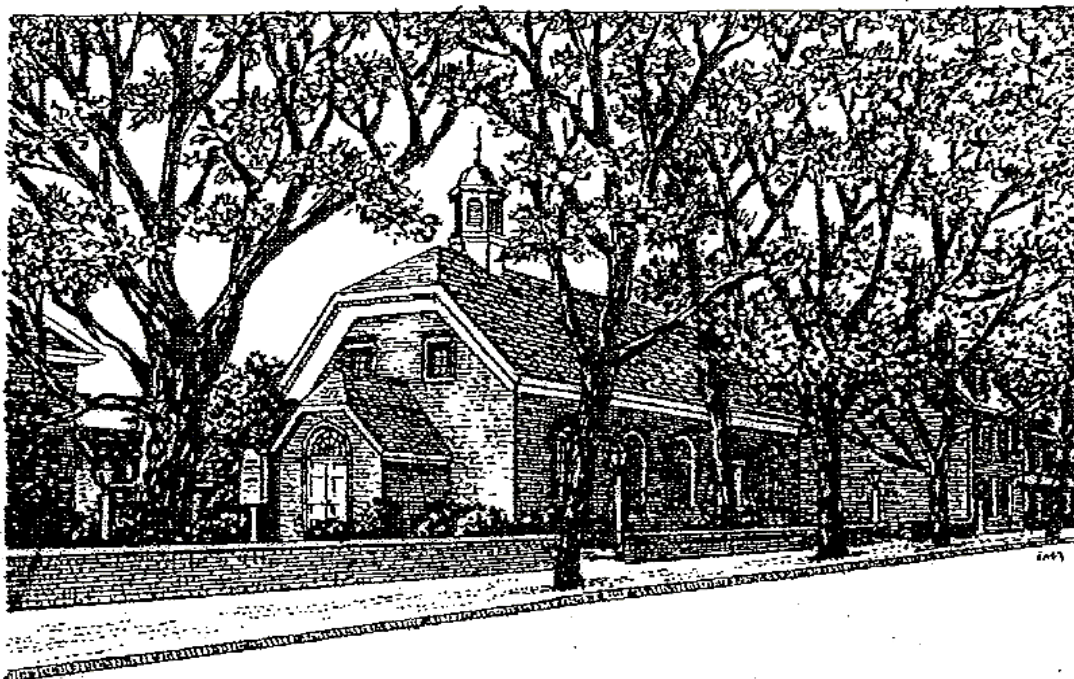


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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.

**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 ages five through eleven 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.

**At the end of worship,** please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 is on maternity leave. Reverends Alison Halsey and Bill Hathaway are in the office on Wednesday mornings.

**New Castle Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 7, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

For the Beauty of the Earth  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Larry Shackley

**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 forces in the world threaten us,  
**When our bodies or spirits seem to turn against us,**  
There is One who seeks us,  
**One who meets us,**  
One who heals us,  
**Whose love washes over us**  
And sets us free for joy,  
**This One is our God.**  
**Come let us worship and give thanks to God.**

**\*Hymn #250**

In the Bulb There is a Flower

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

**Forgive us our sins, we pray... *(Time for silent prayer.)***

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in spreading his redeeming love.

**Praise God, who accepts us and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*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**

God's Peace

arr. by C. J. Adams

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace; from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace; come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.*

*In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul. From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole. At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed. With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.*

*Come then, children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his Kingdom's reign. Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them, he alone will satisfy. All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die. Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace.*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Page: OT 616

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

9 What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup>I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

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

## **Scripture Conversation with Children**

**Sermon**

*"In The Meantime"*

## **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Break Thou the Bread of Life

arr. Cindy Berry

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**

**Christ, you invite us to follow and become your disciples in today's world. You equip us with talents and gifts for our venture. We humbly respond to your gracious invitation and place our gifts at your disposal. As we go out to serve, receive the results of our efforts in your name. Turn them to good where we have erred. Shed light on our path as we seek to abide in your way. 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 #687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Steeple Bell**

**Postlude**

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Larry Shackley

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

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***Thank you for serving today:***

Communion: \*Connie Reese, Steve Handy, Jim and Susan Flook

Worship Leader: Miranda Matthews

Counters: Mike Smith/Barbara Whisman

Ushers: Coffee Hour: Laura & Walt Sparrow-Hood

Nursery & Sunday School: Mariellen Edinburg/Lynn Smith

Preacher: Rev. Alison Halsey

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***Tessa McChesney Klein      Ralph R. Johnson, Jr.***  
***1884-1970                      1924-2006***



## **GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING REMINDER**

Springtime is upon us. And besides all the lovely flowers and budding trees, the insect population is also coming out of hibernation. If you are scheduled to do a coffee hour or other special event during the upcoming months, please remember to take home any leftover food and make sure trash is thrown out and counters are clean before you leave. Thank you in advance for your understanding.





## **BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR**

Has resumed on Thursdays at 1 p.m. via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email the church office for the weekly link.

## **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks.

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

Additionally, volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours are needed. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!



## **NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES**



Volunteer to help our youngest members by contacting:

For Sunday School: Melissa Boris - [borism1010@gmail.com](mailto:borism1010@gmail.com)

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – [mollypaige1@aol.com](mailto:mollypaige1@aol.com)

## **DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE**

Our Meeting House will be open for “Day in Old New Castle” on Saturday, May 20. Anyone interested in volunteering for a two hour period of time to be a docent/guide at our sanctuary please get in touch with Lynn Smith at 864-684-2564 or [email](mailto:lynn.smith@newcastlepres.org).

## **HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

You are invited to join fellow New Castle Presbyterian Church members as we take part in the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on the morning of Saturday, June 10 at Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront. All of the proceeds from the event go directly to local non-profits, including Friendship House.

We have formed a team "New Castle Presbyterian Church 2023" and would love to have you join us, either by walking together on June 10 or with a donation. Or both!

Please join us for this 5k walk on the Riverfront and/or make a donation! If you're not available to join us in person, virtually walk with us from wherever you are and send in a picture!

1. Go to: <http://hcf.convio.net/friendshiphouse>
2. Click on: "Click to Join an Existing Team"
3. When asked "Have you participated in a Walk for a Healthy Community or other Highmark Sponsored Event?" Click NO
4. Find Team: New Castle Presbyterian Church 2023
5. Fill out personal information and credit card information

## **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME – FRIDAY, JUNE 16 @ 6:35 PM**

Group tickets are all reserved for our Blue Rocks game on Disaster Preparedness Night. If you're interested in purchasing tickets at \$14 each, email [Jen Dunham](mailto:jen.dunham@newcastlepres.org) for more information about where our group tickets are located. Look forward to seeing you there!

## **Prayer List:**

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

### ***Rod Denison***

Christiana Care  
4755 Ogletown Stanton Rd  
Newark, DE 19718

## ***At Home:***

### ***Kathy Griffin-Graham***

323 Oregon Avenue  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 324-9944

### ***Anita Johnson***

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726 Loveville Road,  
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### ***Janet Reed***

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Wilmington, DE 19806  
(302) 888-0282

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(302) 328-6824

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### ***Bev Denison***

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Smyrna, DE 19977  
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### ***Robert Lindfors***

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New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-5369

## ***On Assignment with the Coast Guard:***

### ***George Spock***

1346 Crocker St.  
Coos Bay, OR 97420

## ***On Assignment with the Air Force:***

### ***James Boyle***

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54  
JBPHH, HI 96860

***This Week's Schedule***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>05/07</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; Communion</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Deacon Mtg</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/08</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/09</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Mission &amp; Outreach Mtg</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session Mtg</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/10</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/11</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>05/13</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>05/14</b>		<b>Mother's Day</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

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**Rev. Miriam Foltz, Pastor**

**Temporary Maternity Pastors Rev. Bill Hathaway & Alison Halsey**

**Kris Krawczyk, Admin. Assistant**

**Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music**

**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

*Session meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

*Deacons meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)*

## TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Mike Smith
Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman	

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

