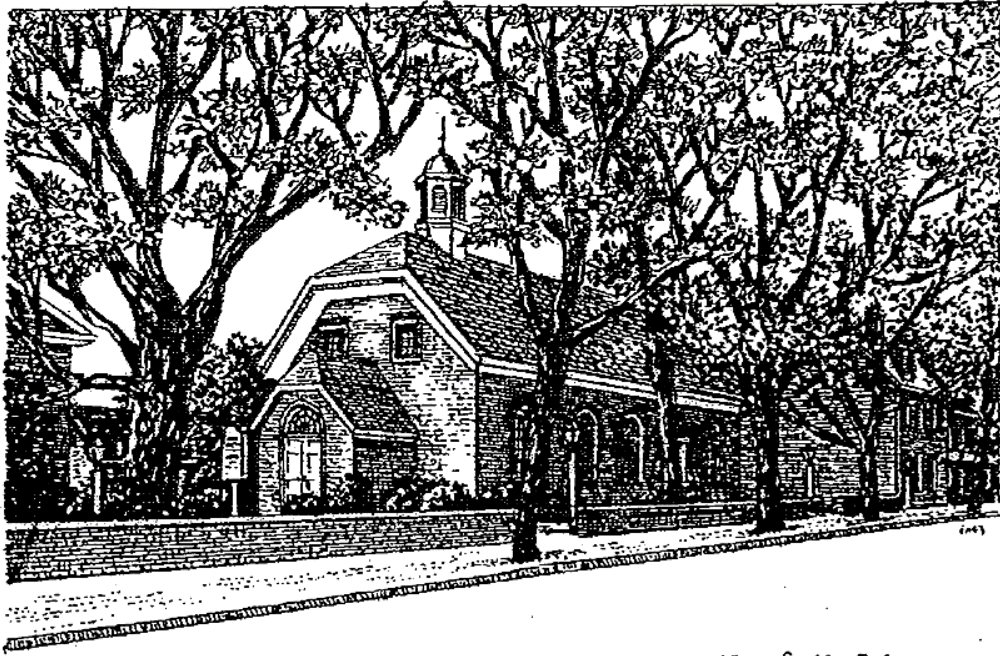


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Take My Life, and Let It Be

arr. Mark Hayes

Bethany Faiz - Piano

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

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain –

The pain of losing something precious.

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy –

The joy of finding what was lost.

We gather to hear Jesus speak words of truth, words of power, words of love. **Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.**

*Hymn #634

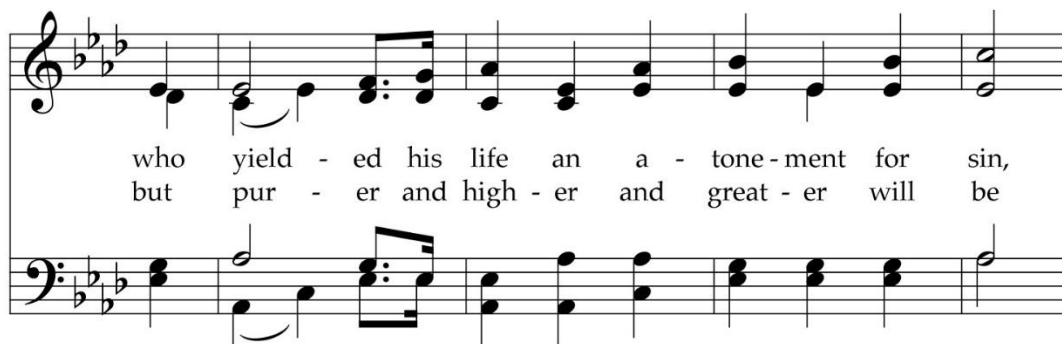
To God Be the Glory



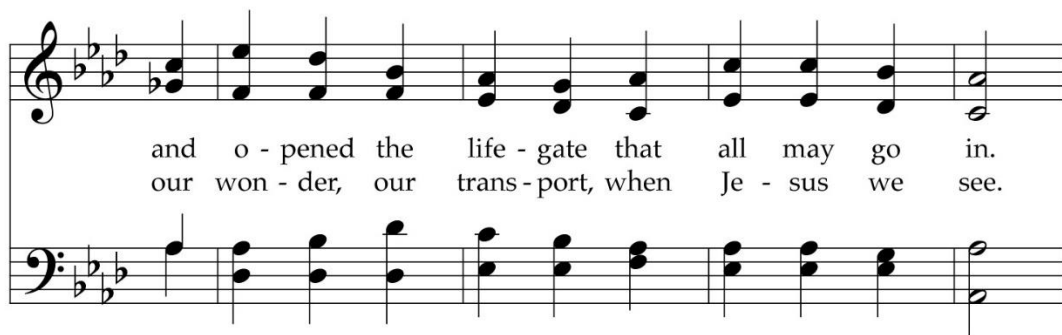
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11 with refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Create in us clean hearts, O God. Cast out the wrongdoings that you find there – ransack, renovate, redecorate! The old lamps are dim; bring new light to illuminate the shadows. Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features and restore your original design. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom, so there is room in our hearts for your joy. (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

Create in Me

by Michael Larkin

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit, with your free spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, whether our spirits are lifted or worn down, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, and sustaining your creation. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and live as your people. We long for a world that moves with the rhythm of your grace. In the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray, Amen.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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


Sermon

Call the Lost and Found Together

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #188**

Jesus Loves Me



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

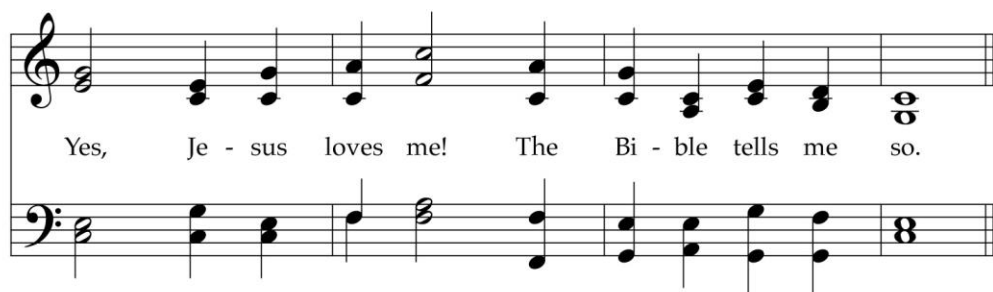


Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862, alt.

JESUS LOVES ME
7.7.7.7 with refrain

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

arr. Martha Mier

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**

Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to find us, save us, and deliver us. Help us rejoice in your love, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors. Through the offerings of our lives and our gifts, may your joy spread throughout all the world. 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 #774

There Is Now a New Creation

1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.

peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Standing on the Rock

arr. Patti Drennan

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 Coffee Hour Fellowship

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Nancy Kersey

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Julie Barry

Counters: Jen Dunham/Gary Graham

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ella Brown
1877 - 1970

Whitney Scofield
1919 - 2002



BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Gather on Wednesdays this Fall at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Miriam for a weekly Bible Study. No need to RSVP; come and join the conversation!

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – TODAY

Our Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers meets today from 11:30-2pm! Talk with Pastor Miriam if you wish to learn more.

MEN'S GROUP – SEPT 22

Men's Group returns Sept. 22! Meet us at Big Fish Grill (720 Justison St) on the Riverfront at 6:30. Then walk over to the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame for a VIP tour led by Scott Selheimer! Contact Steven Foltz to RSVP.

FLOWER FOLKS

Get involved in a new team of “flower folks” to continue the amazing floral displays in our Meeting House window. Join us on Sept. 24th at 7PM in the CE Building for a short introductory gathering.

FALL CAMPFIRE & COOKOUT - SEPT 27

Join us at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 27 for a campfire and cook-out at Connie Reese's house. RSVPs to the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall; sides are encouraged. Bring a camping chair and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun around the campfire!

ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL - SEPT 28

NCPC's Christian Education Committee invites you to Coffee Hour on Sept 28! We'll provide the coffee and a few items; you're encouraged to bring dishes to share for a potluck gathering. From 11:50-12:30, we'll gather for an intergenerational and engaging time of learning about "The Church's Family Tree." Come learn how to spell PRESBYTERIAN!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 5

On Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m., we will have a Blessing of the Animals outside of the CE Building. If your pet doesn't travel well or play well with others, bring their picture or one of their accessories to be blessed. And feel free to invite one of your pet's friends as everyone would benefit from a blessing!

SEPTEMBER CLOTHING DRIVE – ALL MONTH

Mission and Outreach is collecting new and gently used clothing for the Clothing Bank of Delaware and for the Winter Sanctuary at First and Central Presbyterian. The Winter Sanctuary specifically needs men's and women's pants, sweatpants, sweatshirts, coats, and long-sleeved tee-shirts.

MENTORING AT CARRIE DOWNIE THIS FALL

Our NCPC volunteers will work one-on-one with students to help them succeed by building self-esteem, communication skills and school engagement. The time commitment is once a week through the school year for 30 – 60 minutes in the school. Contact Gail Seitz for more information.

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	09/14	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour Fellowship, Youth Group
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night
Monday	09/15	12:30pm	Private Counseling - Library
		6:30pm	Trustees Meeting
Tuesday	09/16	11:00am	Staff Meeting
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
		8:00pm	Christian Education Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	09/17	3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	09/18	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	09/20	8:00am	Tai Chi
		10:00am	Presbytery Mtg @Church of the Covenant
SUNDAY	09/21	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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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)

