

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 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
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 12, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Blessed Assurance
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

**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 (*from Psalm 47*)

Come and worship, people of God!

God has gone up with a mighty shout!

Come and worship, people of God!

The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.

Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Sing praises to God, for God is ruler of all the earth.

For our God the Most High is seated on his throne.

Let us worship God together.

***Hymn #267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Christ who died for us, lives for us, and prays for us, you taught us that we belong to you, and your word is our truth.

Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if we belonged only to ourselves.

Forgive us, O Lord, when we foolishly think that power is the ultimate truth. Speak your words of peace to us this day and make our lives a testimony to your grace. For you are the source of life itself, and it is in you that we can truly live... (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 #240

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Michael Larkin

Amy Shimmin - Flute

Bethany Faiz - Piano

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake. For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works were wrought: by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us. For us by wickedness betrayed, for us in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath. For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here, to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; and the risen Lord whom we adore forever and forever more, forever more!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Majestic and mighty God, in the joy of Jesus' resurrection and ascension, we gather to receive your wisdom and to hear your truth. Guide us to live as the body of Christ! Though the grass withers and the flowers fade, we praise your Word that stands forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

Page: NT 118

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

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

Sermon

"Work from Home"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #273

He Is King of Kings

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.

1 He built his throne up in the air; and
2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and
3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;
broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is
by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response “no one works like him” shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

In the Garden
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Joel Raney

***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**

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Bless our offerings that we may witness to your redeeming love in our neighborhoods and across continents. In our giving and in our receiving, may we be one with Christ now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

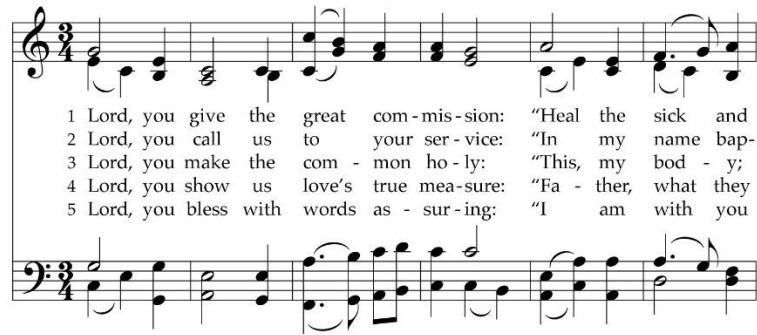
The Lord's Prayer

**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 #298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



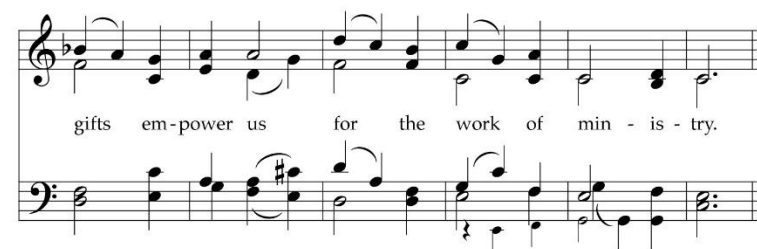
preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri- vate trea-sure all that
to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer- vor,
lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that



pur- pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:
draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:
round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty: with the Spir-it's
lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:
claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty:



gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Jack Schrader

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Please remain seated through the Postlude.

As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.

Join us after worship for Coffee Hour at the Read House.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Scott Selheimer *Counters:* Connie Reese/Marshall Freund

Ushers: Boris Family *Coffee Hour:* Read House

Nursery: Chris Fagles/Lynn Smith *Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Stephanie Foltz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Jean S. Hatter
1928-1987

Patricia G. Adair
1932-2019



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in May and June. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

We'll gather this Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture. No need to RSVP; come join the conversation!

COFFEE HOUR TODAY - READ HOUSE

After worship today, the Read House has invited all the congregations around New Castle to gather in their garden for coffee hour refreshments. The rain plan is inside the Read House. Chairs and restrooms will be available; the ADA entrance is through the 2nd Street garden gates.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our slate of Deacons and Trustees is coming together! However, we are still looking for Elders. Terms are for three years and begin in September. Session meets on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m.; committee meetings are flexible. Reach out to co-chairs Melissa Boris or Peter McCurdy.

NURSERY - UPCOMING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday School continues through June 9, but Nursery care will continue through the summer. We are planning a May orientation for new and returning volunteers. If you're interested, please contact: [Molly Shaw](#)

DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE - MAY 18

The Meeting House will be open from 10-4. If you'd like to serve as a docent, sign up for a two-hour shift using the form in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Lynn Smith. Join us from 10-12 for outdoor activities, including sidewalk chalk and bubbles, set up for the young and young at heart.

PENTECOST OFFERING – MAY 19

Wear red for Pentecost next Sunday as we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit. Through the special envelopes, contribute to the Pentecost Offering, which helps the church encourage young people and address the needs of at-risk children.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING – JUNE 5

Put On Love is our VBS for Pre-K through 11 on Sunday, July 14 from 4-7 p.m. We'll hear Paul's words to the Colossians to wear Christ-like compassion, kindness, and love. We need a range of volunteers to help teach, lead music/ games/ crafts, help serve food, and clean-up. Please join us at our first planning meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be hybrid, with folks gathering in the Fellowship Hall, as well as via Zoom. Let Pastor Miriam know if you'd like the zoom link!

CHURCH PICNIC - JUNE 9

After worship and our Congregational Meeting to elect new officers, we'll gather for our Annual Church Picnic to mark the end of Sunday School and Choir for this programming year. We'll fire up the grills to cook hamburgers and hotdogs, and we'll have cake to celebrate all who had milestone birthdays this past year. Come and celebrate God's goodness!

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

Please consider giving a Mother's Day gift to a local mom in need. Chester County supports young moms and families who have immigrated here from Guatemala. These young moms need support to help them stabilize here in the States. Please see Amy Selheimer during coffee hour. She'll have more information on giving. Thank you for supporting these women!



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

This May and June, we have the opportunity to donate to one of Friendship House's greatest needs: School uniforms. Many schools in Delaware require them, putting a burden on students and their families. In 2023, the Clothing Bank was able to provide over 10,000 uniform items to 18 public schools in Delaware. Donations can be made online through the Friendship Clothing Bank website at: <https://www.friendshipousede.org/delaware-homeless/our-programs/clothing-bank/school-uniform-initiative/>

Go to the right side of the page and select from three different donation registries (Target, Amazon, and French Toast). Clothing items will then be delivered directly to the Clothing Bank. Thank you for assisting with this great cause. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Selheimer at selheime@udel.edu or 302-368-8639.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE WALK – JUNE 8

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 8 at Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront. All of the proceeds from the event go directly to local non-profits, including Friendship House. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with the walk set to begin at 9 a.m. We have formed a team "New Castle Presbyterian" and would love to have you join us, either by walking together, virtually walking with us from wherever you are, or supporting us with a donation. Please go to the following website to register or donate:

http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Wilmington/HighmarkWalk?team_id=18635&pg=team&fr_id=4471

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/12		MOTHER'S DAY
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Read House Coffee Hour
Tuesday	05/14	7:00pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	05/15	3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/16	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	05/18	8:00am	Tai Chi
		10:00am-4:00pm	Day in Old New Castle Meeting House Open
		10:00am-12:00pm	DIONC Kid's Activities
		10:00am	Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian, Milford, DE
SUNDAY	05/19		PENTECOST SUNDAY
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		6:30pm	Community Open Mic

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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	OPEN
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		

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)

