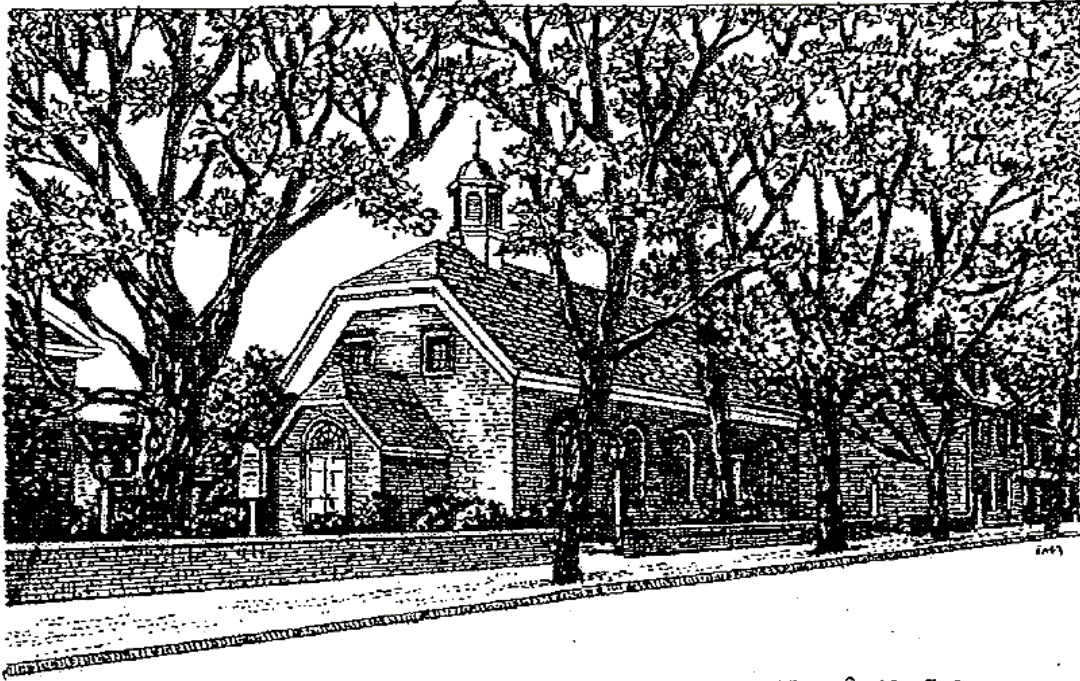


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags are available for children 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 available in the Fellowship Hall

Nursery Care for Children (0-4 yrs) is available in the Education Building, on the 2nd floor. An usher will be glad to direct you.

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
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

All Creatures Of Our God And King arr Michael Larkin

Michael Larkin - Organist

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

Lift your hearts and raise your voices.

We join with the heavenly host who forever sing:

Blessing and glory and wisdom!

Blessing and glory and wisdom!

Power and might be to our God forever and ever.

Power and might be to our God forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn #324

For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize.

When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all.

Our ways are not your ways, O Creator. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Call us again to follow in the way of Christ. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus as he does to friend and enemy...

(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 #240 (refrain, sung twice)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Gentle Shepherd
Michael Larkin – Piano

Molly Ijames

Gentle Shepherd, lead us onward: we have need of nothing more; by still waters, through green pastures, You our weary souls restore. Gentle Shepherd, for Your glory, guide us safely to our home, with Your staff to draw us closer when our hearts begin to roam. Gentle Shepherd, when we wander through the valley of despair, and darkness overwhelms us, You are ever watching there. Gentle Shepherd, Voice of Comfort, calling through the night and cold, with Your rod of sweet correction, turn Your sheep back to the fold. Gentle Shepherd oh what mercy! You became the sacrifice, laid Your life down in submission when no lamb could pay the price. Gentle Shepherd, interceding, leading us through righteous ways, till we reach the upper pasture, where we'll live for endless days.

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name. As we worship you this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might glimpse the light of your eternal wisdom. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Page: NT 128

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Blessing of Graduating Senior – Zarina Stone

God has blessed you and made you a blessing in our life together.

We will miss you but rejoice that we remain part of one body and continue to share in Christ’s ministry.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Sermon

“Resurrecting Discipleship”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Meditation on "Ubi Caritas"

Michael Larkin

Michael Larkin - Organist

***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**

Heavenly God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. As Christ called Paul and Tabitha to new life, call us by name to follow you. May these gifts of our lives and offerings reflect the goodness of your reign and the graciousness of our Risen Lord. 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.**

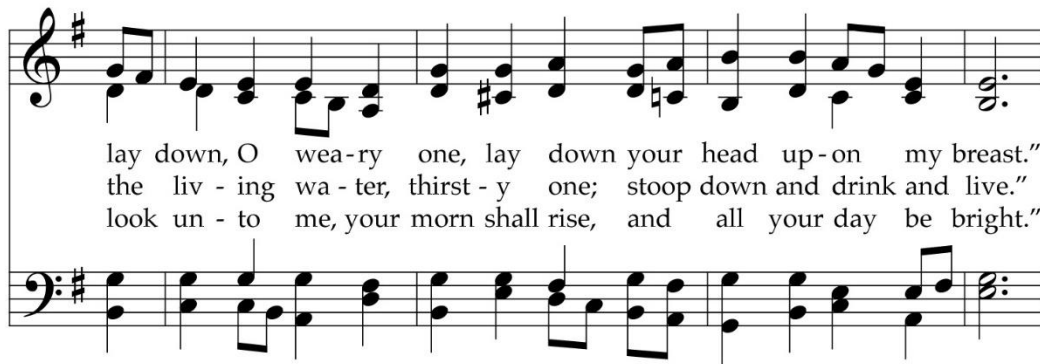
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #182

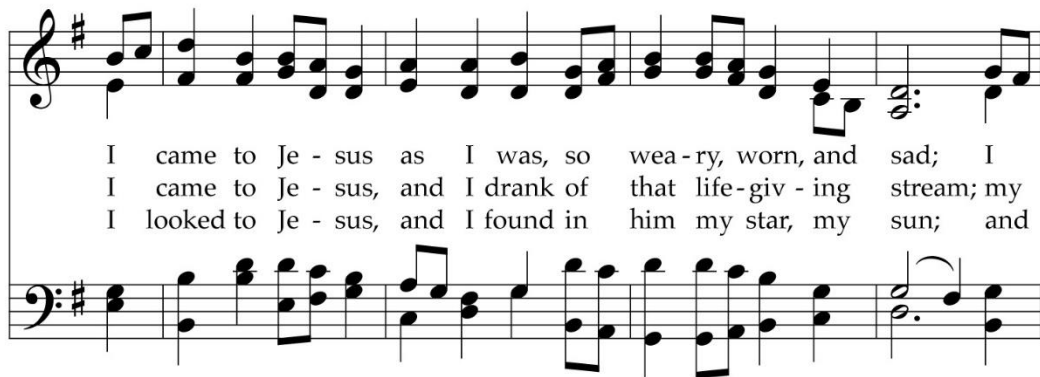
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1846, alt.

MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Georg Friedrich Kaufman

Michael Larkin - Organist

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

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Mary Fontinha

Nursery Volunteers: Lynn Smith & Chris Fagles

Ushers: Salina Brett & Sandy Wilson

Counters: Gail Seitz & Barbara Whisman

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Thomas A. Bailey
1953-1960

Martha Bryson Wallace
1901-1994



SEND-OFF FOR ZARINA STONE

Today we bless and send off our high school senior, Zarina Stone.

Zarina Stone, who was baptized before us in 2010, will graduate from Wilmington Friends School on June 4. This Fall, she'll attend Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, where she plans on majoring in Applied Mathematics. At WFS, she's has sung in the school's Chamber Singers, performed in dramas and musicals, and competed on the varsity Swimming and Tennis teams. She has served as a Deacon, is a board member of the New Castle Public Library, and taught riflery as a junior counselor at her summer camp. Her mother, Kris Stone, and loving friends and family can't wait to see what she accomplishes next!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders this summer. Please sign up today:
<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>.

We are still looking for nursery volunteers for this spring. Please contact Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com - to sign up. All volunteers need to complete child protection training and pass a background check.

A DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE – SATURDAY, MAY 21

Help us welcome visitors to the Meeting House by signing up for a greeter slot below. We will provide informational brochures for self-guided tours.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944ABA928A3F94-meeting>

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME – SUNDAY, MAY 22

Group tickets are all reserved for our Blue Rocks game. If you're interested in purchasing your own tickets, email Jen Dunham (hunterbear80@hotmail.com) for more information about where our group tickets are located. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

VBS PLANNING MEETING - MAY 22 at 7 p.m.

Our 2022 Vacation Bible School will be on Sunday, July 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. The theme is ReNew: Grow in Faith. We need volunteers to help prepare dinner, lead activities (crafts, games, and service project), as well as help with registration and set up/ clean up. Interested in volunteering? Join us via zoom for our first planning meeting on Sunday, May 22 at 7 p.m. Email Pastor Miriam for the zoom link.

FALL RETREAT: BESIDE STILL WATERS (SEPT 23 – 25)

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at Pocomoke State Park from Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!)

RSVP by May 22 by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/1pXvdU2zNcKYbyLt7>

NOW HIRING: PART-TIME CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTOR

Help us share the Good News of Christ with our youngest members! NCPC's Children and Youth Director position includes teaching Sunday School for children ages K-5, coordinating seasonal events for children of all ages, and planning activities for middle and high school-aged youth. Anticipated start on August 28, 2022.

A full job description is available on our website.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: CO-CHAIR NEEDED

Trusting in God and the vaccines, we are expecting to have a full *Spirit of Christmas* celebration on Saturday, December 10, 2022 with NCPC again taking a major role along with the City of New Castle and the New Castle Historical Society. *We are looking for a special volunteer to serve as co-organizer with Steve Martin, who worked on it last year.* If you want to know more about what may be involved, email Steve (martin@udel.edu) or call him at 302-354-4428.

HIGHMARK WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Join NCPC on June 11th for the in-person Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community! This is an annual 5k walk that Highmark puts on for local non-profits so that they can receive 100% of the proceeds. Please join us for this 5k walk on the Riverfront and/or make a donation! If you're not available to join us in person, virtually walk with us from wherever you are and send in a picture! To join NCPC's walk team, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yknytsmb>

MEMBER UPDATE

NCPC member Mary Pratt is moving to an assisted living facility on Long Island to be closer to family. We don't yet have her new address to share, but we do have a card to bless her as she relocates. Please take a moment to sign her card during coffee hour.

Prayer List:

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

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
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Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
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Hockessin, DE 19707

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Wilmington, DE 19806
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Coos Bay, OR 97420

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/08		MOTHER'S DAY
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacons Meeting

Tuesday	05/10	7:00pm	Session Meeting
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Wednesday	05/11	7:30pm	Choir
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Thursday	05/12	1:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers

SUNDAY	05/15	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jane Fouracre	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Nanette Nichol	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Janet Spring	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

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