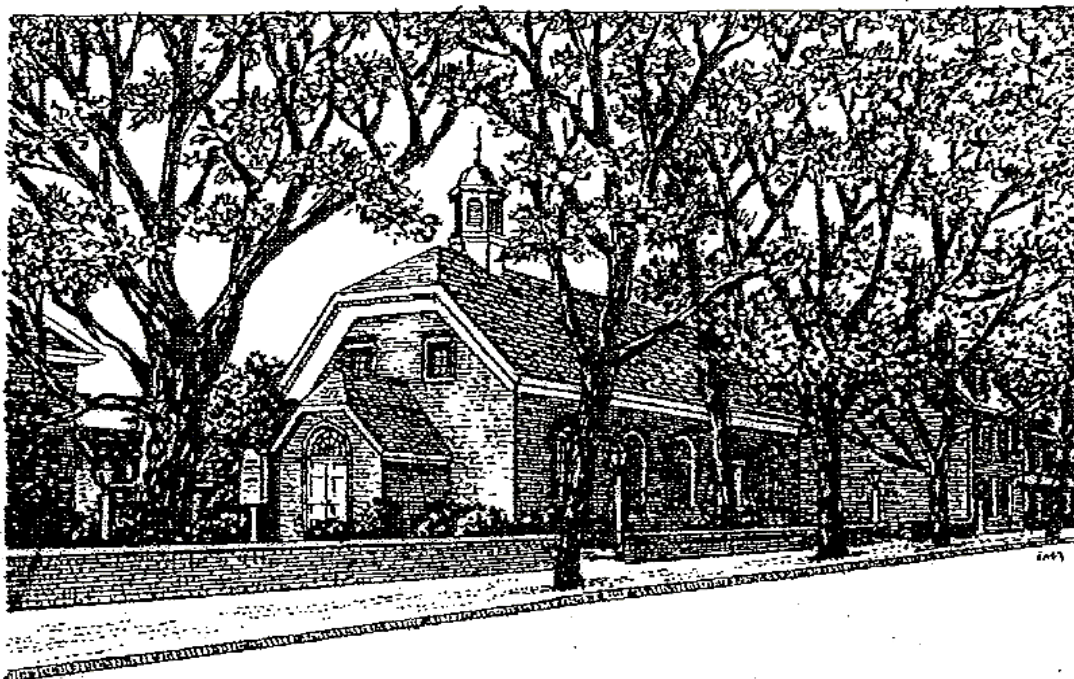


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

October 29, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. John Purifoy

**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 90*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.

Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

***Hymn #683**

Lord of All Hopefulness



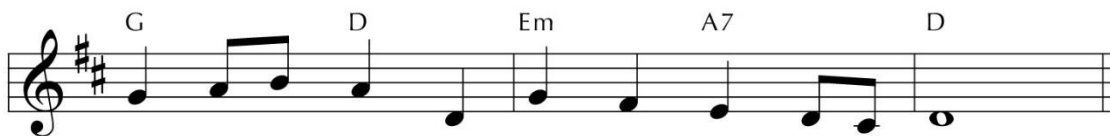
1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose
2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose
3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your
4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: be
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be
hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be
voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be



there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your
there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your
there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your
there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

When first published in 1931, this "All-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities.

Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us...
(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

To Love Our God
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Mark Hayes

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go? Blowing north then south, how does it know? O where does the wind come from? O where does it go? Blowing north then south, how does it know? The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full. How can these things be? Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained. We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty, all is vain. To love our God, the reason we live; the highest call. Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole. For this purpose we were made, to love our God.

Scripture Conversation with Children: Bible Presentation

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, you are our dwelling place. In you we find our rest; in you we find our purpose. Gather us under the shelter of your wing. Calm our minds and fill our hearts with your love. Restore us to your path and call us again to faithful discipleship. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 4:10

Page: NT 235

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

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

Stewardship Moment

Steve Martin & Cynthia Robbins

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

Page: NT 25

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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

Sermon


“Gifts of Grateful Praise: Time”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B^b



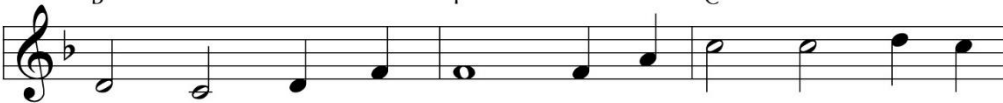
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm




end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B^b F C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B^b C F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B^b F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory More Love To Thee (with "I Love Thee") arr. Tom Fettke
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**

Lord of all, we marvel at the beauty of your creation, the wonder of each hour of our lives, and the joy of human love. We especially give you thanks for yourself, best gift divine, freely given to the world in Jesus Christ. In response to your goodness, we lift up to you these gifts of grateful praise. Bless our time, our talents, and our treasure, that through our lives your great love would be shared with all your children. Creator God, we give you all praise this day. 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 #543

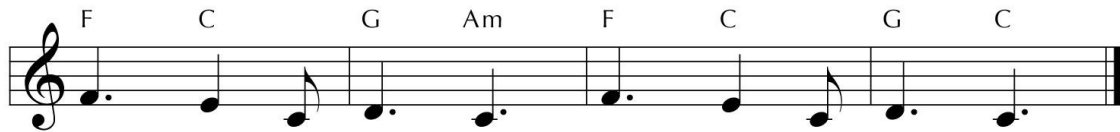
God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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GREEN TYLER
9.8.9.5.5

*Charge and Benediction Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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: Walt Sparrow-Hood/Marshall Freund
Ushers: Gary Graham/Sandra Wilson
Coffee Hour: Congregational Life & Christian Education Committees
Nursery: Molly Shaw/Chris Fagles
Sunday School: Laura Sparrow-Hood/Melissa Boris

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Hess G. Wilson
1915-1975

Herbert T. Pratt
1926-2014



Daylight Savings Ends
Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to "Fall Back"

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders this fall. 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.

DIRECTORY - *FINAL CALL* FOR UPDATES

Our directory goes to print this week. Here's the final call for updates to your address, email, or phone number for the print edition! Email Kris in the church office TODAY with any corrections –office@newcastlepreschurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Our Stewardship Season kicks off today, 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 participate in Pledge Sunday on Nov. 12.

FALL FEST: PUMPKIN PARTY & CHILI COOK-OFF - TODAY

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).

Donations for Seaman Center Ditty Boxes are greatly appreciated!

DITTY BOX COLLECTION – FINAL CALL

Join us after worship on November 6, to assemble the Ditty Boxes for the Seaman's Center. We are still collecting the following items:

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. All donations can be dropped off to the box in the CE entrance way.

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S GATHERING – NOV 5

This fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather again next Sunday after Coffee Hour. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings.

COVENANT CONVERSATION – NOV 11

Members of New Castle Presbytery have organized 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/>

THANKSGIVING BAGELS AND BLESSINGS – NOVEMBER 23

Gather with NCPC in the Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23, at 8 a.m. for bagels, coffee, and a short devotional time together as we give thanks for God's many blessings. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Miranda Matthews at thecatmagnet@yahoo.com.

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The Season of Advent will begin on Sunday, November 26, and Advent devotionals will be available in the CE Building in mid-November.

We'll gather for our Longest Night Service on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. Our Christmas Eve services (on a Sunday!) will be a 10:30 Family Service and a 7 p.m. Traditional Service.

We look forward to welcoming the Christ Child together this season!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT NCPC, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Help NCPC welcome guests and support Friendship House. Friendship House's mission is to unite people facing homelessness with loving, supportive communities they can call home. Friendship House provides programs such as the Clothing Bank, Empowerment Centers, Winter Shelters, Financial Assistance, and Transitional Housing.

NCPC will be providing music in our Meeting House and selling soups and baked goods in our CE Building. We will also be welcoming guests with our free cookie and coffee/hot chocolate table. Please volunteer your time and cooking talents by signing up on the posted sheets in the CE Building.

*Christmas is the Season for Kindling the Fire for Hospitality in the Hall,
and the Flame of Charity in the Heart. - Washington Irving*

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

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Kentmere Rehab & HC
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Wilmington, DE 19806

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
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Wilmington, DE 19808

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James Boyle

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JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/29	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Chili Cook-off & Pumpkin Party
Monday	10/30		Meals on Wheels
Tuesday	10/31		Meals on Wheels
Wednesday	11/01		Meals on Wheels
		2:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	11/02		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	11/03		Meals on Wheels
Saturday	11/04	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	11/05	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Stewardship Report
		11:45am	Coffee Hour – Ditty Box Assembly
		12:00pm	Young-ish Women's 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	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		
Miranda Matthews		

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)

