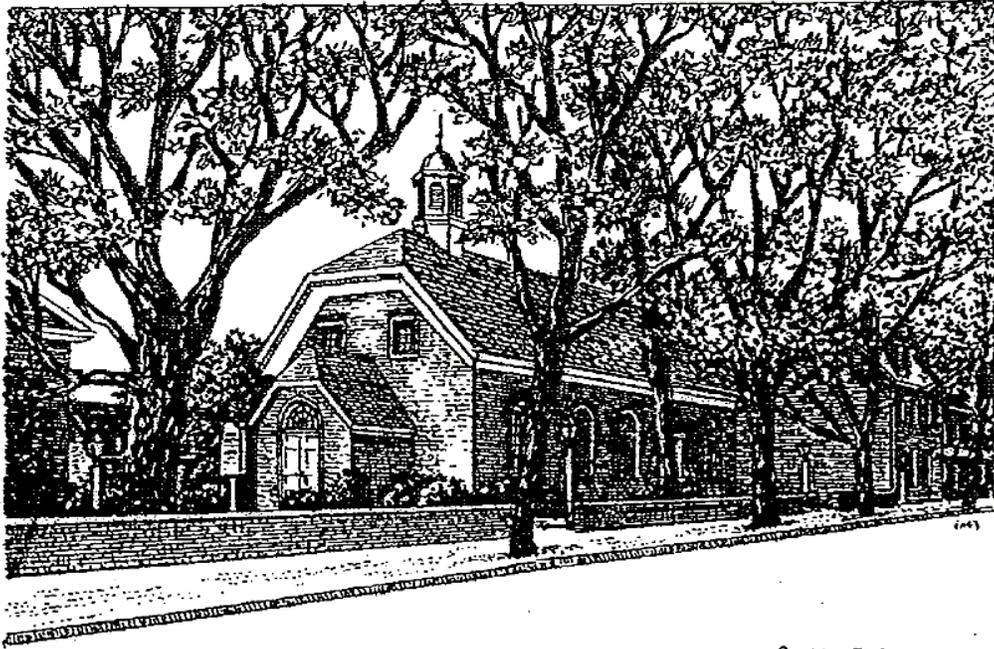


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, 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.

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

Nametags – We encourage everyone to use the nametags available in the Meeting House entrance during worship and coffee hour. Please return to their box in Fellowship Hall.

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

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children 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. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

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 are for accessible parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday in Lent**

March 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

I Am Thine, O Lord

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

The good news of the gospel is for all who hunger for food.

We worship the Lord whose tables overflow with enough for all.

The good news of the gospel is for all who hunger for justice.

We worship the Lord whose ways are righteousness and restoration.

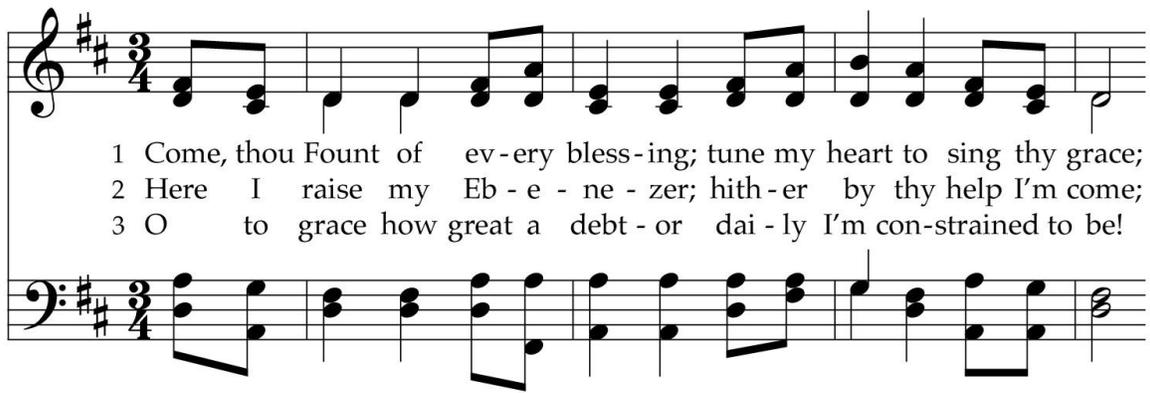
The good news of the gospel is for all who hunger for life.

We worship the Lord who turns our hopelessness into hope.

Come, let us worship the God of our salvation!

*Hymn #475

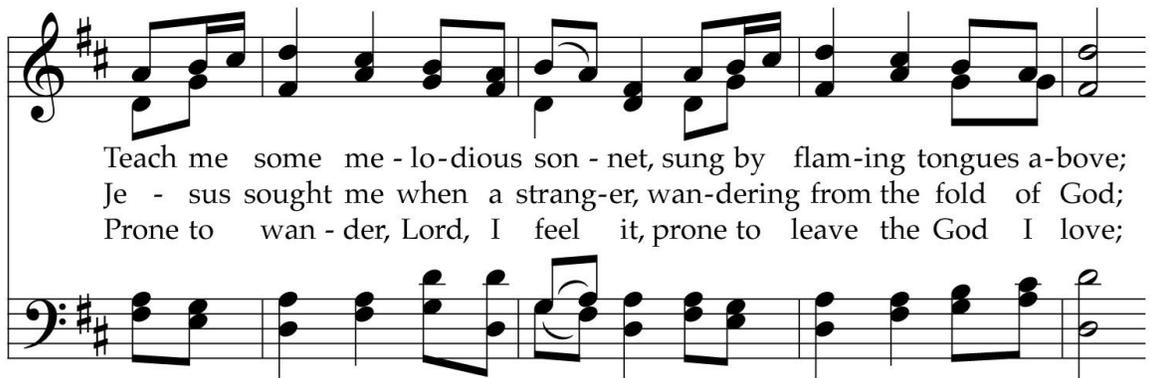
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



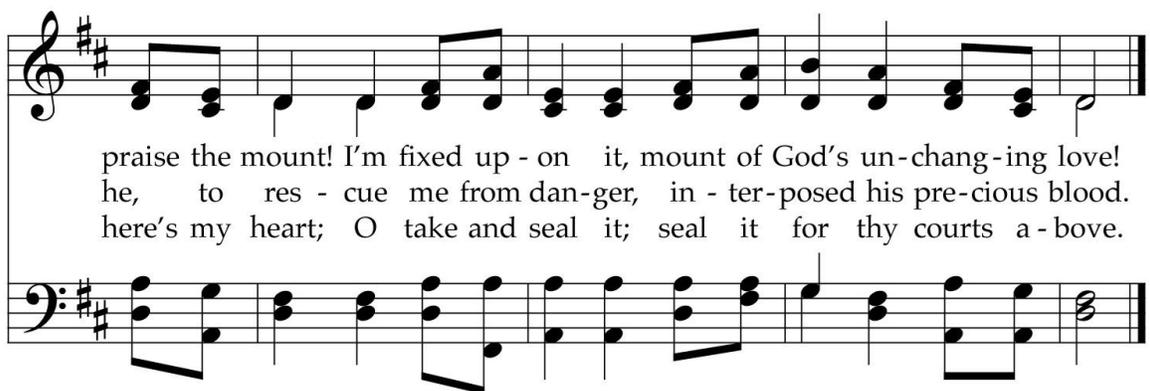
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, when the crowd surrounded you, hungry for bread and for your word, you took an offering – five loaves, two fish – and made for them a feast. Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of your grace. We hesitate to share the gifts we have, and we wonder whether there is enough for all. Forgive us, O God. Make us a more generous people. Empower us to share the gifts of our lives and to see the miracles around us. You are the giver of grace, the one who turns want into plenty. Forgive us, we pray... (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

Choral Anthem

Just as I Am, I Come

Victor C. Johnson

Amy Shimmin – Flute and Bethany Faiz - Piano

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, just as I am.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come, just as I am.

Just as I am, tho' tossed about, with many'a conflict, many'a doubt, struggles within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, just as I am.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown hath broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come, Just as I am.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism: Emilia and Bennett Baselice

Presentation and Affirmations by the Parents & Sponsors

Congregational Vow

*Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Emilia and Bennett by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be his faithful disciple? **We do.***

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer & Act of Baptism

Hymn #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Words of Welcome

Emilia and Bennett, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church! May you always know that you are held in God’s hands and in the hearts of your church family. Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, we press our ears to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly. We breathe deeply and try to still our beating hearts. But still, we worry we might miss your voice. Send your Holy Spirit to reveal your Living Word to us, for in you, anything is possible. We believe; help our unbelief. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 3:18-21

Page: NT 193

May have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

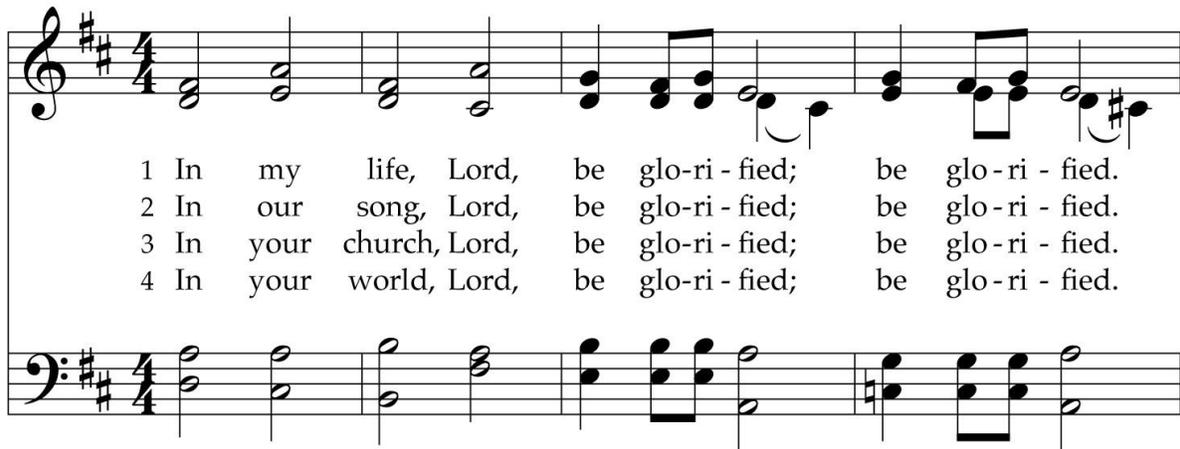
Sermon

The Good News Is... together, the impossible is possible

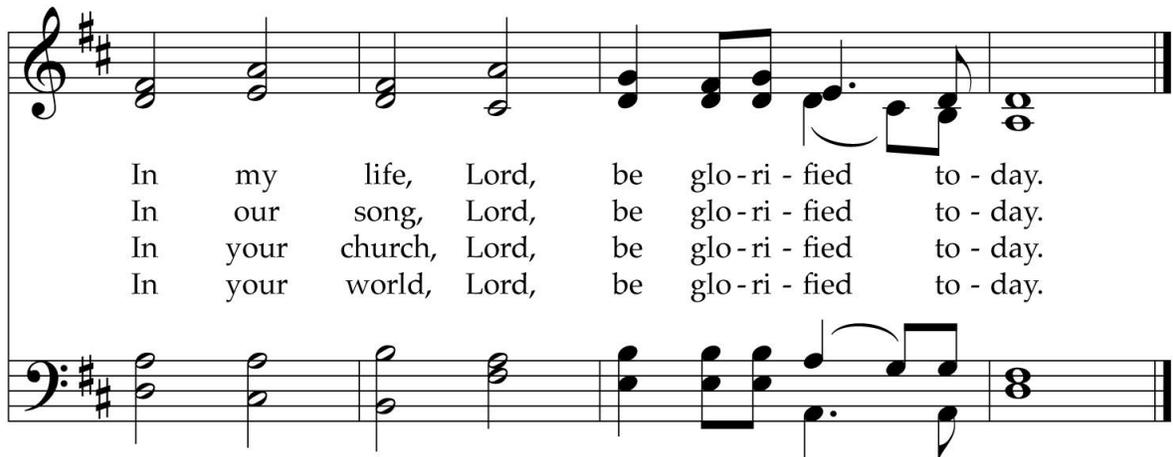
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

In My Life

*Hymn #468



1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.



In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

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LORD, BE GLORIFIED
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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

I Surrender All
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Sandra Eithun

***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**

God of our salvation, your forgiveness catches us by surprise. Jesus teaches us to forgive, to be slow to anger, to turn the other cheek. Bless our lives and these offerings to your work of mercy. By your amazing grace, may these gifts surprise and feed our hungry world. 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,

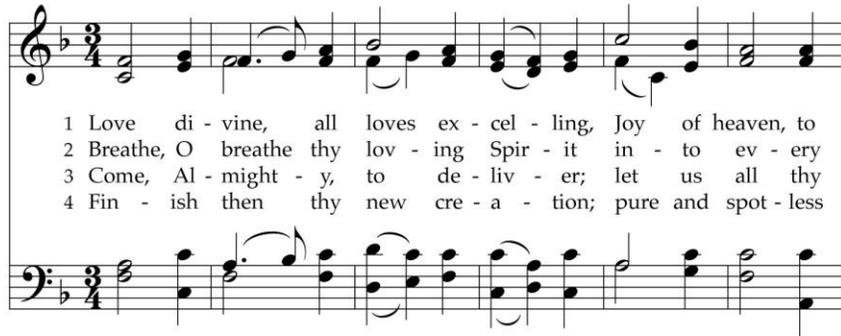
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

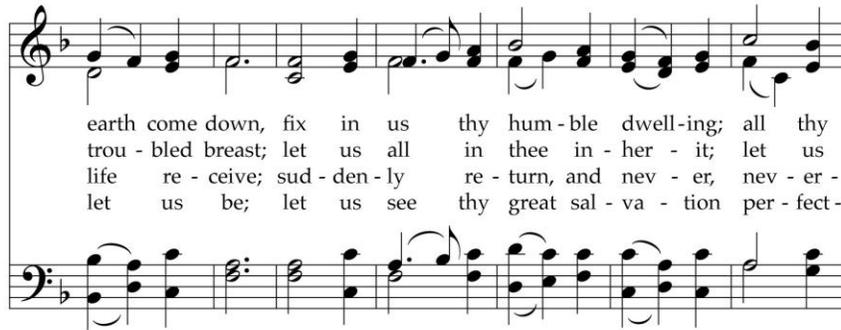
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #366

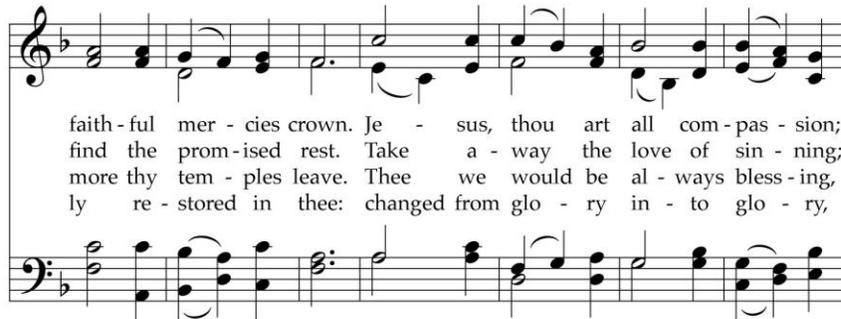
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

All the Way My Savior Leads Me arr. Lloyd Larson

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 in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Toni Marley

Coffee Hour: Session

Ushers: Jim Slagle/Connie Reese

Counters: Jen Dunham/Gail Seitz

Nursery: Molly Shaw/

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Carrel W. Skeen
1909 - 1975

Herbert A. Swanson
1930 - 2009



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Sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

LENTEN REFLECTIONS FROM SANCTIFIED ART

Lenten Devotionals for *Tell Me Something Good* are available in the Narthex or a digital copy



LENTEN DINNERS

This week's dinner will be at New Castle United Methodist, Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00pm.

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – TODAY

NCPC's Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Today, as part of our Confirmation series, we'll gather for lunch and a "comparative theology" walking field trip to other churches around New Castle. Hoping the weather cooperates, we'll have some time to throw a frisbee around on the Green!

NEW IMPROV GATHERING – MARCH 9

Feeling the winter blues? Join Nan Wallace and New Castle Neighbors at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in NCPC's Fellowship Hall for improv games. No experience required!

ALL-AGES GAME NIGHT: MARCH 14

Congregational Life is planning another All-Ages Game Night in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 14 from 6-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game! RSVPs to Gina Kouma or sign up in the Fellowship Hall by March 6.

LGBTQIA+ LUNCH & LEARN – NEXT SUNDAY

We will be having an LGBTQIA+ lunch and learn with Carolyn Deal, Delaware's own Queer historian, on Sunday, March 15th! Come join us after fellowship hour, and learn about Delaware's incredible LGBTQIA+ activists and pioneers who have shaped Delaware's history!

MASSANETTA CONFIRMATION RETREAT – POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 20-22

Due to Virginia's inclement weather, our five youth (Annabelle, Joey, Oliver, Ryan, and Wyatt) and three chaperones (Pastor Miriam, Amy, and Peter) didn't make it to Massanetta Springs in January, but we will head there in March for our Confirmation retreat!

FISH BANKS

OGHS fish banks are available in the Meeting House entryway during Lent.

PAPER CHAIN PROJECT

Who can you rely on? This Sunday, everyone is invited to take home a set of 10 paper links. Write on each strip the name of someone you can always depend on. Using a stapler, create a paper chain; bring it back with you next Sunday as we discover the strength of our community! *The Good News is... together, the impossible is possible!*

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	03/08		Third Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Baptism
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:30-2:00pm	NCPC Youth Group
Monday	03/09	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		6:00pm	Improv Fun and Games
Tuesday	03/10	6:00pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	03/11	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper – New Castle United Methodist
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	03/12	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	03/14	8:00am	Tai Chi
		12:00pm	Private party in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	All-Ages Game Night
SUNDAY	03/15		Fourth Sunday in Lent
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Delaware Queer History
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Nite

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