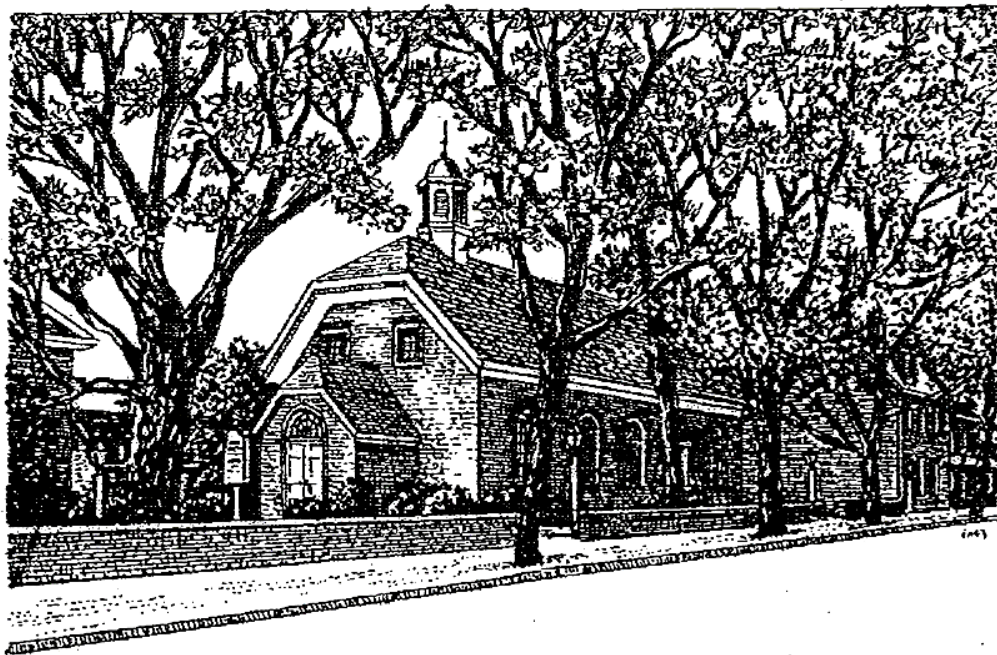


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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. 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 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
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

I Know Whom I Have Believed

arr. Melody Bober

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

Let us worship the eternal God,

our Creator and the source of life and love.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one;
true love made manifest.**

Let us worship the Holy Spirit,

renewing, inspiring, and dwelling among us.

Here we find hope for tomorrow!

To God be all praise, honor, and glory.

Alleluia! Amen!

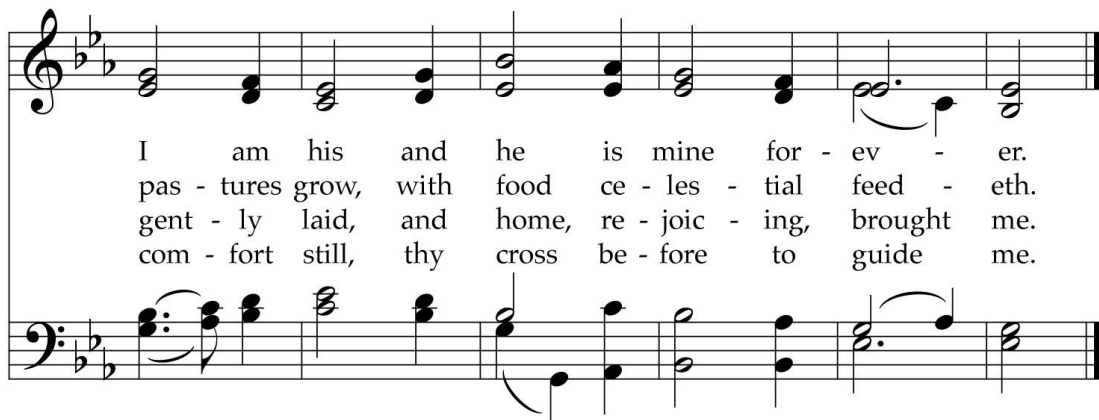
*Hymn #802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the hope for tomorrow you have promised us. We have preoccupied ourselves with small things and have overlooked the true joy you offer each one of us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we miss the new life you have given to us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our minds to receive your promises, and open our hearts and hands to share them freely. We pray this in the name of Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.... *(Time for silent prayer.)*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸ So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.” ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift.

³³ Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, “Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. ³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive, for none of you will lose a hair from your heads.” ³⁵ After he had said this, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶ Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves. ³⁷ (We were in all two hundred seventy-six^[a] persons in the ship.) ³⁸ After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea.

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

Sermon

“Hope in the Midst of Change”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Bruce and Lisa Raker - vocal soloists

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**

Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us.

Teach us how to love each other, that we may have life and have it abundantly. Triune God, all our blessings are gifts from you, and may our offerings this day give glory to your name. 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 #321

The Church's One Foundation

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic-tor-ious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

***Charge and Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory arr. Lloyd Larson
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.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Ray Snyder *Counters:* Connie Reese/Lyn Briggs
Ushers: George & Aaron Spock *Coffee Hour:* Sidewalk Fellowship
Nursery: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Matthew D. Walz, Sr. *Samuel Stewart*
1861-1930 *1897-1988*



WELCOME – PASTOR CHELSEA SPYRES

Rev. Chelsea Spyres is a United Methodist Pastor serving as Pastor & Executive Director of Riverfront Ministries, one of our PCUSA New Worshipping Communities. Chelsea grew up in Newark, DE, graduating with a degree in social work from the University of Delaware, before moving to Detroit, MI to serve as a caseworker at a non-profit working with individuals experiencing homelessness. Chelsea graduated from Wesley Seminary, in Washington, DC, with her Master's in Divinity. Chelsea enjoys creating spaces of worship and creativity in and outside the local church, bringing people together for community support and transformation. Chelsea began with Riverfront Ministries in January 2020, and since then has launched the Wilmington Kitchen Collective, a shared kitchen space for culinary entrepreneurs to experience community and support while trying to launch their small businesses. Chelsea loves hiking and live music, and can often be found throughout the city of Wilmington at community events or here in New Castle walking along Battery Park where she lives with her husband Ryan.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in July.

Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – SUMMER UPDATES

Sunday School is on hiatus, but Nursery care will continue through the summer. If you're interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer, please contact Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com. Children are welcome in worship; children's worship materials are available in the entryway to the Meeting House.

BROWNIE BAKERS

Brownies are due into the kitchen by August 6.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

Our *Put on Love*: Vacation Bible School mission project collected monetary donations for Friendship House's greatest needs - school uniforms and raised \$520. Many schools in Delaware require them, putting a burden on students and their families.

Additionally, donations can be made online through the Friendship Clothing Bank website at:

<https://www.friendshiphousede.org/delaware-homeless/our-programs/clothing-bank/school-uniform-initiative/>

Go to the right side of the page and select from three different donation registries (Target, Amazon, and French Toast). Clothing items will then be delivered directly to the Clothing Bank. Thank you for assisting with this great cause. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Selheimer at selheime@udel.edu or 302-368-8639.

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S GATHERING - AUGUST 4

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather next on Sunday, August 4 from 12-2pm. Childcare can be available!

Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings.

BLUE ROCKS – AUGUST 10

GOOD NEWS: We've reserved 20 tickets to a Blue Rocks Baseball Game. GREAT NEWS: Our seats are behind third base AND in the shade AND stacked in 4 rows of 5!!! Tickets are \$13 each. Please reach out to our resident Ticketmaster Jen Dunham for tickets

NCPC MEN'S GROUP - AUGUST 19

The group's next planned activity will be a gathering at The Legend Restaurant & Bakery on August 19 @ 7:00pm. Please contact [Steven Foltz](#) to share ideas and get involved. All ages are invited to attend.

NCPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Join us on August 28th at 3 p.m. in the Read House Garden for our NCPC summer read: Anne Lamott's *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*. Copies are available for purchase for \$20 through the church office, or through the library or your favorite book supplier. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated.

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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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	07/21	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher Chelsea Spyres
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night
Wednesday	07/24	6:30pm	Battery Park Concert
Friday	07/26		OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	07/27	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	07/28	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher Chelsea Spyres
		11:30am	Coffee Hour (Deacons)

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
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)

