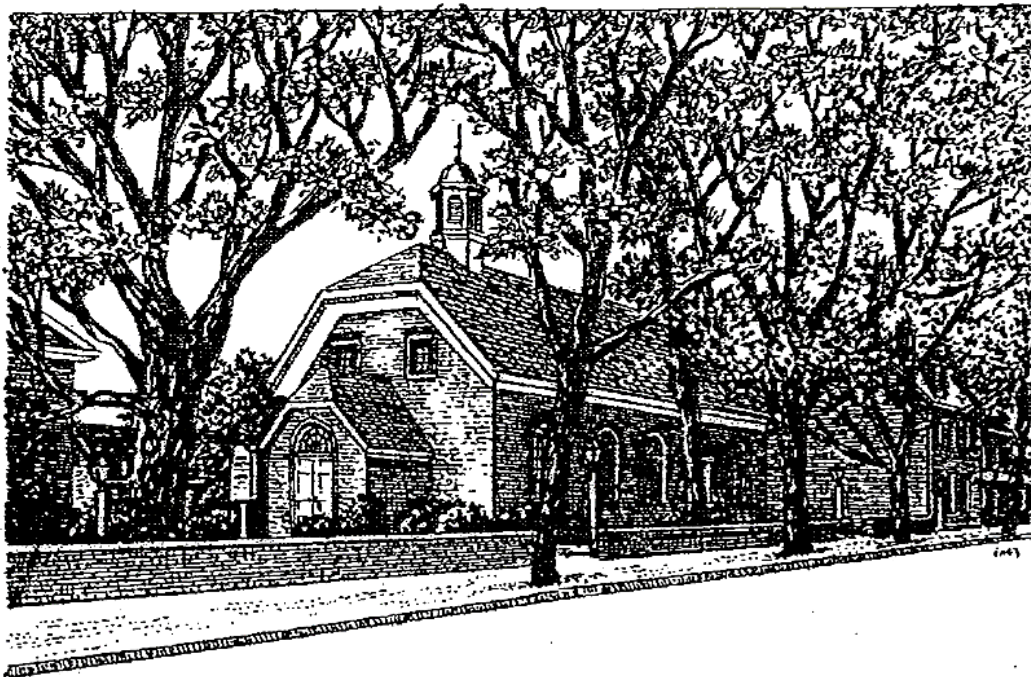


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Second Sunday of Lent**

February 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

When Jesus Wept arr. William Ringham
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

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,
the courageous and the fearful.

**God welcomes the hungry and the hopeful,
the impatient and the reserved.**

God welcomes the young and the old,
the poets and the prophets.

**God welcomes the faithful and the tired,
the curious and the committed.**

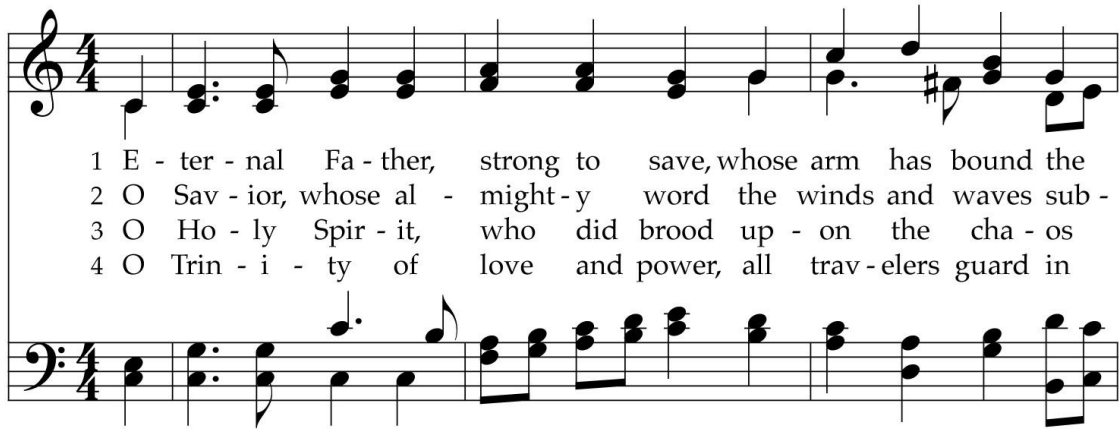
Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,
there is room for all to gather here.

This is God's house.

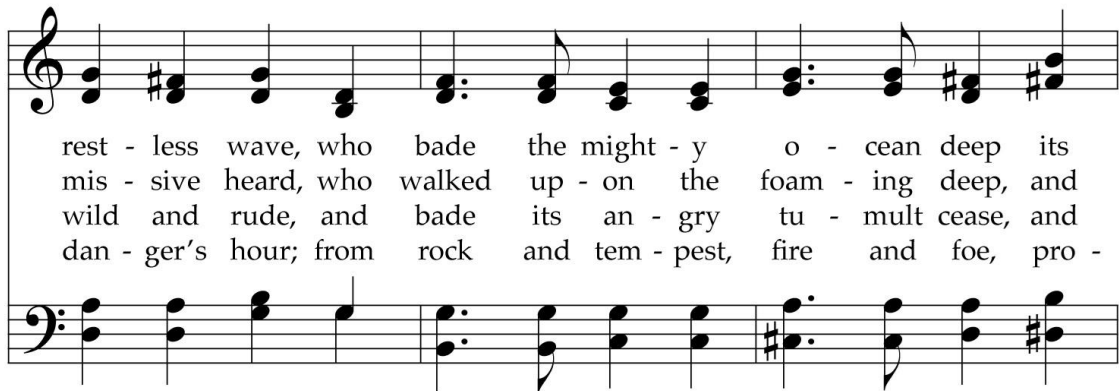
Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

***Hymn #8**


Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us. There are days when the storms of life feel too big.

In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.

Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you.

Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that entrap us. With hope in our hearts, 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

Anthem

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me Arr By Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Celebration of New Members – Mackie Family

Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to this congregation.
May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as
disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!**

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, there are days when the wind is loud. There are days where the rain tears through the trees and the storms of life beg for our attention. So just as you stilled the wind and the sea, still our wandering hearts. Quiet our restless minds. Reach out your hand to us and pull us into your Word so that we might hear, *really hear*, your message to us today. With one foot out of the boat, we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

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²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*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.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

If Thou Art Near
Bethany Faiz - Piano

by Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. David Paxton

***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**

Triune God, this is our moment to step out of the boat. We join together to be like Peter, to be courageous, truth-telling, to get our feet wet. Bless these offerings of our lives and gifts, that even as the storms rage in and around us, your message of peace would fill creation here and now. In Christ's name, 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 #159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of sun-ny days of joy;
3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.
O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less boy.
of him who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still.
of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day.
For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow.
For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll,
For he who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave,

Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
when faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a-dored, is might-y now to save.

This hymn created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody.

***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?
(with "At the Cross")
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Molly Ijames

*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: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Chris Fagles/Gary Graham

Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman

Coffee Hour: Lyn Briggs & Gail Seitz

Nursery: Julie Barry/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Melissa Boris

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Walter James Lenox
1926-1984

Elisabeth A. Ballance
1985-2016



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders. 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 is in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce the hiring of Mallory Mackie as our new Sunday School Coordinator. Mallory brings extensive experience in early childhood education to our Sunday School classroom. Mallory's email is sundayschool@newcastlepreschurch.org. We are still recruiting Sunday School and Nursery volunteers for this Spring. If interested, please contact Melissa Boris at borism1010@gmail.com

FISH BANKS / ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope:



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online today at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS – BIBLE STUDY

In the CE Building, pick up our Sanctified Art devotional - *Wandering Heart* - as we journey with Simon Peter through this season of discipleship and preparation for Easter. We have a weekly devotional for adults and daily devotional card sets for families. Join us Wednesdays at 2:00 pm for Lenten Bible Study with the Pastor in the Fellowship Hall

2/28 LENTEN ECUMENICAL DINNER – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Feasting on the Word Ecumenical Lenten Suppers continues on Wednesday, February 28, at Hope Lutheran at 6 p.m. For the full schedule of participating churches, pick up a flyer in the CE Building entryway!

NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY'S 2024 BEACH RETREAT

Gather with fellow Presbyterians from DE and MD from March 1-2 in Dewey Beach for our Presbytery's annual retreat: Love Embodied. Dynamic retreat leaders will lead us in worship and conversation to inspire, equip, and encourage us to dig more deeply into loving our neighbors in tangible, life-changing ways. To learn more and register, go to www.ncpresbytery.org/retreats. Talk with Pastor Miriam or Elder Connie Reese if you have any questions.

ATTACK ADDICTION 5K - THIS SATURDAY



On March 2, the 10th annual atTAcK addiction 5K will race through New Castle in support of addiction awareness and prevention. Learn more, sign up, and donate here: <https://www.attackaddiction.org/attack-addiction-5k.html>

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN GATHERING – MARCH 3

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather next on Sunday, March 3 from 12-2. 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!

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM BROWNIES

Brownie mixes for Emmanuel Dining Hall will be available during coffee hour for the next two weeks. Please return on or before March 6.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Clergy for Choice of Planned Parenthood of Delaware will host an ecumenical service on Sunday, March 10 from 2 to 3:30 at Congregation Beth Emeth. The service centers on reproductive rights and access to health care, especially giving thanks for the medical caregivers providing care during this time.

CHASE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY...

By cheering on the Blue Coats! Join NCPC folks at the March 16th Blue Coats basketball game at the Chase Fieldhouse. The Delaware Blue Coats play the Birmingham Squadron; the game starts at 6:00 pm.

We have 16 premium seats reserved together in Section 7. Tickets are \$21 each. Please contact Greg Fogarty cell (302) 437-4731 for tickets.



SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE

The first Open Mic Night was a resounding success! Many thanks to New Castle neighbors Charlottie and James Eoppolo for all of their leadership. Over \$350 was raised on one night for Friendship House! Come on out for the next gathering (including some good Irish music) – Sunday, March 17, from 6:30 to 8:30!



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who donated to our undie Sunday drive and our volunteers who delivered our donations and served at the clothing bank. If you are interested in learning more and supporting Friendship House's ministry, check out an Evening with Friendship House at the Hagley Soda House on March 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm. <https://rb.gy/s6y98j>

Prayer List:

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

SUNDAY	02/25	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	02/27	11:00am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	02/28	2:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper – Hope Lutheran
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	02/29	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers Presbytery Bay Retreat until 3/2
Saturday	03/02	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:00am	atTAcK Addiction 5K
SUNDAY	03/03	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm-2:00pm	Young-ish Women Gathering

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

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)

