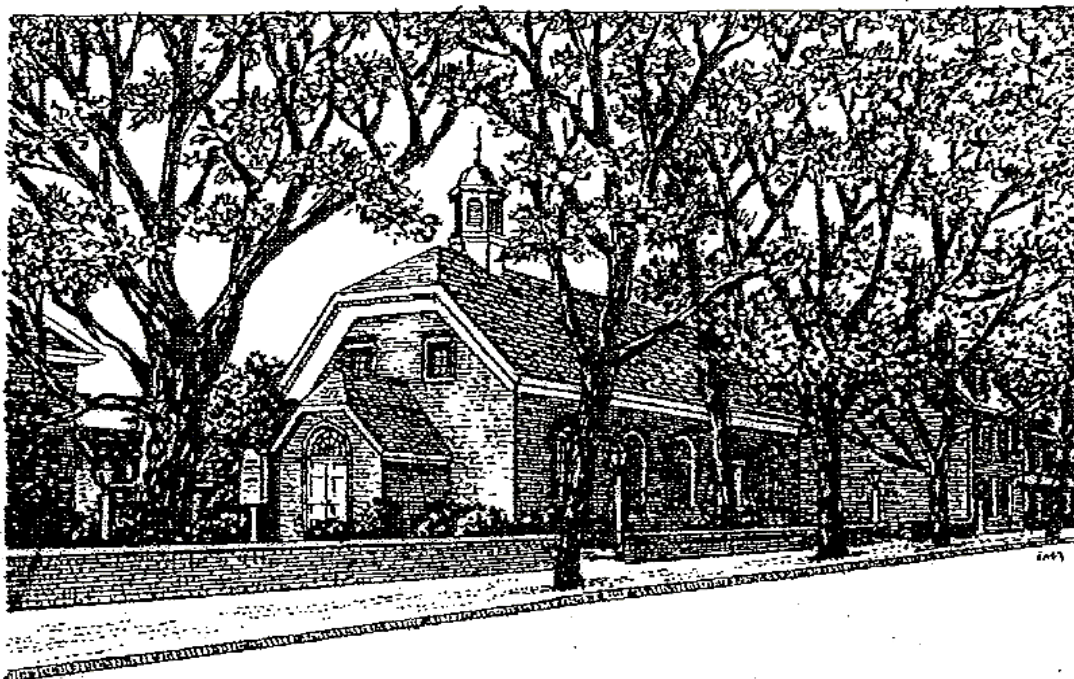


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Brethren, We Have Met to Worship arr. Molly Ijames
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

God invites us to life in the Spirit.

We open our souls to God's care.

God calls us to have loving hearts and faith-filled lives.

We open ourselves to God's gifts.

God summons us to be known by our faith.

We open our lives to God's claim.

God calls us to live our faith.

We open our gifts to God's design for them.

God offers us every gift of grace.

Let us worship, give thanks and live as witnesses to God's grace.

***Hymn #20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, you have written your law on our hearts, but we are slow to read it there. Instead, we honor you with our lips:

We pray long prayers, but we aren't honest with you.

We sing hymns, but do we pay little attention to the words.

"How are you?" we ask; another but we do not listen to the answer.

Our thoughts, our faith, our actions seem to move us further from you. O God, forgive us. Fill us with genuine love.

Help us to honor you with our hearts in worship and in living faithfully. Amen.... *(Time for silent prayer.)*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the God news of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Loved and held in God's arms we are made a new creation.

Everything old has passed away everything has become new.

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

With a Voice of Singing
Bethany Faiz – Piano

by Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

Prayer for Illumination

Silence in us any voice but your own, O God. That hearing we may understand and in understanding we may come to know and in knowing we may become your true disciples. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Song of Solomon 2:1-13

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I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

² As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens.

³ As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

⁴ He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention towards me was love.

⁵ Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am faint with love.

⁶ O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me!

⁷ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready!

⁸ The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

¹¹ for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon *“It’s a Bit Steamy”*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

This Is My Father’s World
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

***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**

Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are blessed by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. 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

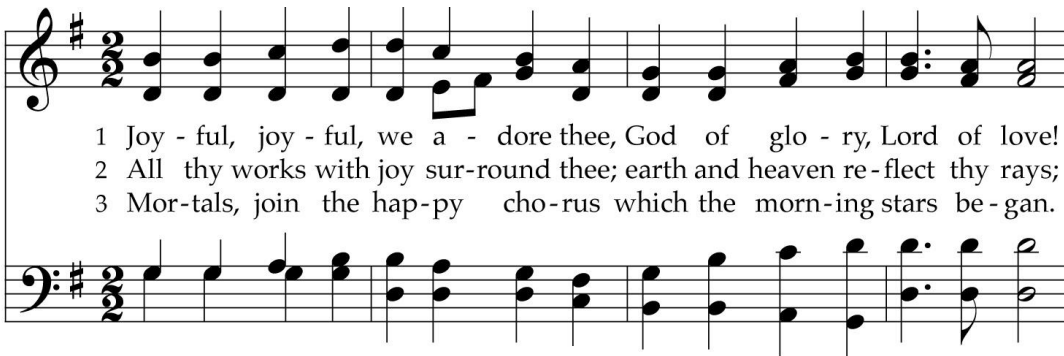
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and

the glory, forever. Amen.

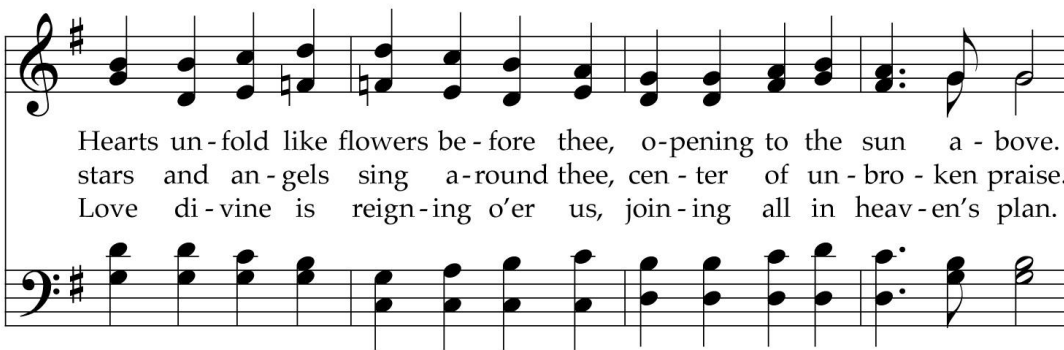
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



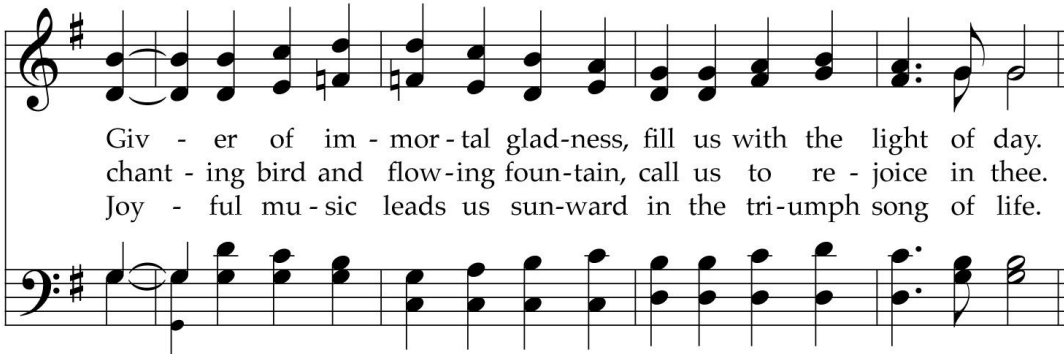
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. Larry Shackley
Bethany Faiz - Piano

*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: Will Nielsen Counters: Scott Selheimer/Chris Fagles
Ushers: Scott & Amy Selheimer Coffee Hour: Toni Marley/Susan Fogarty
Nursery & Sunday School: Jane Fouracre/Kim Beebe
Preacher: Rev. Alison Halsey

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Carlo F. Viola
1914-1971

Richard H. Rowland
1917-2008



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

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – 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@newcastlepreschurch.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) for more information about where our group tickets are located. Look forward to seeing you there!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The CE Committee is planning some fun activities for the children of the congregation before and during our Church Picnic on June 11. For those activities we need a few things!

We need:

- Approximately 10 - 20 shoe boxes
- 4 buckets
- 2 large sponges
- Beach balls
- Bubbles and/or any type of bubble activity



There will be a marked box in the CE Building entrance way. Thank you for your help!

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

Rod Denison

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James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/21	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	05/22	4:00pm	Spanish Class
		6:30pm	Trustee Mtg
Wednesday	05/24	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/25	1:00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	05/26		Office will be closed
Saturday	05/27	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	05/28	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	No Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

Kris will be on vacation Friday, May 26.

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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 2nd 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 2nd 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 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

