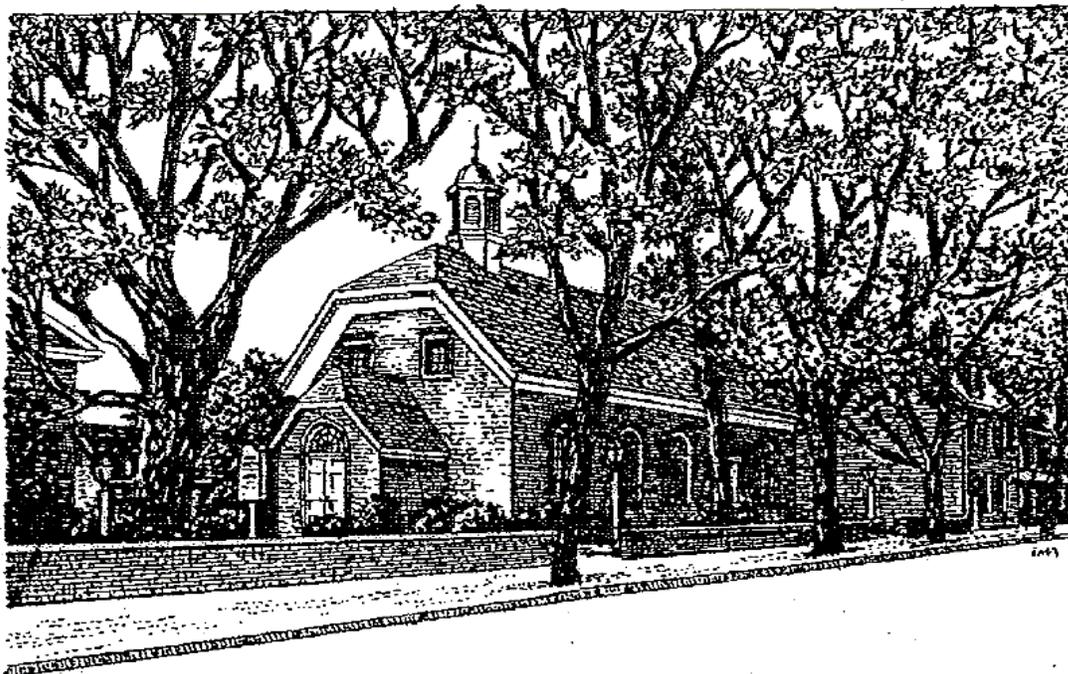


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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,**

**Please take basic COVID precautions with us.** Masks are encouraged but not required in the Meeting House and Education building.

**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 ages five through eleven 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.

**At the end of worship,** please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

### **Gentle Reminders:**

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the basket 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**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**

November 20, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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 #70 *What Does the Lord Require of You?***

**Call to Worship** (*adapted from Psalm 46*)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**God has given us a mighty Savior, whose reign we celebrate!**

Though the earth should change, the mountains shake, the waters roar,

**We will not fear; the Lord of hosts is with us.**

We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.

**Let us worship our God who rules with justice over all the earth!**

**\*Hymn #267**

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others.**

**You lead us in the way of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own paths. We are called to follow your lead in creating beloved community, yet we give preferential treatment to those with power and wealth.**

**Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a refuge and a very present help in trouble...**

*(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**

Beautiful Savior!

Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'll love Thee, truly I'll serve Thee. Light of my soul, my joy, my crown. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming flowers of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer. He makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer is the moonlight, bright are the sparkling stars on high. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the holy angels in the sky. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, forevermore, now and forevermore be thine!*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and in this place. As you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. As you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. May Christ, your Living Word, reign in our hearts and in our world. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 23:33-43

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<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting

what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”<sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

*“By the Grace of God”*

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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**

**Almighty God, through the Lordship of your Son, Jesus Christ, the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose, and creation finds its meaning. May our gifts witness to the coming of your kingdom. Reveal to the world the gracious rule of Christ. End all enmity among the nations. Bring about your glorious, peaceable creation as it is in heaven. We pray through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 #644

**Give Thanks, O Christian People**

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord is King  
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.*

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***Thank you for serving today:***

Worship Leader: Will Nielsen

Ushers: Mark Rappold/Ringo Keka

Nursery: Rachel Handy-Hayes/Molly Shaw

Counters: Bev Stoudt/Barbara Whisman

Coffee Hour: Lindy Ballance

Sunday School: Diana Reilly/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***James T. Eliason Jr.***  
***1895-1981***

***Marie Hearn***  
***1925-2001***



**DOC MARTIN WATCH PARTY: TODAY 12:00-12:45**

You're invited to stay after coffee hour, eat some popcorn, and watch Series 10 Episode 5. Sandy Wilson appears for a big 2 seconds! Come share the fun!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**

The Season of Advent begins November 27 and is a time to prepare for the Christ Child. In the CE Building entryway, there's *Word Made Flesh* for families with children and also the Presbyterian Today's Celtic Devotional for older believers.

**NEW 2022-2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE**

Our Church Directory has been updated, and new copies are available in the Church Office. An up-to-date version is on our website. Email Kris for the latest password.

## **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders throughout this Fall.

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

We are in need of Sunday School and Nursery volunteers this Spring! Please

contact: For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly – [dckr0680@gmail.com](mailto:dckr0680@gmail.com)

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – [mollypaige1@aol.com](mailto:mollypaige1@aol.com)

## **STEWARDSHIP SEASON 2023**

If you haven't yet had a chance to return your pledge cards, please mail them to the church office or leave them in Recording Secretary Shirley Knox's office box at your earliest convenience. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to pray, serve, and love in Christ's name this coming year!

## **THANKSGIVING MORNING AT NCPC – NOV 24**

Gather with NCPC in the Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 24, 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](mailto:thecatmagnet@yahoo.com).

## **NCPC FALL CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP – DEC 3**

The Trustees have scheduled our annual Fall Church Grounds Cleanup on Saturday, December 3rd at 10 a.m. Bring your gloves, rakes, leaf blowers and favorite yard tools. No need to sign up – just show up! Any questions, please call or text Gary Graham at 302-588-7372.

## **DECEMBER 4 – HOLIDAY COOKIE KICK-OFF**

Fun and fellowship during coffee hour as we decorate hundreds of Christmas Cookies for the Emmanuel Dining Room! Donations of cookie icing and sprinkles are appreciated to the box in the kitchen. Decorators of all ages are welcome.

## **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – THURSDAY, DEC 8**

Our Bible Study with the Pastor group will gather in-person on December 8 at 1 p.m. to reflect on our Celtic Advent devotional and ring in the season together. We'll meet at Connie Reese's house (112 W. 7th St) with light refreshments. Please RSVP to Conchita Showell by Sunday, December 4, if you plan to attend.

## **EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER SIGN-UP**

Epiphany House (722 N Union St.) is one of Friendship House's transitional homes for women. NCPC provides a dinner on the second Thursday each month. Two volunteers arrive with food at 5 p.m., enjoy the meal with the residents, and are on their way by 6. For meal inspiration and dates, the sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Scott Selheimer with any questions, and sign up today for Thursday, December 8.

## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS – SAT, DECEMBER 10**

Join in the Spirit of Christmas this year by giving of your time and talents in Christ's name! On Saturday, December 10, we'll extend hospitality to our neighbors and raise support for the incredible ministry of Friendship House. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall to donate baked goods or soups, as well as to volunteer in-person that day. A full schedule coming soon!

## **CAROLING IN NEW CASTLE**

Join us on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for caroling outside around Old New Castle; we'll begin to walk from the CE Building. We'll provide sheet music, but please bring a flashlight. Christmas lights and other festive attire is encouraged! Refreshments will be coordinated by the Mayhews, and will be in their home from 8-8:30pm. The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

## **LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – DEC 21**

Join us on the longest night of the year for a 6:30 p.m. service in the Meeting House. We remember the words of the prophet Isaiah - God comforts all who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow's load. This thirty-minute candlelight service will be space to dwell in the Good News of Immanuel: God with us.

## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

Join us on Christmas Eve (December 24) at 5 p.m. for our Family Service and at 7:30 p.m. for our Traditional Service in the Meeting House. The Traditional Service will be livestreamed.

Join us on Christmas Day (December 25) at 10:30 a.m. for a service of Lessons and Carols. Christmas sweaters of good taste and great tackiness are encouraged.

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,  
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## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

### ***Joan Smith***

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Room 118  
Wilmington, DE 19806

### ***Barbara Quillen***

Cokesbury  
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### ***Rod Denison***

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## ***On Assignment with the Coast Guard:***

### ***George Spock***

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## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Doc Martin watch party</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/21</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Spanish Class in CE Building</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/23</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/24</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
		<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Bagels &amp; Coffee - devotional</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/25</b>		<b>DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/26</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11/27</b>		<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

*Pastor Miriam is out of the office November 21-25  
but available for emergency pastoral care.*

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**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

*Session meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett	Toni Marley
Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

*Deacons meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

## TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Mike Smith
Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman	

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

