

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!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, 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.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a seat cushion.

Nametags – We encourage everyone to use the nametags available in the Meeting House entrance during worship and coffee hour. Please return to their box in Fellowship Hall.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available 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 and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall.

At the end of worship, please join us for Sidewalk Fellowship on 2nd Street.

Worship "code": * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on 2nd Street are for
handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. M. A. Brundage
Mary Anne Brundage - Soloist

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 (*from Psalm 138*)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

I give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

On the day I called, you answered me.

On the day I called, you increased my strength of soul.

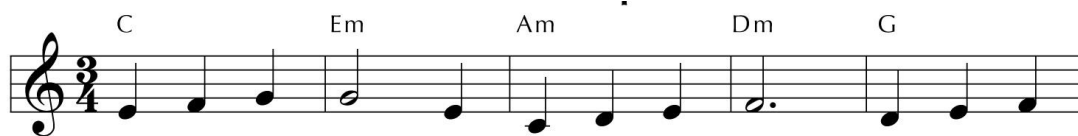
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me.

You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

O Lord, how wonderful is your steadfast love that endures forever!

*Hymn #22

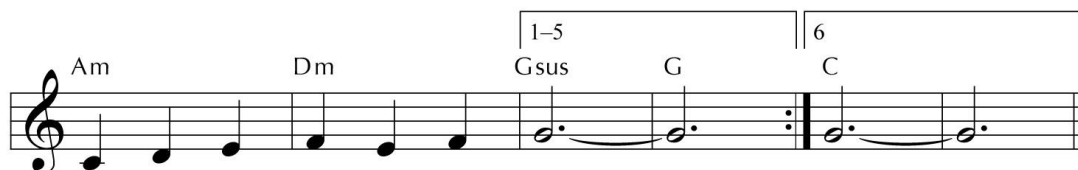
God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have fallen short of who you call us to be. We seek peace and comfort in our lives, ignoring the needs of those around us. We live our lives in ways that bring chaos and calamity to our neighbors. Cleanse us from sin and show us your steadfast love, so that in turning to you, we may seek unity and peace for all of your creation...*(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

Triennium Commissioning - Wyatt and Teisha Fooks

Hear this blessing from the whole congregation:

Wyatt and Teisha, go with God to dream big dreams. May God's Holy Spirit blow through Triennium and carry you safely home. Amen!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Emmanuel, God With Us, you make yourself at home among us.

You learn our names and our stories, dwelling with us wherever we lay our head. You make miracles out of the mundane and saints out of the ordinary. Show up in the holy spaces and the unexpected places. Send your Holy Spirit to know your peace and be filled by your Living Word this day. Amen.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." *This is the Word. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*When One's Goat Is Got*GIVE THANKS TO GOD***Hymn #488****I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry**


1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no
you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to
cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to
lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-
see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a
whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your
plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es
child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as
light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."
4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Mary Anne Brundage

arr. M. A. Brundage

***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**

Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ. Bless our offerings that your gospel would bring hope and peace to all people. 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.

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004
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GREEN TYLER
9.8.9.5.5

*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Special Congregational Meeting

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

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 Sidewalk Fellowship.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Nancy Kersey

Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman

Nursery: Mallory Mackie/Molly Shaw

Counters: Julie Barry/Kelly McCurdy

Fellowship Hour: Sidewalk Fellowship

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Robert G. Scott
1921 - 1980

Paul McKnight
1937 - 1999



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY

Today, Session has called for a brief Special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing an additional church officer.

We will also commission our Triennium participants - Wyatt Fooks and Teisha Fooks - as they journey with New Castle Presbytery's delegation to Triennium, the triennial gathering of Presbyterian high schoolers in Louisville, KY!

ALL-AGES SURVEY

Our colorful insert today is our "All Ages" Sunday School Survey for this upcoming year. Please fill out and return the form to the labeled basket in the entryway. A digital version of this survey is also available in the Sunday email. Thanks for helping the Christian Education Committee plan awesome intergenerational learning opportunities.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher and serve as worship leader:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

NCPC YOUTH GROUP

Middle and high school youth: mark your calendar for our pool party on August 10 from 3-6 pm at Chris Fagles' house! Contact Pastor Miriam for more information and to RSVP!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterians have responded quickly and compassionately to rapid flooding in the Texas Hill Country, and PDA is committed to supporting local church leadership through long-term relief efforts. Learn more and support PDA here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2yne9t6>

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM BROWNIES

Deacons are supplying cookies for the month of July. No brownies this month are needed. Look for brownie boxes in August, they will be due back on August 21.

SINGING THE FAITH

Join us in worship on July 27 as NCPC members Marilyn Webster and Toni Marley share about the hymns that have shaped their faith in Christ. And of course, we'll join in singing the hymns together during the service! If you would like to share in a future Singing the Faith Sunday, please let Worship Elders Jen Dunham or Connie Reese know.

PEOPLE WHO LUNCH

There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for People Who Lunch. The group will be meeting at Jessops Tavern on Tuesday, August 5 at 12pm. Please contact Jean Norvell at (302) 593-8318 for any questions.

NCPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Our Bible Study with the Pastor is on summer break until August. In the meantime, all are invited to be a part of our summer book club as we read Rachel Held Evans' *Inspired*. Copies available for purchase from the church office for \$10. We'll gather for a discussion at 3p.m. on Wednesday, August 20 at Connie Reese's house.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	7/20	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
			Triennium Commissioning / Cong Mtg
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night
Monday	7/21		Meals on Wheels
			Brownies Due
		12:45-4:30pm	Private Counseling – Library
		6:30pm	Trustee Meeting
Tuesday	7/22		Meals on Wheels
		9:00am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	7/23		Meals on Wheels
Thursday	7/24		Meals on Wheels
Friday	7/25		Meals on Wheels
Saturday	7/26	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	7/27	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship

Pastor Miriam is out of the office from July 21-August 3 for Continuing Education and Vacation. If you are in need of pastoral assistance, please contact the Church Office or an NCPC Deacon. Kris will be on vacation Friday, July 25.

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2025	2026	2027
Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry
Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann
Connie Reese	Ray Snyder	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 (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)

