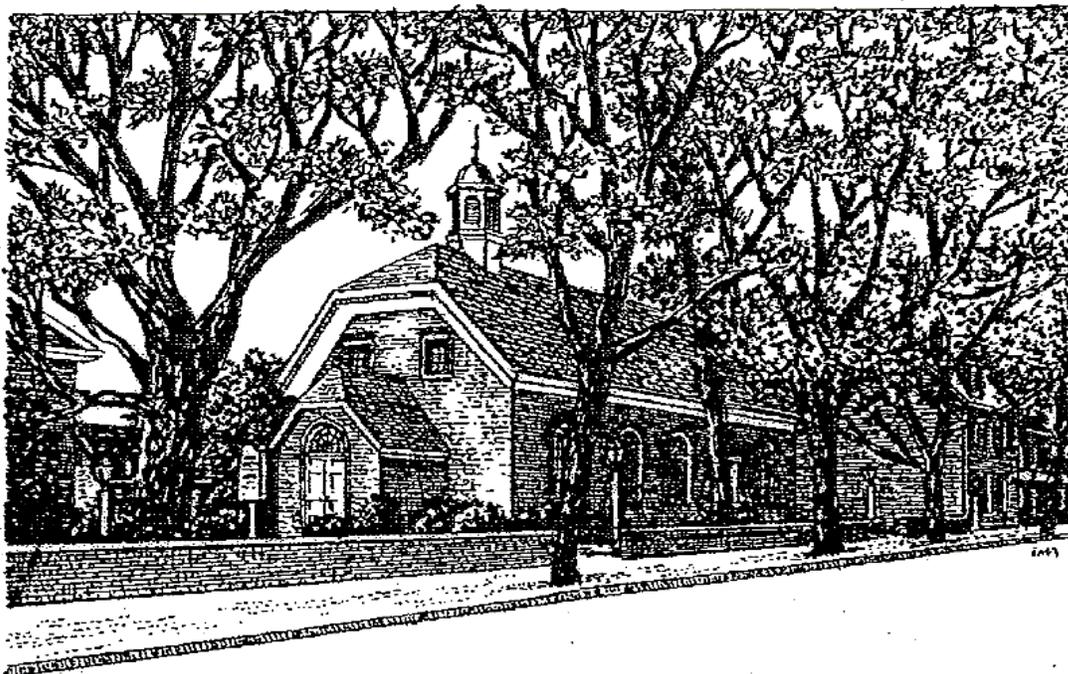


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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,

Please take basic COVID precautions with us. Masks are encouraged but not required in the Meeting House and Education building.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags are available for children 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 available in the Fellowship Hall

At the end of worship, please join us for sidewalk fellowship along 2nd Street. Summer Coffee Hours are on the 1st Sundays of the month.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

Worship "code": * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the basket 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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 28, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

There Is a Land of Pure Delight arr. Larry Shackley
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

God welcomes us all.

Whoever we are,

Wherever we are,

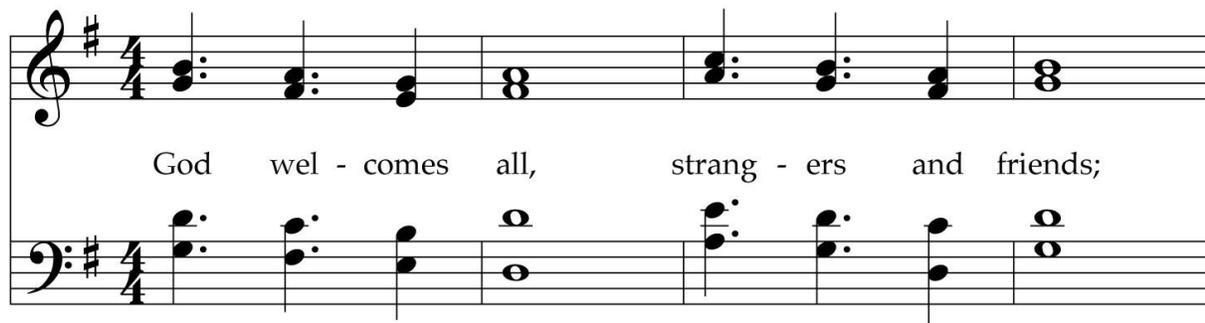
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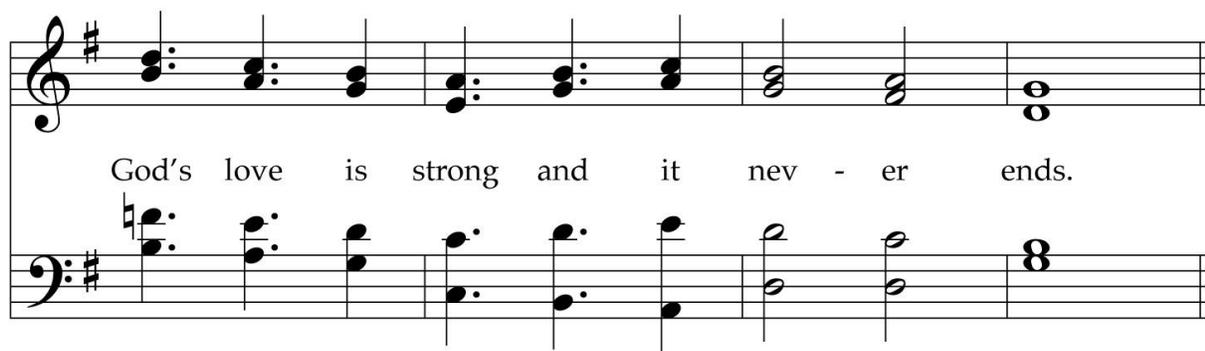
Alleluia! Let us worship God!

***Hymn #399**

God Welcomes All



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others.

Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior...

(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

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. As we receive your truth now, transform us in love, grow us in our faith, and call us to love with a full heart. Amen.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Scripture Conversation with Children

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Be Thou my Vision
Will Boos – Soloist

by Dallan Forgaill

***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**

Faithful, loving God, Christ shows us your way of humility and hospitality with power to transform our world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them to your glory. Use these offerings to your service, making your world new and making your people whole. We pray in Christ's 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 #722

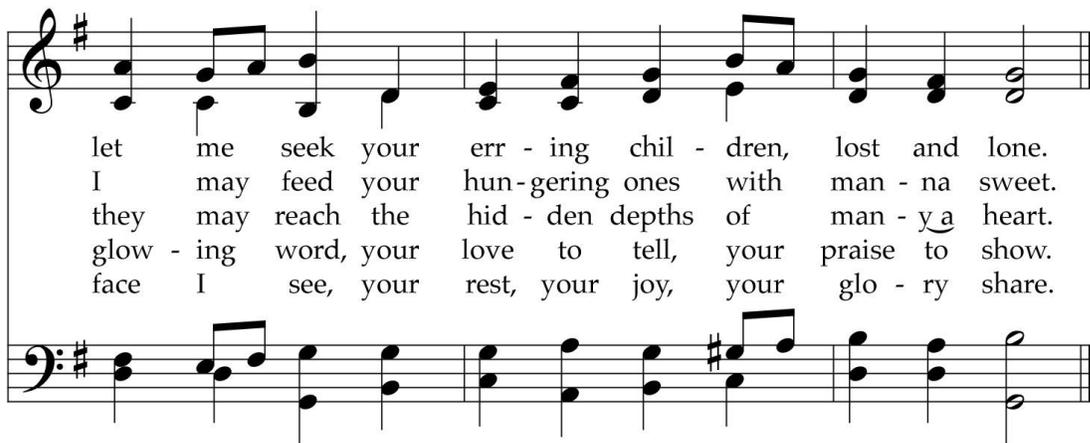
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

FIRST FRIDAY WALKS FOR JUSTICE

At 5:30 on Friday, September 2, join people of faith from around Wilmington for a silent prayer walk from the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew to Rodney Square. Contact Pastor Miriam to learn more or click here:

<https://www.ssam.org/monthly-walks-for-justice-and-peace/>

CHOIR REHEARSAL & BELL PRACTICE

Start warming up those vocals, choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. The Celebration ringers will resume practice on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m.



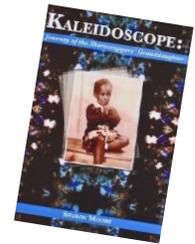
THURSDAY REFORMATION SERIES AT 1 p.m.

Our weekly Bible Study group will gather on Thursdays at 1 this fall to learn more about the Reformation through the Yale Bible Study series -

<https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/reformation-history/>. To kick off our series, we'll gather in person at NCPC on September 8 and then via zoom the rest of the month. For more information, contact Pastor Miriam.

KALEIDOSCOPE STORYTELLING EVENING

Join Congregational Life on Friday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m., as author and storyteller Sharon Moore (member of Community Presbyterian, sister of our regular guest preacher Rourke Moore) sings and shares stories from her recent book, Kaleidoscope: Journey of the Sharecroppers' Granddaughter. The event is free of charge; light refreshments and wine will be served. Pick up your copy of Kaleidoscope today from the church office for \$20 - cash or check made out to NCPC.



EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER SIGN-UP

Epiphany House (722 N Union St.) is one of Friendship House's transitional homes for women. NCPC provides a dinner on the second Thursday each month. Two volunteers are asked to arrive with food at 5 and plan to stay for the meal. Dinner is over by 6, and residents clean up! For meal inspiration and dates, the sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Scott Selheimer with any questions.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE

It's not too soon to be thinking of cleaning out and donating good, clean used clothes for our annual Friendship House Clothing Drive. This year, Friendship House is especially looking for men's fall and winter clothes, which are in high demand. While all clothes are welcome, they're also interested in new or used school uniforms: solid color polo shirts and khaki pants, new or used, any size!

We'll collect the clothes throughout the month of September. Donations can be left in the Mission/Outreach room of the Fellowship Hall (second room on the right at the top of the stairs). Let's Stuff the Bus once again with our generous donations!

MENTORING

Our mentoring program with local schools was put on hold during the pandemic, but we're gearing up to get started again this fall. [Creative Mentoring](#) provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email [Candy Dunson](#). If we have 3 or more new mentors, we can arrange for the training to be done as a group at our church this fall.

URGENT DONATION REQUEST – FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

On August 1, 2022, Delaware announced the Federal pandemic-related emergency hotel voucher funding is ending. This emergency housing voucher program, supported by the American Rescue Plan, was meant to be temporary. This funding is coming to an end as of August 31, 2022 and 436 households in Delaware, half of which have children under 18, will need to find another source of housing.

FH cannot do this without financial support from our community. We are looking to raise \$150,000 for this initiative which includes staffing and program support. We're asking for your assistance in responding to this crisis. This is a time-sensitive need that can use your help. Please consider making a donation for this worthy effort.

Checks can be made payable to Friendship House with 'Crisis Fund' in the memo and sent to PO Box 1517 Wilmington, DE 19899. For online donations please go to <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/friendshiphousecrisisfund>

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE - JULY FLOODS

Severe flooding has impacted areas of Kentucky, Missouri, and Virginia. PDA is in communication with Presbyterian leadership in the affected presbyteries to offer resources, process grants, and deploy National Response Team members when it is safe to do so. To learn more and financially support relief efforts, go to <https://pda.pcusa.org/>. Please join us in praying for the communities devastated by these natural disasters.

Prayer List:

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

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
1900 Lovering Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2010
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

Mary Pratt

Room 325-B
Garden Care Center
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Franklin Square, NY 11010

At Home:

Kathy Griffin-Graham

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New Castle, DE 19720
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Anita Johnson

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Apartment 703
Hockessin, DE 19707
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Janet Reed

106 Colesbery Drive
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(302) 328-6749

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George Spock

1346 Crocker St.
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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	08/28	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		11:30am	Sunday School and Nursery Optional Training
Tuesday	08/30	7:00pm	Resource Development
Wednesday	08/31	7:00pm	Worship Mtg via Zoom
Friday	09/02	5:30pm	First Friday Walk for Justice
SUNDAY	09/04	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship Friendship House Clothing Drive Begins

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

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Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jane Fouracre	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Nanette Nichol	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Janet Spring	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

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

