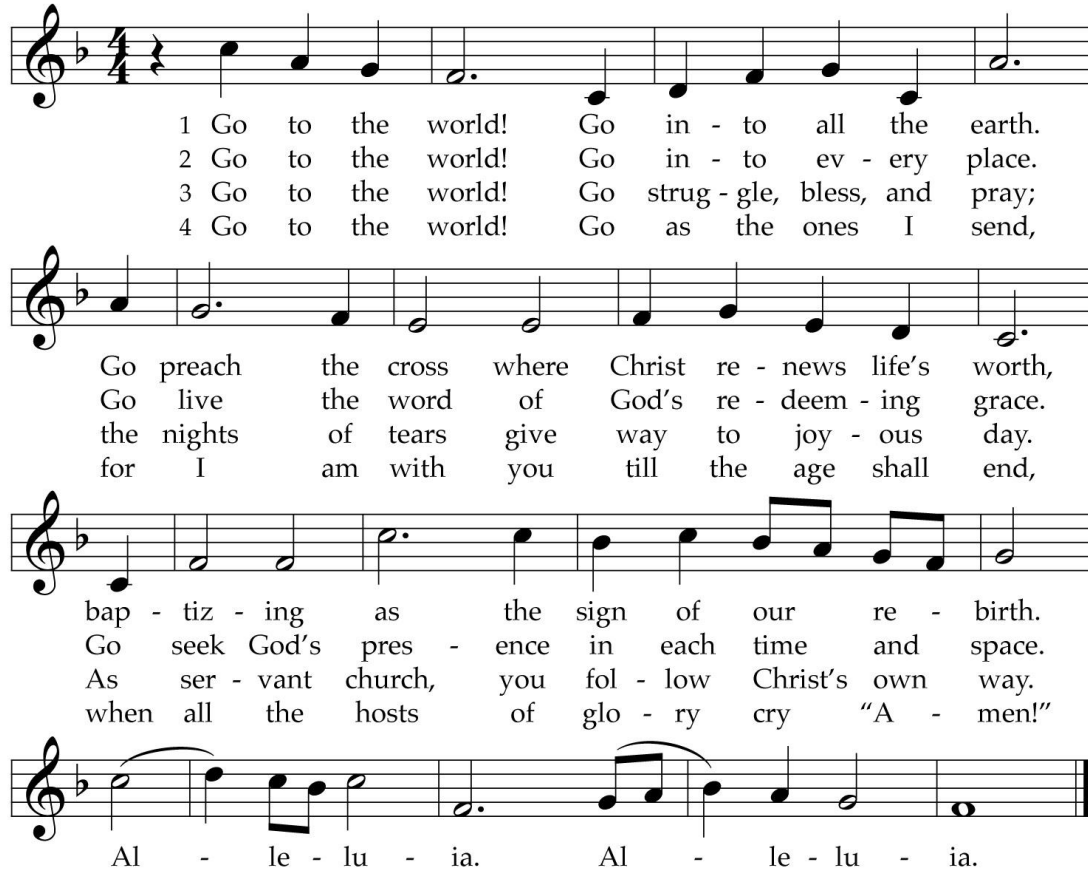
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**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 #295

Go To The World



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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SINE NOMINE
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*Charge & Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy arr. John Purifoy
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 Sidewalk Fellowship.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Ray Snyder

Coffee Hour: Sidewalk Fellowship

Ushers: Gary Graham/Connie Reese

Counters: Julie Barry/Mike Smith

Nursery: Chris Fagles/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Kimber L. Shoop
1917 - 1985

Marcia S. Quillen
1938 - 2015



WELCOME – GUEST PREACHER REV. JAMES MEHLER

Jim Mehler is a retired Presbyterian pastor, lives in ONC with Tracy, plays pickleball, reads, walks the river, rides his bike.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The summer is almost over, which means Sunday School is back soon!!! If you are interested in volunteering for Sunday School or Nursery, or need a refresher, there is a new volunteer training after church on August

30th!! Sunday School begins again September 13th. We are so excited to read stories, sing songs, make crafts, and learn about the love of God together. This year we kickoff with a unit on Creation. We will explore how God made everything, and the events that followed in Genesis. If you are interested in volunteering in Nursery or Sunday School, please 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)!

BABYSITTER NEED

Tricia and Joe are looking for a sitter for their three kids one to two days a week from 6am-10am. Please contact Tricia directly.

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	08/23	10:30am 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sidewalk Fellowship
Monday	08/24	9:00am-5:00pm 6:00pm	Private Counseling – Library Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday	08/25	7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	08/26	9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
SUNDAY	08/30	10:30am 11:30am 12:30pm	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sidewalk Fellowship Training – Communion/Sunday School/Nursery Volunteers

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SESSION

2026	2027	2028
Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham
Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles
Ray Snyder	Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2026	2027	2028
Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage
Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks
		Nan Wallace

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2026	2027	2028
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Marshall Freund
Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith

Trustees meet the 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

