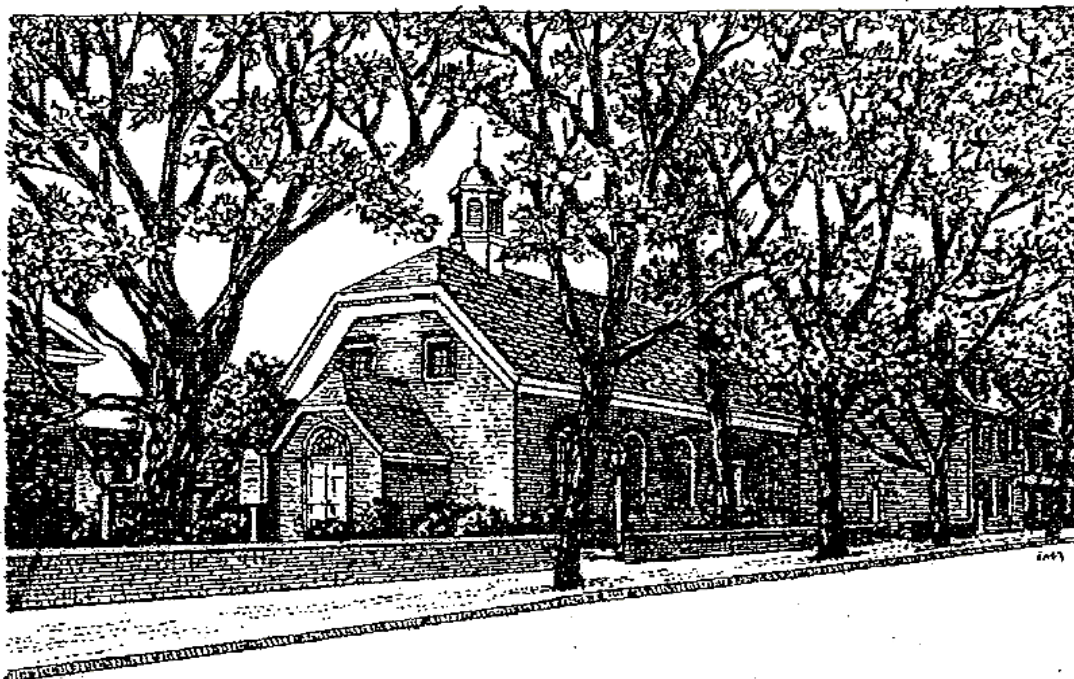


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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,**

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

**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 age Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade 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. 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 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 in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the blue recycle can 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  
Third Sunday After Epiphany**

January 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

How Firm a Foundation  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Sandra Eithun

**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**

God is our rock and our salvation.

**We come, bringing our hurst, our worries, our fears.**

We hear God's voice through the prophet Isaiah: "Comfort, comfort,  
now my people."

**We wait to hear from God; our souls wait.**

On difficult paths and through hard valleys, we rely on God's help.

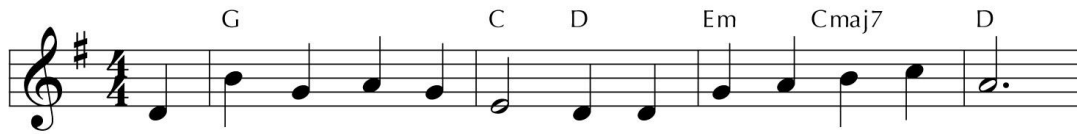
**We depend on God alone and rest in God's enduring mercy.**

Let us lift our hearts to the Lord.

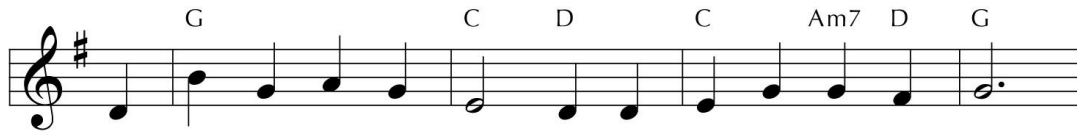
**God is our rock and our salvation.**

## \*Hymn #109

## Blest Be the God of Israel



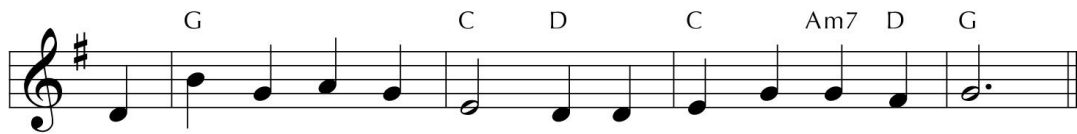
1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
3 On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.  
the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.  
O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (*from Psalm 130 – The Message*)

**Almighty God, help. I've hit rock bottom. Open your ears, and listen to my cries for mercy. Hear my cry for help.**

**If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped.**

**I wait and watch for you. In your presence, there is love. In your presence, there is generous redemption. Hear my cry for help, almighty God... (*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**

**God Be in My Head**

**Michael Larkin**

**Bethany Faiz - Piano**

*God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at my end, and my departing. Amen.*

## **Scripture Conversation with Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**O Lord, bless us with unhardened hearts. Equip us with unending grace. Empower us with unconditional love. With these divine gifts in hand, may we receive your Word now, and with the guidance of your Holy Spirit, follow in your way. In Christ's name, Amen.**

### **Scripture Lesson**

**John 11:1-6, 17-37**

**Page: NT 104**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved

Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

<sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

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

**Sermon**

*“Jesus Wept”*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #796

## We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -  
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
mong us still with power to heal a - gain.  
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 691)

## **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

arr. Mark Hayes

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, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. May these gifts proclaim your love to all the world. Strengthened by your Spirit, may we be worthy of your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.**

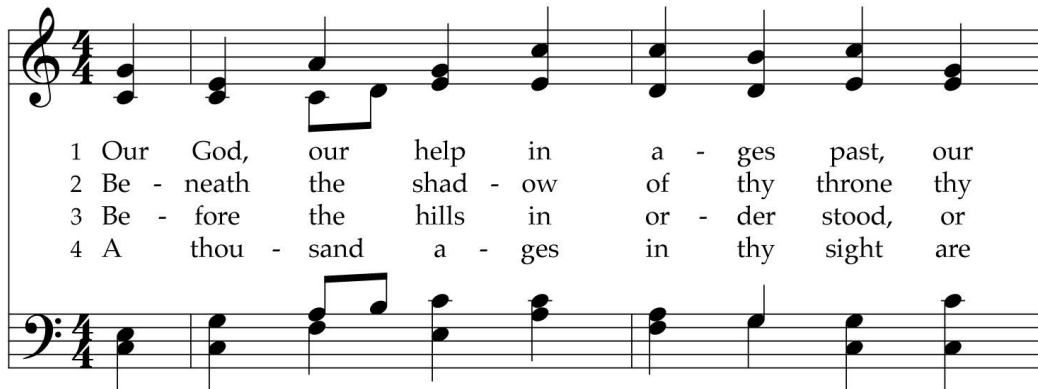


# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #687

## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

**\*Charge and Benediction**  
**Choral Benediction**

**Steeple Bell**

**Postlude**

To God Be the Glory  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.  
As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

**Thank you for serving today:**

Worship Leader: Amy Selheimer

Counters: Rob Barry/Barbara Whisman

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Nursery: Chris Fagles/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Melissa Boris

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*George R. McCaulley*  
*1912-1979*

*Charles W. Smith*  
*1954-2016*



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

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders. Please sign up today:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up is in the Fellowship Hall.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – THIS TUESDAY – 6:00 pm (note time change)**

NCPC is offering a six-week grief support group this winter. It began on Tuesday, January 9 and runs through February 13, gather in the library at 6 p.m. with Minerva Lermond and Toni Marley to discuss *Your Particular Grief* (Oates). Some copies will be available for purchase for \$15 from the church office, or order your copy through [pcusastore.com](http://pcusastore.com).

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAYS AT 2**

Our weekly Bible Study gathers in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 2 with Pastor Miriam to discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture passage. Any questions, contact Pastor Miriam.

## **SPEAKER ON SUICIDE AWARENESS TODAY**



Coffee Hour talk today by New Castle neighbor Leah Reynolds. Beyond her day job running Kennett Area Community Service, Leah is a passionate campaigner for suicide prevention, awareness, and change. Join us for a time of storytelling and resource sharing at Noon in the Fellowship Hall today.

## **NEW MEMBERS CLASS – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

Anyone considering joining NCPC - or- liking what they observe and wanting to learn more is encouraged to meet other newbies after Coffee Hour on January 28. Join members of the Congregational Life committee in the Fellowship Hall around 12:15 for additional lunch fare and conversation. Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by Wednesday, January 24.

## **NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY'S 2024 BEACH RETREAT**

Gather with fellow Presbyterians from DE and MD from March 1-2 in Dewey Beach for our Presbytery's annual retreat: Love Embodied. Dynamic retreat leaders will lead us in worship and conversation to inspire, equip, and encourage us to dig more deeply into loving our neighbors in tangible, life-changing ways. To learn more and register, go to [www.ncpresbytery.org/retreats](http://www.ncpresbytery.org/retreats). Talk with Pastor Miriam or Elder Connie Reese if you have any questions.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS EARLY**

March 16th at 6:00pm Blue Coats basketball game at the Chase Fieldhouse. Wish winter goodbye by watching the Delaware Blue Coats play the Birmingham Squadron; the game starts at 6:00 pm.

We have 16 premium seats reserved together in Section 7. Tickets are \$21 each. Please contact Greg Fogarty cell is (302) 437-4731 for tickets.

## **A NEW TWIST TO UNDIE SUNDAY – VOLUNTEER ON FEB 4**

Between now and February 4, we're collecting *new* underwear for Friendship House. All shapes, sizes and colors are needed for men, women and children (even beyond extra-large, like 2X, 3X and 4X), including socks! Donations can be dropped off in the CE building baskets in the entryway.

*And for something new this year, our friends at the Clothing Bank have invited us that same day (Feb. 4) to tour their Wilmington facility and volunteer assisting the staff in their duties.* Bring a brown bag lunch, and we'll head out around Noon. Those of you (ages 6 and up, please) who would like to join our visit/volunteer opportunity, please contact Scott Selheimer ([selheime@udel.edu](mailto:selheime@udel.edu)) no later than Feb. 1. Once we get an idea of how many will attend, we can arrange carpooling.

## **GIFTS OF LOVE – 2023 REPORT**

*In Romans 12:13, Paul urges us to "Share with God's people who are in need"* Thank you so much for your generosity and hospitality. Once again we have over-achieved our goal to contribute \$3,600 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Peter's Church. In 2023, we donated \$4190 to pay for overdue utility bills, oil deliveries, rent and mortgage payments for our neighbors in need. Not ones to rest on our laurels, we will continue to support those who are in need through our Gifts of Love contributions during 2024. Use the Gifts of Love envelopes in your pews or make a contribution on Sunday, March 3 during our special collection. Thank you and thank you for sharing.

## **GUATEMALA FUEL-EFFICIENT STOVES - A HOT COMMODITY!**



Our Guatemalan Partnership's [fuel-efficient stove project](#) raised enough to sponsor another 100+ stoves, surpassing our goal! This means that more families will save time and money, their health will improve, trees will not be cut down, and the five workers who make and deliver the stoves have secure employment for another 12 months. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com)

## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

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**This Week's Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>01/21</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 – Grief Event with Speaker</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/23</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Grief Group</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/24</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/25</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01/27</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>01/28</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; Baptism (Philip Marley)</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>New Member Gathering</b>

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**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

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**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	Walt Sparrow-Hood
Scott Selheimer		

*Session meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		
Miranda Matthews		

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

## TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
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)*

