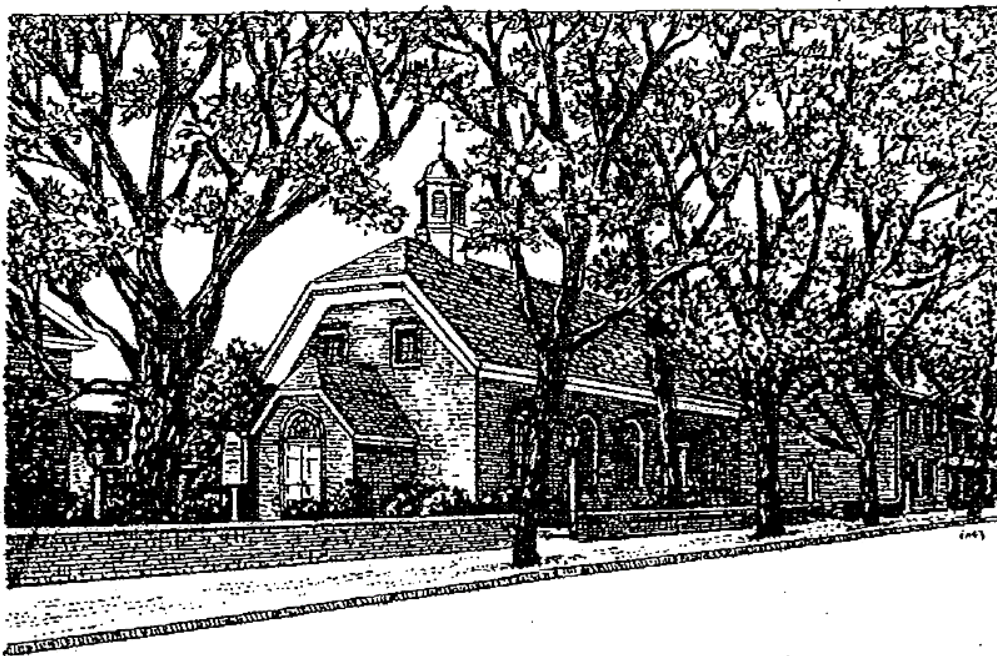


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children 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. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

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 are for
handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

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

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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New Castle Presbyterian Church

Reign of Christ

November 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

Celebration

Michael Keller

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 46)

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

We will not fear, though the earth should change.

We will not fear, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

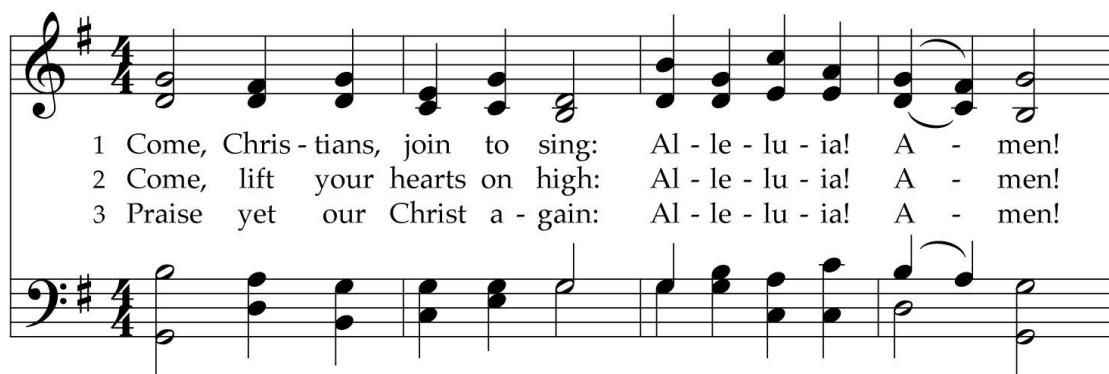
We will not fear, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Be still and know that God is God!

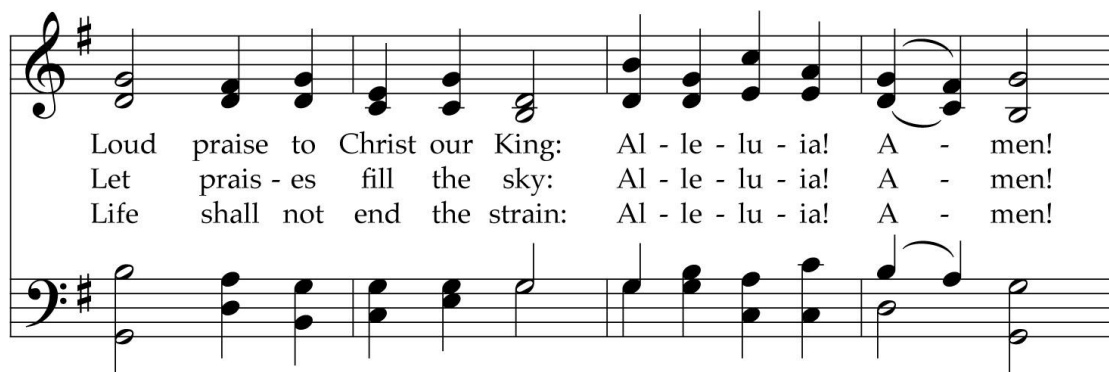
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

***Hymn #267**

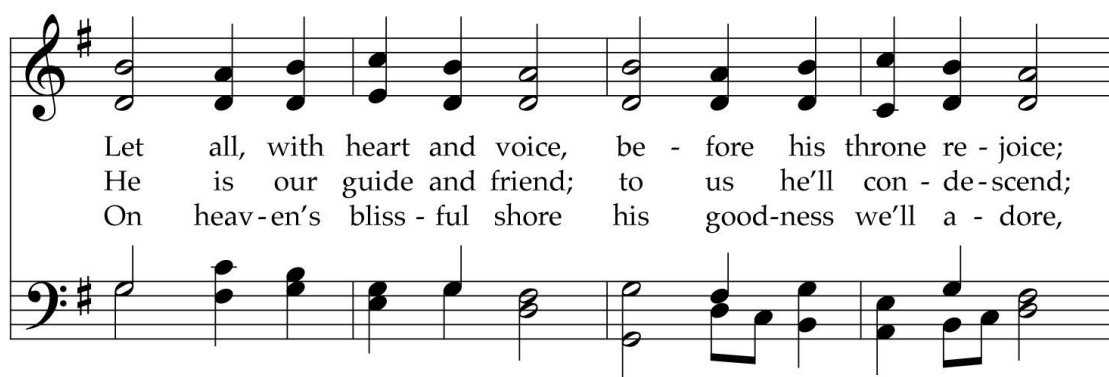
Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

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, but we prefer to walk our own paths. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin. 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

Choral Anthem

Come, Give Thanks and Sing Jean Anne Shafferman

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Come, ye thankful people come; raise a song of grateful praise. To His sacred altar bring gifts of gladness to our King. Let the universe rejoice, stars and angels lend your voice. Lord, of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Come and sing your songs of praise, joyful alleluias raise. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Raise your voices, sing in gladness, banish earthly gloom and sadness! Lift your song to God on high; wing your voices to the sky! Sing, ye thankful people, sing; Jesus Christ is Lord and King! By God's bounty we are fed; by His goodness we are led ever onward day by day, singing songs of love and praise. Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise! Come and sing! Sing your praise!

Scripture Conversation with Children

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, may we hear 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

Page: NT 89

³³ 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. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ 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!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ 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.

Sermon

Talkin' About a Revolution

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Hymn #630

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory

A Joyful Ring

Barbara Kinyon

***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, your creation finds its meaning. May our gifts witness to the coming of your kingdom. Reveal to us the gracious rule of Christ. 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

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains four lines of lyrics. The third system contains four lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains four lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is written in a simple, homophonic style, using block chords and moving lines.

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.

TEXT: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1984

MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904
Text © 1986 Fresh Winds of the Spirit by Lavon Bayler (admin. The Pilgrim Press)

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***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Edward Broughton

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 coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Nancy Kersey

Ushers: Scott Matthews/Connie Reese

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Julia Spock

Coffee Hour: All-Ages Sunday School

Counters: Chris Fagles/Kelly McCurdy

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Julia Bechtel

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Frances Massey Appleby
1930 - 1973

William Anthony
1926 - 2004



STEWARDSHIP SEASON: PLEDGE CARDS

Our Stewardship Season culminated in last Sunday's Giving Dedication. If you still need to return your 2026 Pledge Card, you may mail it or drop it off to the Church Office at your earliest convenience. Grace will lead us!

ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – TODAY

During Coffee Hour today, the Gospel according to Bluey is back! Join the Christian Education Committee for an intergenerational devotional on the theme of “a lighter yoke.” We’ll hear Jesus’ words, watch an episode of Bluey, have some time for play, and especially gather in prayer that God would lead us in “unforced rhythms of grace” this holiday season. Come by led by Christ’s grace.

FELLOWSHIP HALL SIGN-UPS

Check out upcoming opportunities for connection and service on our bulletin board!

RSVP TODAY for our Thanksgiving morning Bagels and Blessings; reach out to Gina Kouma or Phee Price if you have any questions about our gathering THIS THURSDAY!

Spirit of Christmas sign-ups are also up. Volunteer to help in-person on Saturday, December 13, or sign up to make breads, soups, or cookies for that day.

NEXT SUNDAY’S COFFEE HOUR – POTLUCK

November 30th is a “Fifth Sunday,” when Coffee Hour is potluck-style. Volunteers have already signed up to help make the coffee; would you bring a dish to share? Join us as we continue our Thanksgiving celebration for all of God’s blessings.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS – PLANNING MEETING ON NOV 30

If you can help with Spirit of Christmas (especially decorators and day-of volunteers), NCPC SoC organizers will hold an in-person meeting on November 30 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Labels and containers for Soups and Bread are available for those cooking and baking.

ADVENT

The first Sunday of Advent is November 30; printed copies of our seasonal devotional “And Heaven and Nature Sing” are available in the CE Building.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

New copies of our church directory are freshly printed in the Office area. Pick up yours today! And as a gentle reminder, please never share our password. (It’s spam!) If you need to access our online directory, you can reach out to Kris in the church office for the password!

WINTER SANCTUARY

Each Saturday, from 6:00 - 10:00 am, First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington opens their doors to people experiencing homelessness. They may come in for a rest, warmth, a hot meal, coffee & snacks, a place to charge their phones, and even a shower. Here is the link if you'd like to sign up.



Signup Genius
to volunteer

Needed items include deodorant, lotion (small to medium sized), gently used boots and sneakers (men and women), and gently used or new sweatpants, sweatshirts, and leggings for women. Label any items for Winter Sanctuary and Amy Selheimer will deliver Questions? Please reach out to Amy Selheimer (302-584-0982)

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	11/23	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	All Ages Sunday School
Monday	11/24	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	11/25	7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	11/26	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling - Library
Thursday	11/27		THANKSGIVING DAY
			Office Closed
		8:00am	Bagels & Blessing
Friday	11/28		DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
			Office Closed
Saturday	11/29	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	11/30		FIRST DAY OF ADVENT
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Potluck Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Spirit of Christmas meeting

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office on Monday, November 24 - Friday, November 28

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SESSION

2026	2027	2028
Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham
Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles
Ray Snyder	Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2026	2027	2028
Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage
Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks
		Nan Wallace

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2026	2027	2028
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Marshall Freund
Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith

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

