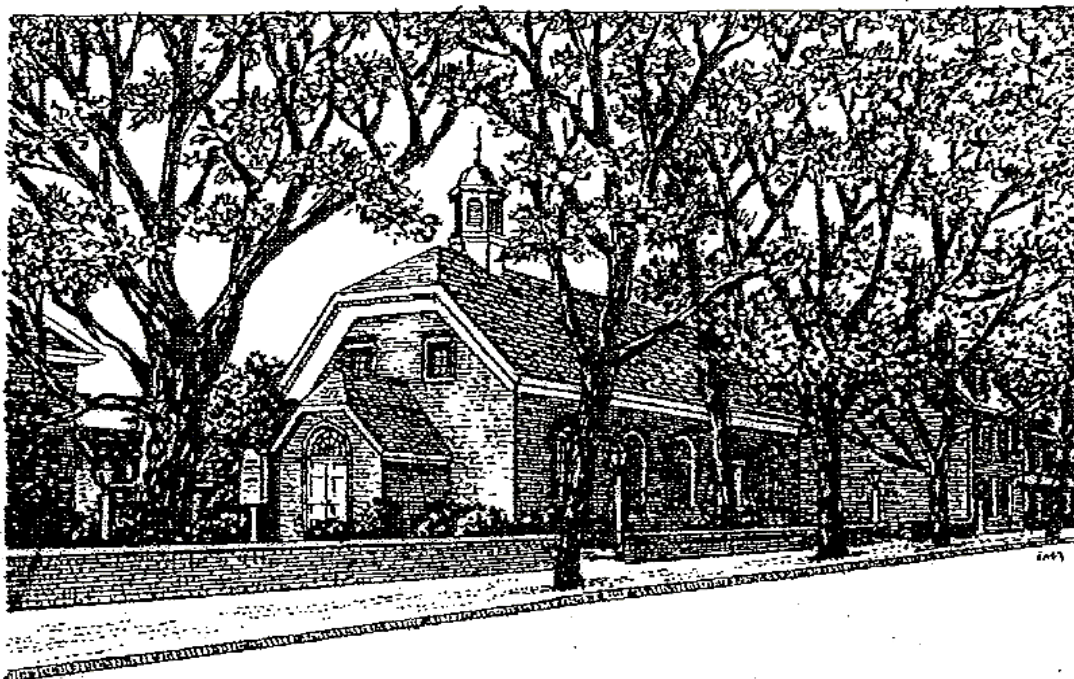


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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,**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

10:30 a.m.

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
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**

We find ourselves on the mountain this Transfiguration Day.

**Like the disciples, we are terrified by Christ.**

Christ's clothes became dazzling bright.

**Christ speaks with Elijah and Moses.**

Do we set up three tents? Do we pull out our smart phones?

**How do we capture the awesomeness of God?**

Let us listen to Christ, God's Son, the beloved.

**Let us worship our God of all the ages!**

\*Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the next four lines. The fourth system contains the final four lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal melody.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, 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

### Anthem

Shine, Jesus Shine

Choral Setting by

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Jack Schrader

*Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light! Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light! As we gaze on your Kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light! Shine.*

## **Blessing of Departing Members – Walt and Laura Sparrow-Hood**

Blessing

**God has made you a blessing in our life together. We will miss you but rejoice that we remain part of one body and continue to share in Christ's ministry. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!**

## **Scripture Conversation with Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**O Lord, bless us with unhardened hearts. Equip us with unending grace. Empower us with unconditional love. With these divine gifts in hand, may we receive your Word now, and with the guidance of your Holy Spirit, follow in your way. In Christ's name, Amen.**

### **Scripture Lesson**

**Mark 9:2-9**

**Page: NT 44**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

### **Sermon**

*"Cloud Storage"*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

## \*Hymn #377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Sun of My Soul  
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**

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gifts of grace that we receive from your hand. Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love. May these offerings reflect your light, and may our lives proclaim your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. 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 #546**

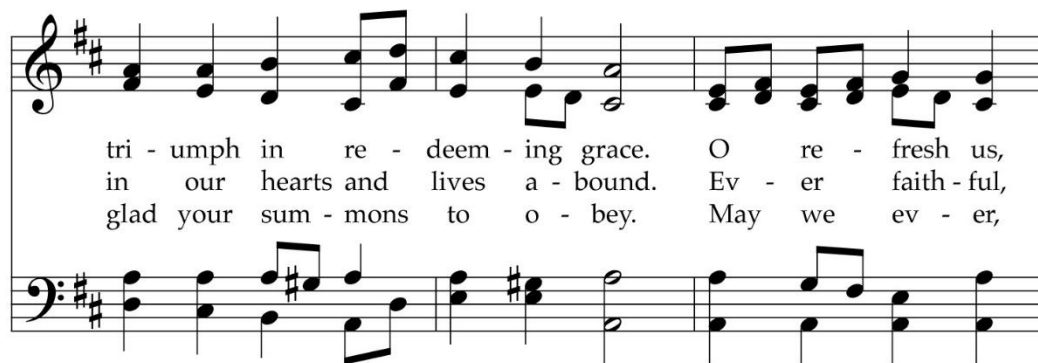
## **Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**



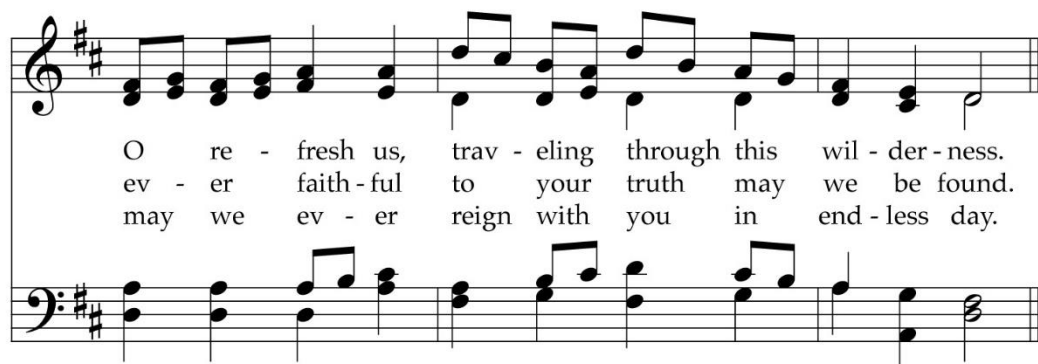
1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

**\*Charge and Benediction**  
**Choral Benediction**

**Steeple Bell**

**Postlude**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Marianne Kim

*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: Melissa Boris      Counters: Scott Selheimer/Gail Seitz  
Ushers: Scott & Amy Selheimer      Coffee Hour: Session  
Nursery: Chris Fagles/Jane Fouracre  
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Stephanie Foltz\_\_\_\_\_

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Elizabeth E. Wilson*  
*1883-1980*

*Robert L. Briggs*  
*1946-2016*



**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 is in the Fellowship Hall.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce the hiring of Mallory Mackie as our new Sunday School Coordinator. Mallory brings extensive experience in early childhood education to our Sunday School classroom. Mallory's email is [sundayschool@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@newcastlepreschurch.org). We are still recruiting Sunday School and Nursery volunteers for this Spring. If interested, please contact Melissa Boris at [borism1010@gmail.com](mailto:borism1010@gmail.com)

## COFFEE HOUR VALENTINE'S CARDS – TODAY

Congregational Life will provide materials to craft and write Valentine cards during coffee hour, for members of our church family in need of extra love this season. Envelopes, addresses, and postage will be provided! “Roses are red, violets are blue, and we hope to see all of you.”

## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP – 7 PM

Lent begins on February 14 with our Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House. The service will be livestreamed.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

In the CE Building, pick up our Sanctified Art devotional - *Wandering Heart* - as we journey with Simon Peter through this season of discipleship and preparation for Easter. We have a weekly devotional for adults and daily devotional card sets for families.

## 2/21 LENTEN ECUMENICAL DINNER - CALL FOR SOUP

Our Feasting on the Word Ecumenical Lenten Suppers begin on Wednesday, February 21, at NCPC. We'll gather at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for soup dinner and a short reflection. *If you can make/ buy and bring a crockpot full of soup to share that evening, please let Jen Dunham know.*

For the full schedule of participating churches, pick up a flyer in the CE Building entryway!

## FRIENDSHIP HOUSE THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who donated to our undie Sunday drive and our volunteers who delivered our donations and served at the clothing bank. If you are interested in learning more and supporting Friendship House's ministry check out an Evening with Friendship House at the Hagley Soda House on March 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm. <https://rb.gy/s6y98j>



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

NCPC is organizing a grief support group this winter, and due to weather and schedule conflicts, we're reevaluating our gathering time. If you are interested in gathering with others to share about your loss and receive resources to navigate grief, please reach out to Toni Marley - [toni.kiger@gmail.com](mailto:toni.kiger@gmail.com).

## NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY'S 2024 BEACH RETREAT

Gather with fellow Presbyterians from DE and MD from March 1-2 in Dewey Beach for our Presbytery's annual retreat: Love Embodied. Dynamic retreat leaders will lead us in worship and conversation to inspire, equip, and encourage us to dig more deeply into loving our neighbors in tangible, life-changing ways. To learn more and register, go to [www.ncpresbytery.org/retreats](http://www.ncpresbytery.org/retreats).

Talk with Pastor Miriam or Elder Connie Reese if you have any questions.

## CHASE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY...

By cheering on the Blue Coats! Join NCPC folks at the March 16th Blue Coats basketball game at the Chase Fieldhouse. The Delaware Blue Coats play the Birmingham Squadron; the game starts at 6:00 pm. We have 16 premium seats reserved together in Section 7.

Tickets are \$21 each. Please contact Greg Fogarty cell is (302) 437-4731 for tickets.



## SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE ON FEB 18:

A poster for an Open Mic Night event. It features a green street sign graphic on the left that says 'SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE'. The main text is in white and yellow on a dark red background. It includes the location, date, time, and details about performers and admission. A microphone icon is on the right.

**SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE**

# OPEN MIC NIGHT

Location: New Castle Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
25 E 2nd Street, New Castle, DE 19720

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month starting on:  
**Sunday, February 18, 2024**  
**7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Performers:  
Sign-up begins at 6:30

Come out for a night of entertainment performed by acoustic singer-songwriters, musicians, poets, and comics (clean acts only)

- Admission - \$3.00 per person
- Performers have 10 minutes or two songs to showcase their talent
- Coffee, tea, and sweets will be available for purchase
- All proceeds benefit the Friendship House in Wilmington, DE

For more information contact James or Charlottie -[secondstreetcoffeehouseenc@gmail.com](mailto:secondstreetcoffeehouseenc@gmail.com)

## **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:***

### ***Rod Denison***

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.  
505 Greenbank Rd., Room C7  
Wilmington, DE 19808

### ***Linda Twyford***

New Castle Nursing & Rehab  
32 Buena Vista Dr,  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-2580

## ***At Home:***

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

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

### ***Anita Johnson***

Cokesbury  
724 Loveville Road,  
HealthCare Rm 2006  
Hockessin, DE 19707

### ***Janet Reed***

106 Colesbery Drive  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-6749

### ***Mary Duncan***

1323 Richard's Alley  
Wilmington, DE 19806  
(302) 888-0282

### ***Judy Hentkowski***

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New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-8266

### ***Robert Lindfors***

202 Brylgon Ave.  
New Castle, DE 19720  
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### ***David Lioi***

201 Natalia Drive  
New Castle, DE 19720

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

### ***George Spock***

USCGC Scheuerman  
PSC 851 P.O. Box 11620  
FPO AE, 09834

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

### ***James Boyle***

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54  
JBPHH, HI 96860

**This Week's Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>02/11</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 Valentine making for homebound members</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>02/12</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>02/13</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>02/14</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday / Valentine's Day Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02/15</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>UD Campus Ministry Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>02/16</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02/17</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>02/18</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>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm-9:00pm</b>	<b>Community Open Mic Night</b>

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)*

