

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
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
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

God's law is right and just.

God's commandments offer us wisdom and insight.

Let us come to learn and repent.

Let us come to change to witness and worship.

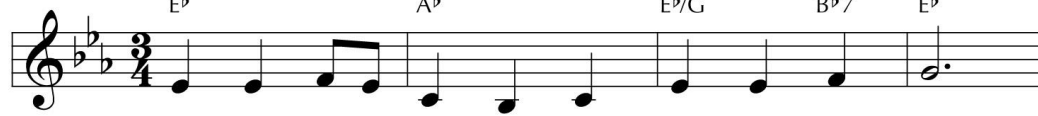
For God's grace is unending, and God's love is steadfast.

Let us worship the God of our salvation!

*Hymn #450


Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
E^b A^b E^b/G B^b7 E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

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




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
A^b E^b Gm7 A^b B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
Cm E^b/G A^b E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name.

Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and our deliverance... (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

Anthem

For Everyone Born

Lyrics by Shirley Erena Murray

Carolyn Hendrix - Cello

Music by Brian Mann

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Arranged by Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Chorus: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, dividing a system that's fair. *Chorus*

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. *Chorus*

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free! *Chorus*

Scripture Conversation with Children – Bible Presentation

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, as you revealed your law to Moses at Mount Sinai, teach us to worship you alone and to keep your commandments. May we live as your faithful people, and may our lives reflect your glory. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Page: OT 66

Then God spoke all these words: ²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

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

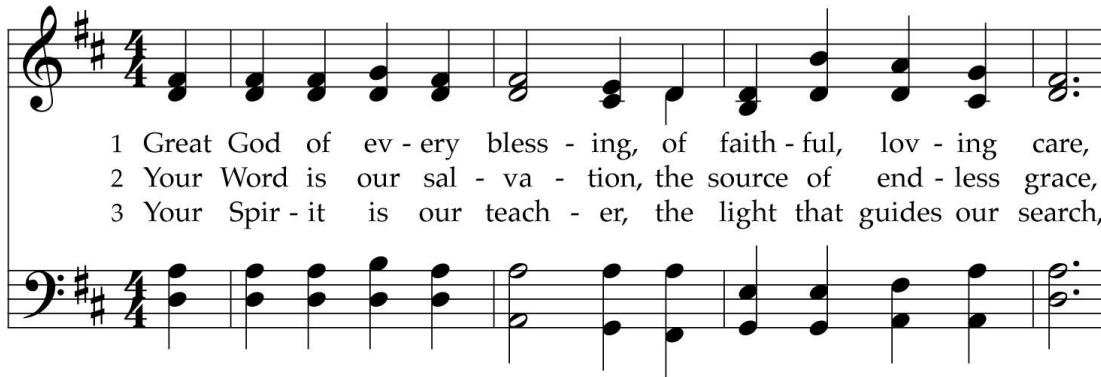
Sermon

“Prayer For Illumination”

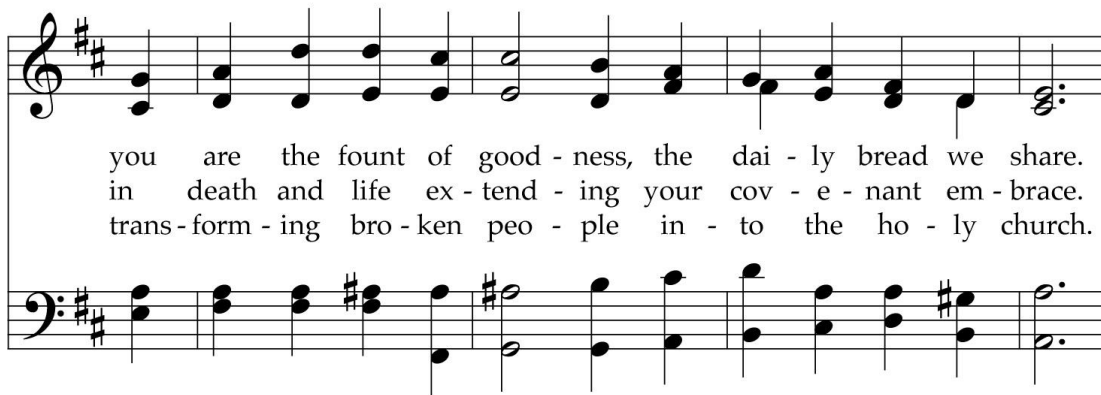
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #694

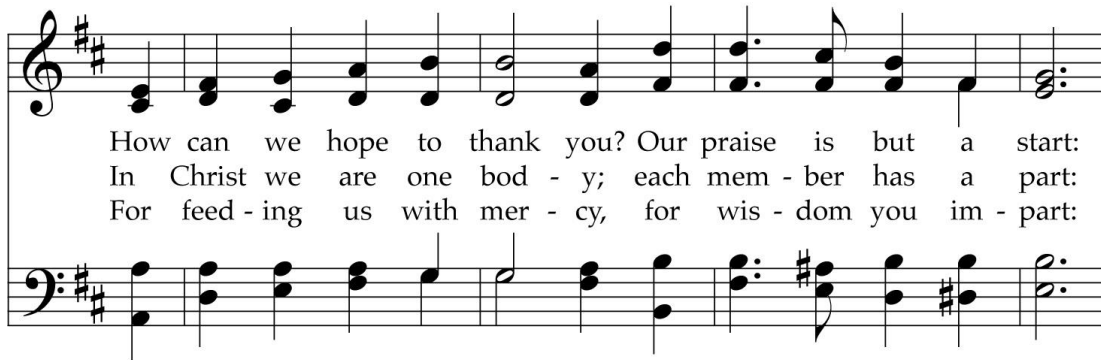
Great God of Every Blessing



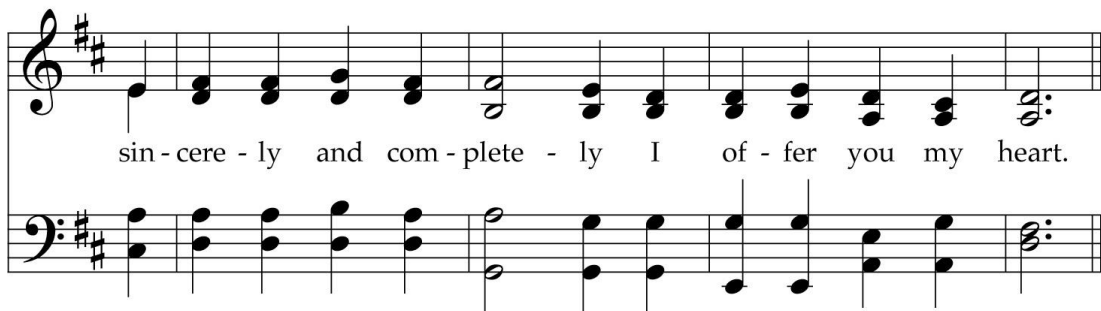
1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Air on the G String (from Suite No. 3) by J.S. Bach

Carolyn Hendrix - Cello

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**

Everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Wash over us with the abundance of your mercy. Move through our many blessings that we would bless others. Use these gifts to your service and our lives to your praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 #755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share:
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Amazing Grace
Bethany Faiz – Piano

arr. Jack Schrader

*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: Jane Fouracre

Counters: Scott Selheimer/Chris Fagles

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Coffee Hour: Amy & Scott Selheimer

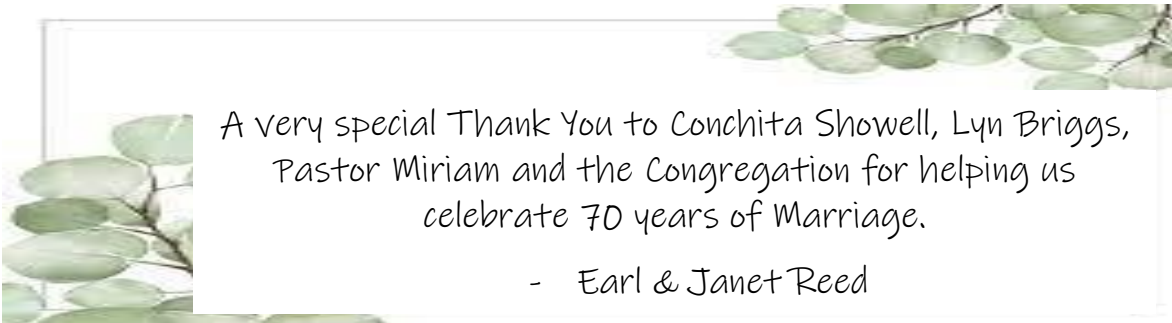
Nursery: Lynn Smith/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Kim Beebe

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Minnie A. Thomson
1886-1974

Maryellen Wample
1942-2013



BIBLE PRESENTATIONS - TODAY

Today as we present *Growing in God's Love* to Maisy Turnbull, Olivia Viola, and Jackson Walter, and on Sunday, October 29, to Liam Collins.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our weekly Bible Study will be this Wednesday at 2 p.m., in person in the Fellowship Hall. This fall, we'll be studying the lectionary passage for the upcoming Sunday. Reach out to Pastor Miriam if you have any questions.

NEW CASTLE BEACH CLEANUP – OCTOBER 14

Join New Castle Sailing Club on Saturday, October 14, from 10am-1pm for a clean-up of the Battery Park Beach area. Wear old sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Plastic gloves and trash bags provided. Sign in at the NCSC Sailing House at the end of W 3rd St.

PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION – SAT., OCT. 28

Help us celebrate All Saints Day (Nov. 1) by caring for our church cemetery. Join the NCPC Trustees from 10am to 12pm at 2 Umbrella Road. Bring gloves and a trowel; wear sturdy shoes. We will pick up trash and plant bulbs around the perimeter. Contact Gary Graham if you have any questions.

PUMPKIN PARTY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Put on your costumes and join us October 29th for our Pumpkin Party! Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m.; children of all ages will head over to the Fellowship Hall around 10:50 a.m. for story and craft time with our Christian Education volunteers. During coffee hour, parents and children can play games, and ALL church members will be invited to participate in our mini Halloween parade. The Pumpkin Party will be held alongside our Chili Cook-off, so lunch will be provided for all ages (we will have some non-chili options as well). Guests are invited to bring toiletries and peanut butter and jelly to donate through our Gifts of Love program. Please RSVP here: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party>

FALL CHILI FEST – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Chili fest is back again on October 29th during coffee hour! Come one, come all and bring your favorite crockpot of chili to share with everyone. A sign-up sheet is located on the rolling bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all for some fall fun!

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Our Stewardship Season kicks off Sunday, October 29, as we explore the many gifts we have been given. What gifts of time, talent, and treasures, has God blessed us with? Join us in learning what gifts members of our congregation have discovered throughout their life. Mark your calendars for our Stewardship Report after worship on Nov. 5 and participating in Pledge Sunday on Nov. 12.

DITTY BOX COLLECTION – ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER

We will be collecting the following items for the Seamen Center's ditty box. Knitted hats and scarves, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, razors, deodorant, shampoo, playing cards, chapstick, cough drops, hand lotion, sewing kits, hard candy (no chocolate), soap, stationary, pens, socks, and gloves. There is a box in the CE entrance way.

GUATEMALAN PRAYER PARTNERS

More than a decade ago, a [Prayer Partnership](#) program was initiated. The premise is simple. One person from the U.S. is paired with one person from Guatemala. Partners exchange photos of each other and promise to pray for each other every day. Please let Candy Dunson know by October 15 if you are interested.

COVENANT CONVERSATION – NOV 11

Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we welcome, affirm and support LGBTQIA+ members.

The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. Let Pastor Miriam know if you plan to attend and sign up today:



<https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-new-castle-presbytery/>

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – CLOTHING DRIVE

Thank you!! On Thursday, Friendship House picked up close to a 100 bags of clothing to fill their van to overflowing for our annual clothing drive. Thank you to all for your generosity in supporting this important mission.



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

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
505 Greenbank Road
Room D14
Wilmington, DE 19808

At Home:

Kathy Griffin-Graham

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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 324-9944

Anita Johnson

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2006
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Hockessin, DE 19707

Janet Reed

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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-6749

Mary Duncan

1323 Richard's Alley
Wilmington, DE 19806
(302) 888-0282

Linda Twyford

New Castle Nursing & Rehab
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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-2580

Judy Hentkowski

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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-8266

Robert Lindfors

202 Brylgon Ave.
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-5369

David Lioi

201 Natalia Drive
New Castle, DE 19720

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George Spock

USCGC Scheuerman
PSC 851 P.O. Box 11620
FPO AE, 09834

On Assignment with the Air Force:

James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/08	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Bible Presentation
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:45am	Bible Discovery Class
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
		3:00-5:00pm	Minute Review of Session Minutes at Elsmere PC
Wednesday	10/11	2:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/12	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	10/14	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	10/15	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Installation of Officers and Welcoming of New Member
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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Kris Krawczyk, Admin. Assistant

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

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	Walt Sparrow-Hood
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)

