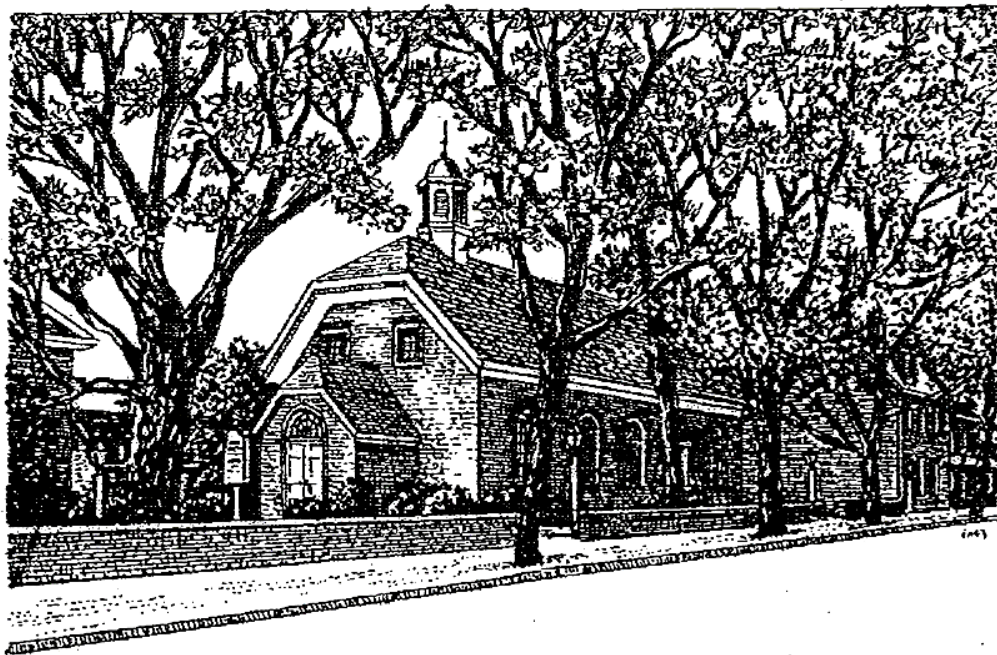


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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 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
World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

arr. Cindy Berry

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 *(from Psalm 8)*

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

God's glory is above the heavens.

When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers,

The moon and the stars that you have established;

What are humans that you are mindful of them?

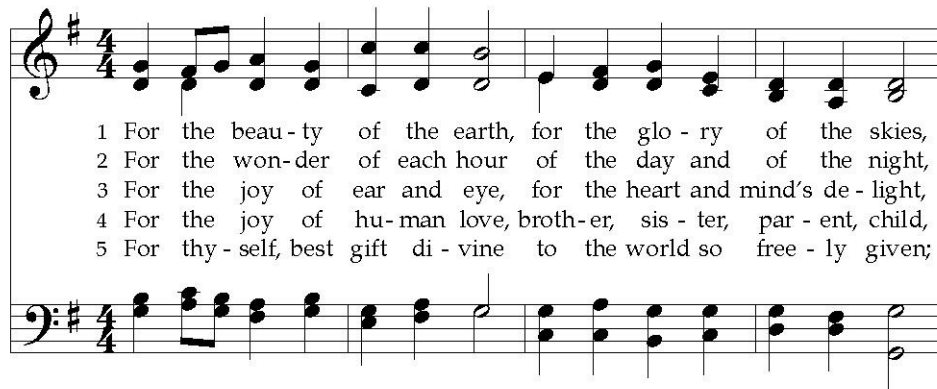
What are mortals that you care for them?

Your glory and honor shines through all of your creation;

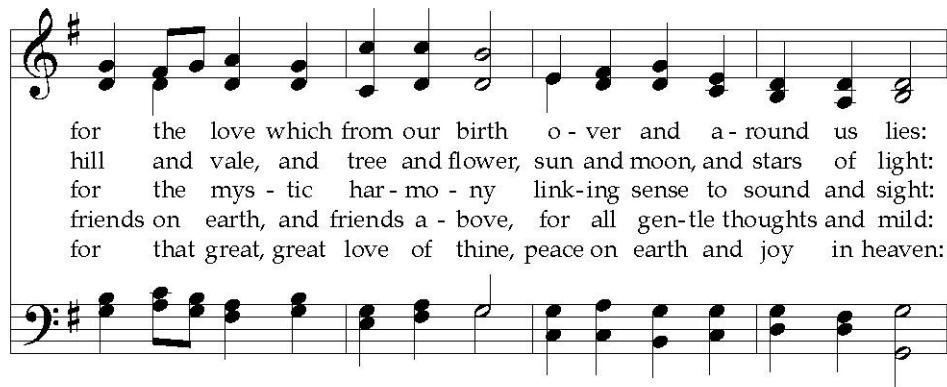
O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

DIX
7.7.7.7.7

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love:

when we have food leftover, yet we do not share with any in need; when we have power for good and opportunity for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable.

Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way...

(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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Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

by Derek Hakes

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Amen

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. Listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. See the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. Send your Holy Spirit and heal us. Speak through your Living Word to comfort and to save us. Remind us of your steadfast love, again and again. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:2-16

Page: NT 46

² Some, testing him, asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵ But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon

Has Everyone Been Fed?

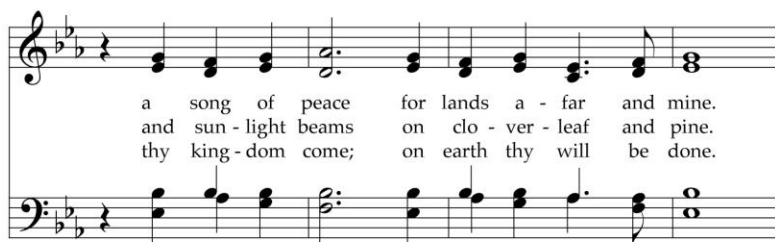
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #340


This is My Song



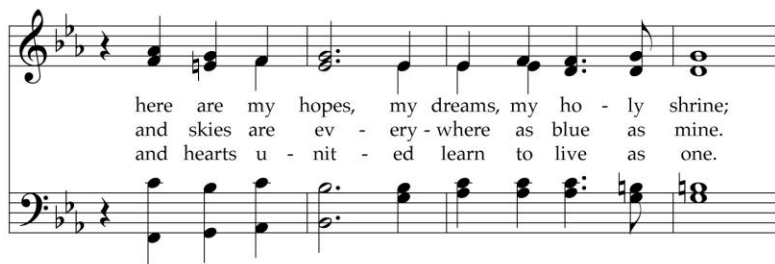
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



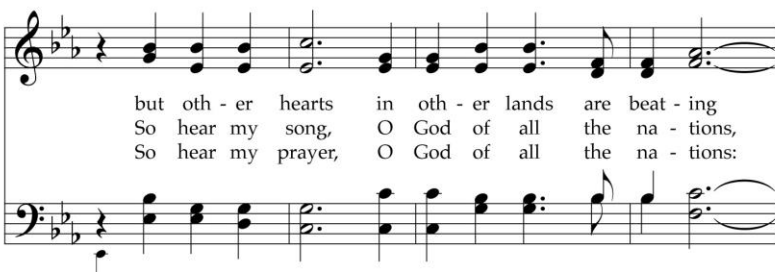
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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FINLANDIA
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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Break Thou the Bread of Life

arr. Lloyd Larson

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**

Holy One, you call ordinary people and embolden them to be extraordinary disciples. Help us remember that what we have and who we are is more than enough for you to call us as your disciples. Fashion us into faithful followers who hear Christ's commands, and through your blessing, may these gifts of our lives and offerings proclaim your reign into this world. Amen.

Communion and Prayers of the People

Invitation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Partaking

Prayer

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.

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

And Can It Be
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Joshua Evanovich

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: Ray Snyder

Counters: Sarah McCann/Lyn Briggs

Ushers: C. J. Seitz

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Communion: **Connie Reese**, Amy & Scott Selheimer, and Cindy Beam

Nursery: Melissa Boris/Julie Barry *Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Kim Beebe

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Martha C. Keegan
1879-1955

Roger T. Shoop
1949-1990



CHURCH DIRECTORY + COMMUNICATION

We will be updating the Directory this month. Please send us any updates to your address, email, phone, etc.

We send a monthly newsletter and weekly Sunday email update. If you don't receive them, let Kris in the office know!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in October and November.

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

If you're interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer, please contact: Molly Shaw. If you're interested in serving as a Sunday School volunteer, please contact: Melissa Boris.

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING – TODAY

We celebrate World Communion Sunday, recognizing our oneness in Christ with our siblings around the world. We will collect our Peace and Global Witness Offering, which encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. 25% of today's offering will be designated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Learn more about this offering here:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>

YOUNG(ISH) WOMENS – TODAY

This fall, we'll start meeting on the first Sunday of each month! This fellowship group is for women between the ages of 20ish and 50ish; let Pastor Miriam know if you need childcare.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. All are welcome!

MACEWEN SERVICE – OCTOBER 19

Dean & Lynn MacEwen's service will be held on Saturday, October 19 @ 11:00am at Westminster Presbyterian, 1502 W. 13th St., Wilmington, DE.

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – OCTOBER 20

We'll offer Sunday School for all ages in the Fellowship Hall! Over lunch, we'll gather for conversation and activities from 12-1 with the Gospel According to Bluey: Keepy Uppy. To learn more about Bluey go to <https://www.bluey.tv/>

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – OCTOBER 20

On October 20, Greg and Susan Fogarty will host us for a campfire lunch, then we'll head to Battery Park to do some trash pick-up and talk about how we care for God's creation. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated!

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will meet for food and fellowship at Iron Hill Brewery on the Riverfront in Wilmington on Monday, October 21 at 7:00. Come join the conversation! Please RSVP to Steven Foltz.

CEMETERY CLEANUP

The Trustees will lead the way on the annual cemetery cleanup day on Saturday, October 26 from 9am-12pm. Plan to come out and lend a hand to spruce up the New Castle Presbyterian Church Cemetery on Umbrella Row.

FALL FEST – CHILI + GAMES

Fall Fest is back again on October 27th during coffee hour! The CE Committee is organizing all-ages family fun, and Congregational Life is organizing our annual chili cook-off! A chili sign-up sheet is located on the rolling bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Resource Development Committee is looking for one (or more!!) members to join RD as a "member at large." Are you interested in the budget? Policies? The inner workings of the church staff? Resource Development is for you!!! Please reach out to Peter McCurdy if you are interested or have any questions!

M&O CLOTHING DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER

Final call for Friendship House clothing bank donation. The Friendship House van will come October 10 at 11am. If you would like to help load the van please let Scott Selheimer know.

BROWNIE BAKERS

Every month, NCPC volunteers prepare a meal for Emmanuel Dining Room in Wilmington. You can help feed our neighbors by baking a batch of brownies! Mixes are available in the CE Building; please return baked brownies in a sealed ziploc bag. Brownies are due into the kitchen by October 6.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Thanks to all of you for the Christian love you've shown for your neighbors-in-need. With your generous giving in August, we raised an additional \$740 bringing our 2024 contributions to \$3,140. This has been a difficult year for many of our neighbors and for the organizations that help them. As you know, we collaborate with the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) of St. Peter's Catholic Church and they too have come very close to being out of funds. SVdP is very thankful for NCPC support. The food pantry continues to operate with the generous donations from the St. Peter's community, NCPC and others. To God be the glory!

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 <mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com> or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 <mailto:silverfran@aol.com>

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/06	10:30am	BROWNIES DUE In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00-2:00pm	Young-ish Women Gathering
Monday	10/07	9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
Wednesday	10/09	3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/10	9:00am	Friendship House van arrives to pickup clothing
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	10/12	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	10/13	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher – Tracy Keenan
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon Meeting

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SESSION

2025	2026	2027
Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry
Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann
Connie Reese	OPEN	Amy Selheimer
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2025	2026	2027
Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock
Janet Spring	Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2025	2026	2027
Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Mike Smith	Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy

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

