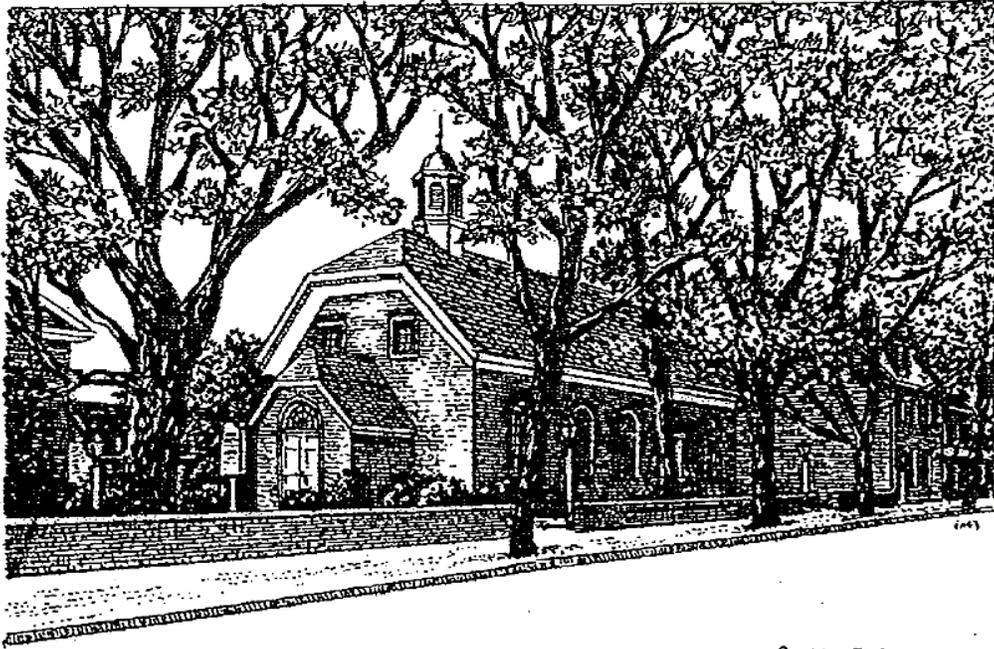


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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 accessible parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday in Lent**

March 1, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr Anna Laura Page
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

Tell me something good... **In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and God saw that it was good.**

Tell me something good... **For God so loved the world that God's only son, Christ, came and lived among us.**

Tell me something good... **Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Let us worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

*Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, when did we see you? When our neighbors are hungry, thirsty, and alone, too many times, we have crossed the street, averted our eyes, and come up with every excuse in the book to not be inconvenienced.

Forgive us, O God, for our bias, our fear, and our selfishness. Forgive us for not loving as you have loved us. Wash over us, and give us courage to turn our hearts to your way... *(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

Choral Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Welcome into Membership – David and Rebecca Bechtel

Words of Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to this congregation.
May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as
disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!**

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Good-News God, cut through the noise of our lives. Quiet the news updates and silence the distracting notifications. Release our anger and relieve our fears. Renew and refocus our hearts, minds, and souls by sharing your good news of great joy with us today. In the hope of Christ, we pray, amen.

Scripture Lesson**Matthew 25:35-40****Page: NT 29**

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

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

Scripture Lesson**Luke 7:36-50****Page: NT 66**

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee’s house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” ⁴¹ “A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
 F Dm B \flat



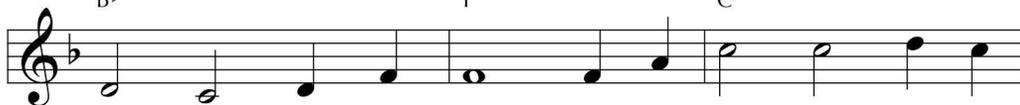
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
 B \flat F C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm B \flat C F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm B \flat F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Tom Fettke

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**

God of our salvation, your forgiveness catches us by surprise. Jesus teaches us to forgive, to be slow to anger, to turn the other cheek. Bless our lives and these offerings to your work of mercy. By your amazing grace, may these gifts surprise and restore our weary world. In Christ's 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.

Words of Institution

Partaking

Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #526

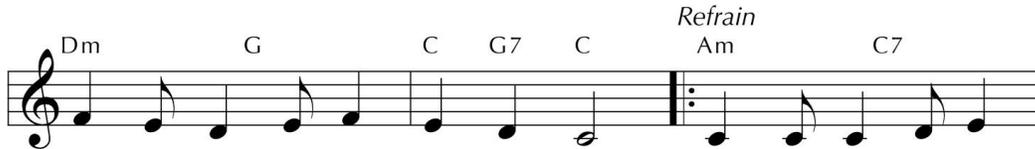
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

***Charge & Benediction**
Choral Benediction
Steeple Bell
Postlude

Near the Cross
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr Lloyd Larson

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: Trustees

Communion: **Jim & Susan Flook***, Conchita Showell and Kim Beebe

Ushers: Toni Marley/Marshall Freund

Counters: Amy Selheimer/Marshall Freund

Nursery: Kim Beebe/Chris Fagles

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Molly Shaw

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ernest J. Skeoch
1907 - 1975

R. James Quillen, Jr.
1930 - 2008



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS FROM SANCTIFIED ART

Lenten Devotionals for *Tell Me Something Good* are available in the Narthex or a digital copy



YOUNG(ISH) WOMEN'S WALK TODAY

Young(ish) women are invited to bring a dish to share during Coffee Hour. Around 12:15, we'll head out for a walk in Battery Park; we'll go on a mini-Lenten pilgrimage together!

PEOPLE WHO LUNCH

People who lunch is an open group for everyone who is available for a monthly weekday lunch. Our next get together will be on March 3 at Ranch Azteca. If interested, please rsvp on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact Jean Norvell.

LENTEN DINNERS

This week's dinner will be at Hope Lutheran, Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00pm.

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – MARCH 8

NCPC's Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month. On March 8, as part of our Confirmation series, we'll gather for lunch and a "comparative theology" walking field trip to other churches around New Castle. Hoping the weather cooperates, we'll have some time to throw a frisbee around on the Green!

NEW IMPROV GATHERING – MARCH 13

Feeling the winter blues? Join Nan Wallace and New Castle Neighbors at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in NCPC's Fellowship Hall for improv games. No experience required!

LGBTQIA+ LUNCH & LEARN

We will be having an LGBTQIA+ lunch and learn with Carolyn Deal, Delaware's own Queer historian, on Sunday, March 15th! Come join us after fellowship hour, and learn about Delaware's incredible LGBTQIA+ activists and pioneers who have shaped Delaware's history!

MASSANETTA CONFIRMATION RETREAT – POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 20-22

Due to Virginia's inclement weather, our five youth (Annabelle, Joey, Oliver, Ryan, and Wyatt) and three chaperones (Pastor Miriam, Amy, and Peter) didn't make it to Massanetta Springs in January, but we will head there in March for our Confirmation retreat!

GIFTS OF LOVE

This Sunday, March 1 there will be a Gifts of Love collection. Our contributions for St Vincent de Paul Society at St. Peter's church will assist our New Castle neighbors in need to pay their electric, gas and water bills.

FISH BANKS

OGHS fish banks will be available in the Meeting House entryway during Lent.

This Week's Schedule

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| SUNDAY | 03/01 | | Second Sunday in Lent |
| | | 10:30am | In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion |
| | | 11:30am | Coffee Hour |
| | | 12:00pm | Young(ish) Women Walk |
| Monday | 03/02 | 2:00-5:00pm | Private Counseling – Library |
| Tuesday | 03/03 | 12:00pm | People Who Lunch |
| | | 7:00pm | Promises of AA Meeting |
| Wednesday | 03/04 | 2:00-5:00pm | Private Counseling – Library |
| | | 3:00pm | Bible Study |
| | | 6:00pm | Lenten Supper – Hope Lutheran |
| | | 7:30pm | Choir |
| Thursday | 03/05 | | Presbytery Bay Retreat – Hyatt Place, Dewey |
| | | 7:00pm | Celebration Ringers |
| Friday | 03/06 | | Presbytery Bay Retreat – Hyatt Place, Dewey |
| Saturday | 03/07 | 8:00am | Tai Chi |
| SUNDAY | 03/08 | | Third Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings |
| | | 10:30am | In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Baptism |
| | | 11:30am | Coffee Hour |
| | | 11:30-2:00pm | NCPC Youth Group |

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