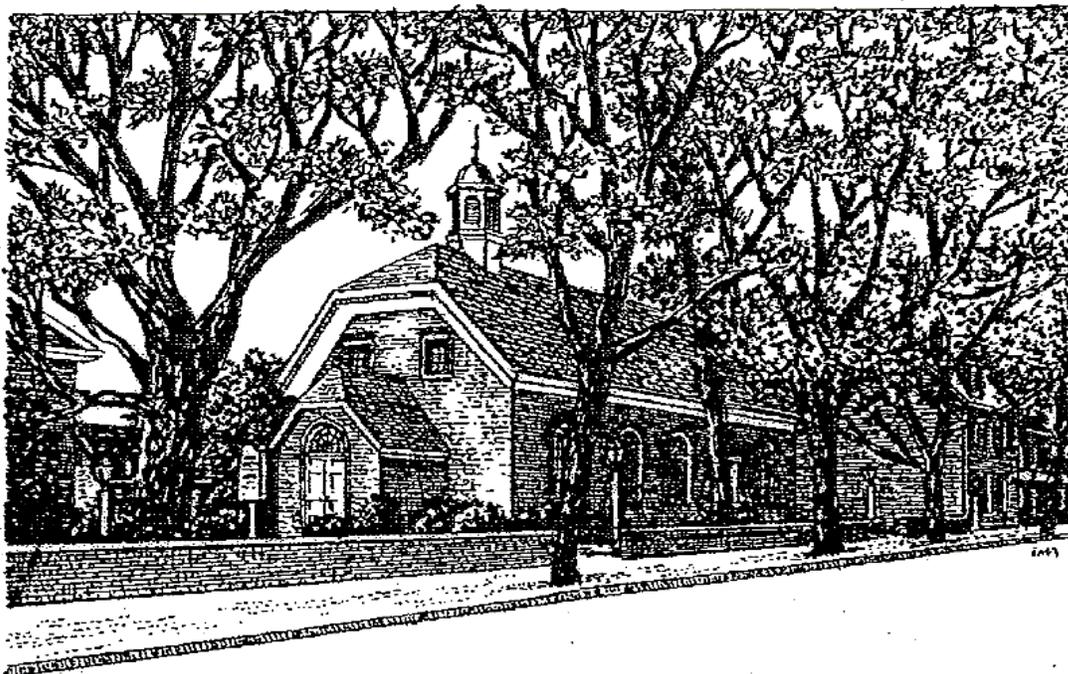


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags are available for children at the back of the Meeting House.

If your family needs to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed available in the Fellowship Hall

At the end of worship, please join us for sidewalk fellowship along 2nd Street. Summer Coffee Hours are on the 1st Sundays of the month.

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's day of rest is on Mondays.

**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

I Gave My Life for Thee
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 1)*

Happy are those who follow the way of the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

Happy are those who delight in the truth of the Lord.

They are like trees which yield their fruit in its season.

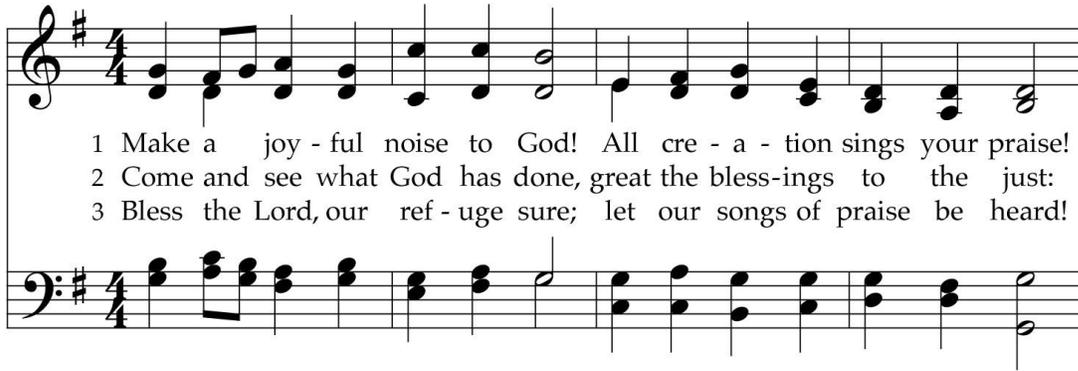
Happy are those whose life is in the Lord.

They are like trees whose leaves do not wither.

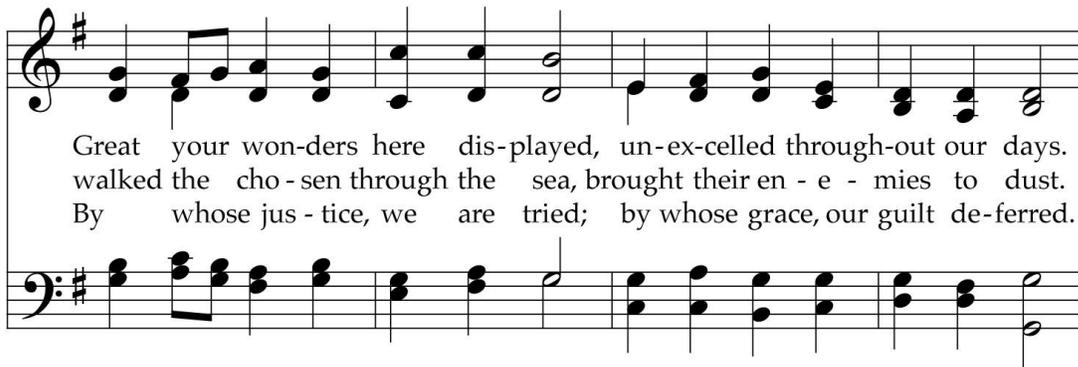
Let us celebrate God who is our way, truth, and life!

***Hymn #54**

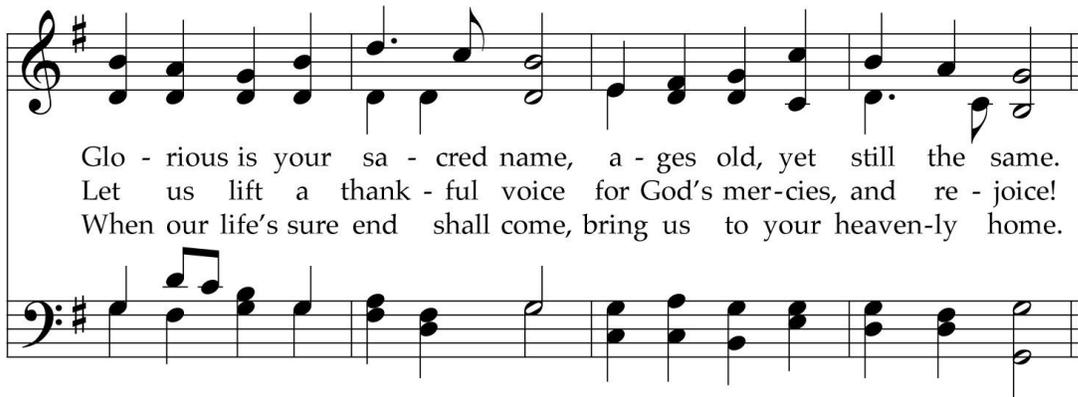
Make a Joyful Noise to God



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless-ings to the just:
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days.
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer-cies, and re - joice!
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heav-en-ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough. Sin is real, and we are powerless before it.

Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so what we build with our lives may give you glory... *(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

Prayer for Illumination

Weaver of life, framer of the ages, we marvel at your artistry and the trust you place in us. From our first cries to our final breaths, we are your own. Send your Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our lives.

Speak your Word to shape our lives that we would live as your beloved children. Amen.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Claymation”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory:

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Lisa & Bruce Raker – Soloists

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**

Extravagant God, you pour out blessings upon us and lead us on the path of faith. Help us to revel in your love and reflect it to all we meet. May our lives be an offering to you that we might follow your way, share your truth, and know your eternal life. Through Christ we pray, 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 #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
E^b B^b E^b Cm A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b



spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b B^b



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm)(F#m) (G)(A) (D) (G)
E^b Cm Gm A^b B^b E^b A^b



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b Fm E^b B^b E^b



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

O How I Love Jesus
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

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: Ray Snyder

Ushers: Mike & Lynn Smith

Counters: Melissa Boris & Beverly Stoudt

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Charles S. Fleming
1887-1968

Jean Call
1914-1998



SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER OR WORSHIP LEADER

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders throughout this Fall.

Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS

This is your chance to make sure coffee hour has all of your favorite items! The sign-up sheet for First Sundays is posted in the Fellowship Hall. NCPC officers cover the other Sundays, but this is your opportunity to set the table as you'd like it. Haven't hosted before? Sign up with a friend and learn how our fair trade coffee gets made!

CHOIR REHEARSAL & BELL PRACTICE

Start warming up those vocal cords, choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. The Celebration ringers will resume practice on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Sunday School and Nursery care will resume next Sunday, September 11, 2022. We are in need of volunteers throughout the fall! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly - dckr0680@gmail.com

For Nursery: Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com

BACKPACK BLESSING - SEPTEMBER 11 in WORSHIP

During worship next Sunday, September 11, children are invited to bring their backpacks with them! During our Scripture Conversation, we will bless our school bags at the start of a new year.

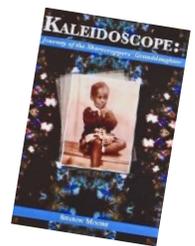
After the Scripture Conversation, children are invited to go to the 2nd floor of the Christian Education Building. Babies through four-year-olds go to nursery where two volunteers will care for them. Children ages five through eleven go with Ms. Diana and another volunteer for Sunday School.

THURSDAY REFORMATION SERIES AT 1 p.m.

Our weekly Bible Study group will gather on Thursdays at 1 this fall to learn more about the Reformation through the Yale Bible Study series - <https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/reformation-history/>. To kick off our series, we'll gather in person at NCPC on September 8 and then via zoom the rest of the month. For more information, contact Pastor Miriam.

KALEIDOSCOPE STORYTELLING EVENING

Join Congregational Life on Friday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m., as author and storyteller Sharon Moore (member of Community Presbyterian, sister of our regular guest preacher Rourke Moore) sings and shares stories from her recent book, Kaleidoscope: Journey of the Sharecroppers' Granddaughter. The event is free of charge; light refreshments and wine will be served. Pick up your copy of Kaleidoscope today from the church office for \$20 - cash or check made out to NCPC.



NCPC FALL RETREAT – SEPTEMBER 24-25

Our first annual Fall Retreat: Beside Still Waters will be September 24-25 at Pocomoke State Park. Coordinators Greg Fogarty (gregorymfogarty@gmail.com) & Mike Smith (mikesmithteam@gmail.com) are finalizing plans for our weekend; be in contact with them if you have any questions.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 1

All creatures of our God and king; lift up your voices and with us sing. Alleluia!

Join us on Saturday, October 1 at 10 a.m. for a short, outdoor service where the pets of NCPC may be blessed by Pastor Miriam.

Creatures of all shapes and sizes are welcome. If your pet doesn't travel well or play well with others, bring their picture or one of their accessories to be blessed.

NEW MEMBERS EVENT - OCT 2

Interested in learning about NCPC's ministry and how to become a member of our congregation? Join Congregational Life on Sunday, October 2 at 12:30 at the Manse. Following Coffee Hour, walk on down the sidewalk to 20 The Strand for some extended conversation and some additional light refreshments. Please RSVP to Jennifer Dunham - hunterbear80@hotmail.com.

Recent members wishing to connect more are welcome to attend.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE

It's not too soon to be thinking of cleaning out and donating good, clean used clothes for our annual Friendship House Clothing Drive. This year, Friendship House is especially looking for men's fall and winter clothes, which are in high demand. While all clothes are welcome, they're also interested in new or used school uniforms: solid color polo shirts and khaki pants, new or used, any size!

We are collecting clothes throughout the month of September. Donations can be left in the Mission/Outreach room of the Fellowship Hall (second room on the right at the top of the stairs). Let's Stuff the Bus once again with our generous donations!

EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER SIGN-UP

Epiphany House (722 N Union St.) is one of Friendship House's transitional homes for women. NCPC provides a dinner on the second Thursday each month. Two volunteers are asked to arrive with food at 5 and plan to stay for the meal. Dinner is over by 6, and residents clean up! For meal inspiration and dates, the sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Scott Selheimer with any questions.

MENTORING

Our mentoring program with local schools was put on hold during the pandemic, but we're gearing up to get started again this fall. [Creative Mentoring](#) provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email [Candy Dunson](#). If we have 3 or more new mentors, we can arrange for the training to be done as a group at our church this fall.

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

Mary Pratt

Room 325-B
Garden Care Center
135 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Square, NY 11010

At Home:

Kathy Griffin-Graham

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

Anita Johnson

726 Loveville Road,
Apartment 703
Hockessin, DE 19707
(302) 239-5139

Janet Reed

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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-6749

Mary Duncan

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Wilmington, DE 19806
(302) 888-0282

Doug & Linda Twyford

513 East Roosevelt Ave.
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(302) 328-6824

Judy Hentkowski

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New Castle, DE 19720
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Bev Denison

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Smyrna, DE 19977
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On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock

1346 Crocker St.
Coos Bay, OR 97420

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/04	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship Friendship House Clothing Drive Begins
Monday	09/05		LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday	09/07	1:30pm	Mission & Outreach Mtg
		7:30pm	Choir and ice cream social
Thursday	09/08	1:00pm	Bible Study - Reformation Series
Friday	09/09	7:30pm	An Evening of Stories & Songs with Sharon Moore
SUNDAY	09/11	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion Installation of Officers
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacons Meeting

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jane Fouracre	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Nanette Nichol	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Janet Spring	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

Trustees meet the 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

