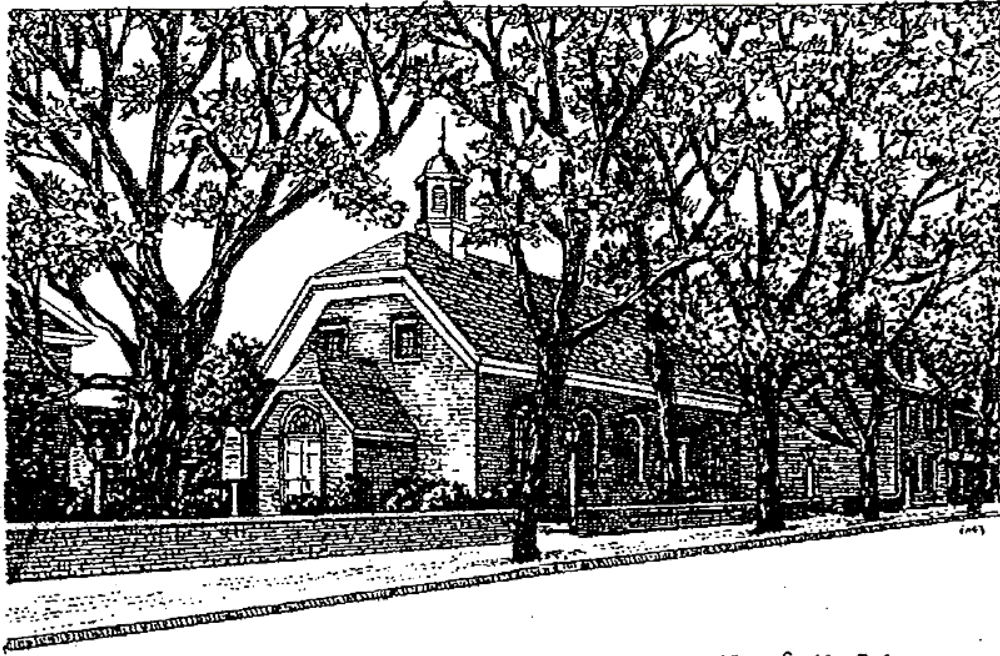


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 4*)

Answer me when I call, O God of righteousness!

You relieve my distress and show me grace.

Hear my prayer; hear me when I call.

Let the light of your face shine on me, O Lord!

You have put gladness in my heart.

For you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Let us trust in the Lord!

Let us praise the living God!

*Hymn #244

This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

Refrain
 sprung to life this mor - row.
 wake the dead in num - ber. Had Christ, who once was
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in

vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

The verbal and musical elements of this hymn mesh so well because the words were written to fit this Dutch tune (whose name means "fruits"). The news of Christ's resurrection is joyfully conveyed by the ever-higher phrases and final cascade of notes at the end of the refrain.

TEXT: George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1894, alt.
 MUSIC: David's Psalmen, 1685; harm. Charles Wood, 1902

VRUECHTEN
 6.7.6.7 with refrain
 (alternate harmonization, 249)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have called us to love in word and speech, as well as in truth and action. You have laid down your life for us and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another.

Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers when the world needs our hands and our feet. Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world, hiding behind a myth of independence.

Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness, raise us to new life in you.

(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

Prayer Of Peace

By John Purifoy

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pard'ning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made. Christ's appearances among his followers bring peace and hope. Show us, Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:36-48

Page: NT 91

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"You Are the Witnesses"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #231 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.

Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:

let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord arr. Larry Shackley
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**

Blessed Savior, you keep showing up for us in unexpected places. When we face uncertainty, you are there. When we worry about tomorrow, you are there. And even in the doubt-filled lonely hours, you are there. Bless these offerings to the fulfillment of your new creation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

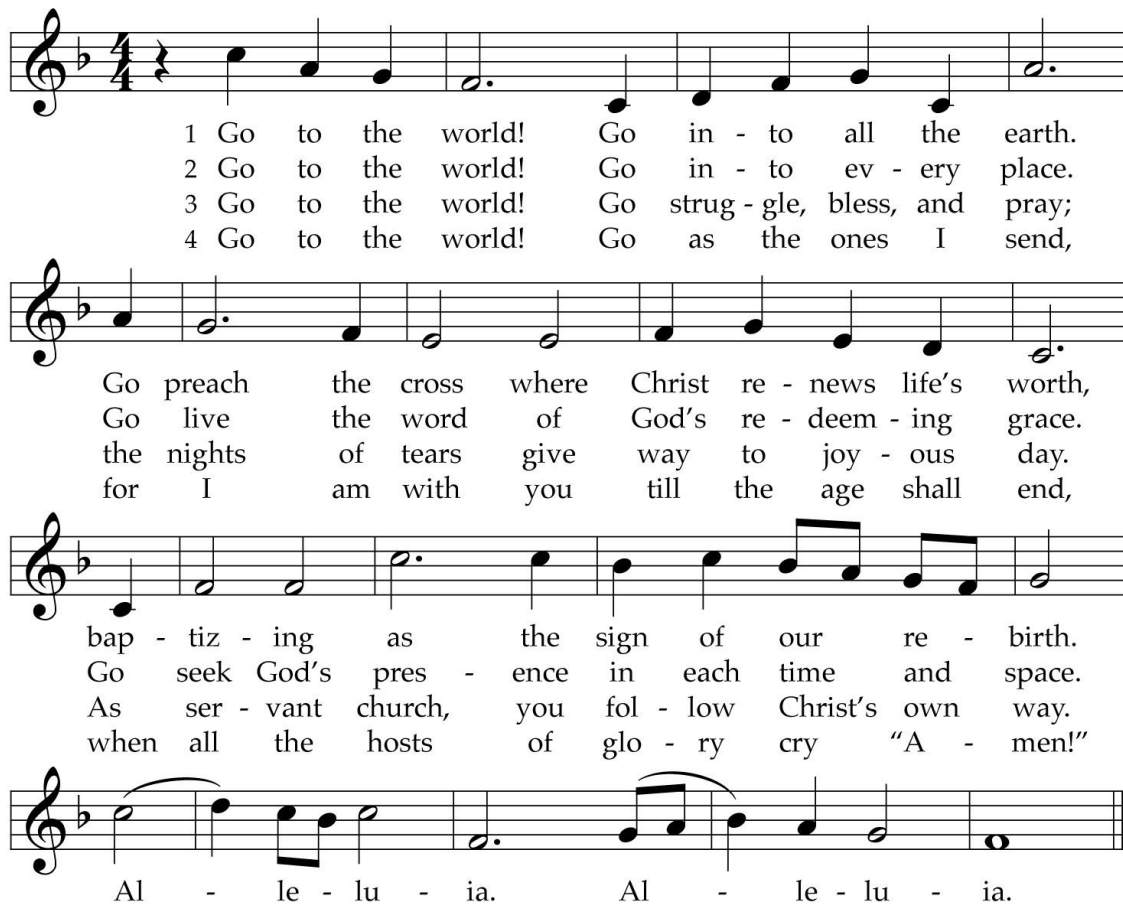
The Lord's Prayer

**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 #295**

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 in the Fellowship Hall

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre

Counters: Greg Fogarty/Lyn Briggs

Ushers: Gail & C.J. Seitz

Coffee Hour: Jenn Dunham/Melissa Boris

Nursery: Chris Fagles/Mary Fontinha

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Molly Shaw

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Kimber L. Shoop
1917-1985

Jason L. Campbell
1917-2018



WELCOME – BETH GOSS

Rev. J. Beth Goss retired from full-time Presbyterian ministry in 2020. She still is a member of the National Response Team of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA) which provides pastoral care to areas after natural disasters. She has been responding to disasters nationwide since 1992 when Hurricane Andrew struck her own home in South Florida. The experience led her to seminary in 1997 and ordination in 2000. Since then her pastoral work has included leading congregations and groups to areas impacted by disasters: wildfires in California, shootings in New York and Ohio, flooding in Iowa and West Virginia, tornados in Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana, hurricanes on the Gulf Coast states, and fires and mudslides in California.

Beth grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, graduated from college in 1975 and business school in 1977. She worked as a CPA in Chicago and Miami, balancing a consulting practice, raising a family, and volunteer work for over 20 years before seminary in 1997 and her second calling as a pastor. Beth and husband Rollie are now retired in Herndon VA and delight in their three sons' families spread all over the US.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

We'll gather on Wednesday, April 17 at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. No need to RSVP; come and join the conversation!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our slate of Deacons and Trustees is coming together! However, we are still looking for a few Elders. Terms are for three years and begin in September. Session meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.; committee meetings are flexible. Reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee if interested: Melissa Boris, Peter McCurdy, Jennifer Dunham, Julia Spock, Pat Taylor, Julie Barry, and Lyn Briggs.

SERVING CHRIST WITH NCPC

From Meals on Wheels to Emmanuel Dining Room to Friendship House, there are many great ways to love and serve our neighbors. Reach out to our Mission and Outreach Chair to learn more: Scott Selheimer - selheime@udel.edu.

SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE – APRIL 21

Join us for the next Acoustic Open Mic Night on Sunday, April 21, from 6:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The \$3 admission goes to support Friendship House; for more information, check out our newsletter.

MUSIC TO MOVE YOU – APRIL 28



The Delaware Women's Chorus, under the direction of Joanne Ward is thrilled to be back to NCPC. DWC will present a choral program entitled "Songs for a Better World" on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 pm. This free program of thought-provoking music features a wide variety of musical styles which offer hope, wonder, and determination.

NCPC MEN'S GROUP – APRIL 29

NCPC is starting up a fellowship group for men to grow in their Christian faith and also be encouraged as they juggle work, family and community responsibilities, and so much more. So come be a part of a new thing! Meet at The Legend for food/ beverages on Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. RSVP to Steven Foltz – (206)953-6490.



NEW MEMBERS GATHERING – MAY 5

Anyone considering joining NCPC - or- liking what they observe and wanting to learn more is encouraged to meet other newbies after Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 5. Join members of the Congregational Life committee in the CE Building around noon. More details to come in upcoming Sunday bulletins!

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S GATHERING – MAY 5

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather next on Sunday, May 5 from 12-2pm. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings. Childcare will be available!

GUATEMALA STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

After enjoying four years and an unforgettable trip to Guatemala, I am stepping down from my role with the Guatemala Steering Committee, which plans the budgets, priorities, projects and liaisons between Presbytery, CEDEPCA, and the MAAM Association of Christian Women. My decision was made easier by Amy Selheimer, who has agreed to step into the position, continuing our congregation's active mission involvement. I'll stay involved but am happy knowing that Amy's enthusiasm for the project will continue our present involvement and move us into the future. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this worthwhile and enlightening project for so long. - Candy Dunson

GIFTS OF LOVE UPDATE

So far in 2024, we have contributed \$2,400.00 to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Peter's church. Donations through the white envelopes help our neighbors pay the rent, medical bills, car repairs, or utility bills.

We also donate food items for the St Peter's food pantry. While all items are appreciated, mayonnaise, jelly and powdered milk are really needed at this time. Thank you NCPC for being such good neighbors.

Prayer List:

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

SUNDAY	04/14	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship with Preacher Rev. Beth Goss – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
		12:30-2:30pm	CE Committee Retreat
Monday	04/15	4:00pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting
Wednesday	04/17	3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	04/18	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	04/20		DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
		8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	04/21	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		6:30pm	Community Open Mic Night

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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)

