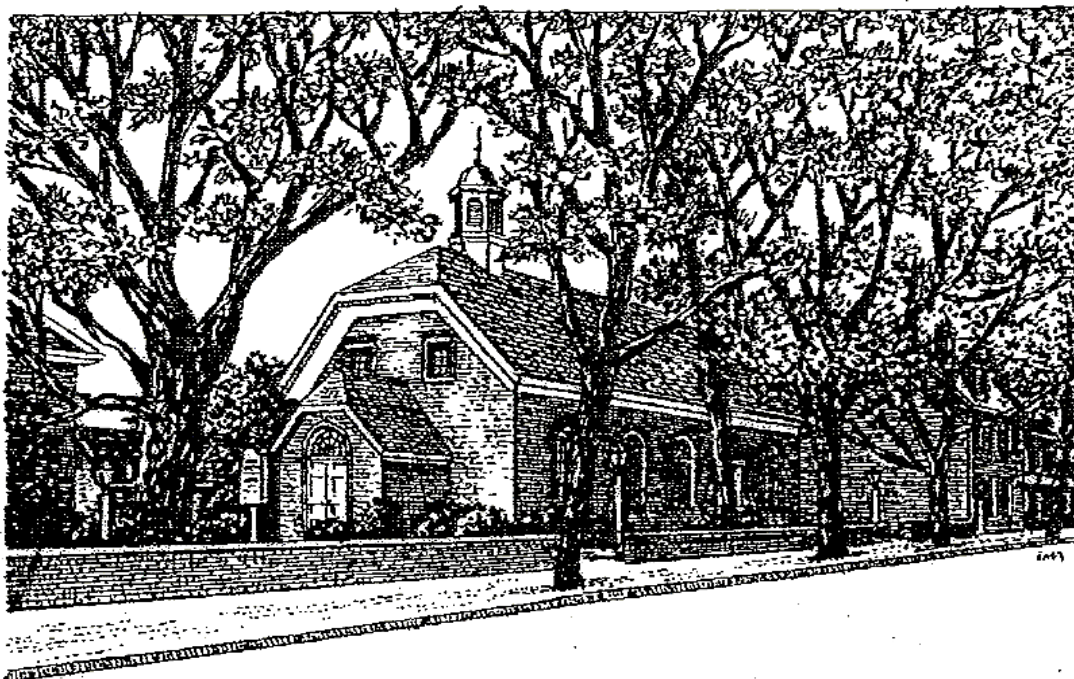


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children are invited to 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. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions. 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.

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 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
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

November 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

How Beautiful
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

**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

When God stops by, everything changes.

Rivers turn to dry land; the desert turns into springs.

The hungry are fed; the lost are guided home.

Come to us, mighty God, and transform our hearts and souls.

***Hymn #644**

Give Thanks O Christian People

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.

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MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ who kneels to wash our feet, despite your clear example, we cannot shake our usual ways of life.

We are tempted by honor and status. We like to seem holier than we are. We like to be respected more than others. We would rather be “great” than a servant.

But you who are the greatest became the servant of all. Help us to imitate you. Humble us that we might be not just the image of your disciples, but that we actually embody your teachings. Forgive us and wash over us with your grace... *(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

Sine Nomine

by Vaughn Williams

Bethany Faiz - Piano

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia! O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia! And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia! From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, you are our dwelling place. In you we find our rest; in you we find our purpose. Gather us under the shelter of your wing. Calm our minds and fill our hearts with your love. Restore us to your path and call us again to faithful discipleship. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 4:10

Page: NT 235

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

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

Stewardship Moment

Bruce & Lisa Raker

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12

Page: NT 25

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’s seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

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

Sermon

“Gifts of Grateful Praise: Talent”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

All Saints Remembrance

The ushers will collect name cards at this time.

As we read names of the saints who've died in this past year, we light a candle.

*Each candle reminds us that the lights of these saints
still shine on through our own lives.*

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Rock of Ages
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Tom Fettke

***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**

Lord of all, we marvel at the beauty of your creation, the wonder of each hour of our lives, and the joy of human love. We especially give you thanks for yourself, best gift divine, freely given to the world in Jesus Christ. In response to your goodness, we lift up to you these gifts of grateful praise. Bless our time, our talents, and our treasure, that through our lives your great love would be shared with all your children. Creator God, we give you all praise this day. 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 #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.

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MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
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BEACH SPRING
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***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.
As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Gary Graham

Counters: Peter McCurdy & Lyn Briggs

Communion: Steve Martin & Cynthia Robbins and Candy & Dan Dunson

Ushers: Mike & Lynn Smith

Coffee Hour: Resource Development

Nursery: Molly Shaw/Chris Fagles

Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz & Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Anne Bryson Gordon
1899-1976

Olive M. Low
1927-2014



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders. Please sign up today:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Join us after worship today for a Stewardship presentation by our Resource Development Committee during Coffee Hour, and mark your calendars for November 12 to bring your pledge forms to worship.

DITTY BOX COLLECTION – FINAL CALL

Join us in the Fellowship Hall towards the end of Coffee Hour to assemble the Ditty Boxes for the Seaman's center.

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S GATHERING – TODAY

This fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather today after Coffee Hour. Let Pastor Miriam know if you would like to be included on the list for future gatherings.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our weekly Bible Study will be this Wednesday at 2 p.m., in person in the Fellowship Hall. This fall, we'll be studying the lectionary passage for the upcoming Sunday. Reach out to Pastor Miriam if you have any questions.

COVENANT CONVERSATION – NOV 11

Members of New Castle Presbytery have organized a "Covenant Conversation" to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we welcome, affirm and support LGBTQIA+ members. The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. Let Pastor Miriam know if you plan to attend and sign up today: <https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-new-castle-presbytery/>

THANKSGIVING BAGELS AND BLESSINGS – NOVEMBER 23

Gather with NCPC in the Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23, at 8 a.m. for bagels, coffee, and a short devotional time together as we give thanks for God's many blessings. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Miranda Matthews at thecatmagnet@yahoo.com.

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The Season of Advent will begin on Sunday, November 26, and Advent devotionals will be available in the CE Building in mid-November.

We'll gather for our Longest Night Service on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. Our Christmas Eve services (on a Sunday!) will be a 10:30 Family Service and a 7 p.m. Traditional Service.

We look forward to welcoming the Christ Child together this season!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT NCPC, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Help NCPC welcome guests and support Friendship House. Friendship House's mission is to unite people facing homelessness with loving, supportive communities they can call home. Friendship House provides programs such as the Clothing Bank, Empowerment Centers, Winter Shelters, Financial Assistance, and Transitional Housing.

NCPC will be providing music in our Meeting House and selling soups and baked goods in our CE Building. We will also be welcoming guests with our free cookie and coffee/hot chocolate table. Please volunteer your time and cooking talents by signing up on the posted sheets in the CE Building.

*Christmas is the Season for Kindling the Fire for Hospitality in the Hall,
and the Flame of Charity in the Heart. - Washington Irving*

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

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Wilmington, DE 19806

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	11/05	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Stewardship Report
		11:45am	Coffee Hour – Ditty Box Assembly
		12:00pm	Young-ish Women's Gathering
Monday	11/06		Brownies Due
		3:00pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting
Tuesday	11/07	9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	11/08	2:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	11/09	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	11/10		Office Closed
Saturday	11/11	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:00am	Covenant Conversation
			At Presbyterian Church of Dover
SUNDAY	11/12		Stewardship Sunday
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:45am	Deacon's Meeting
		1:30-4:30pm	Private Use of Hall

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Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	Walt Sparrow-Hood
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		
Miranda Matthews		

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)

