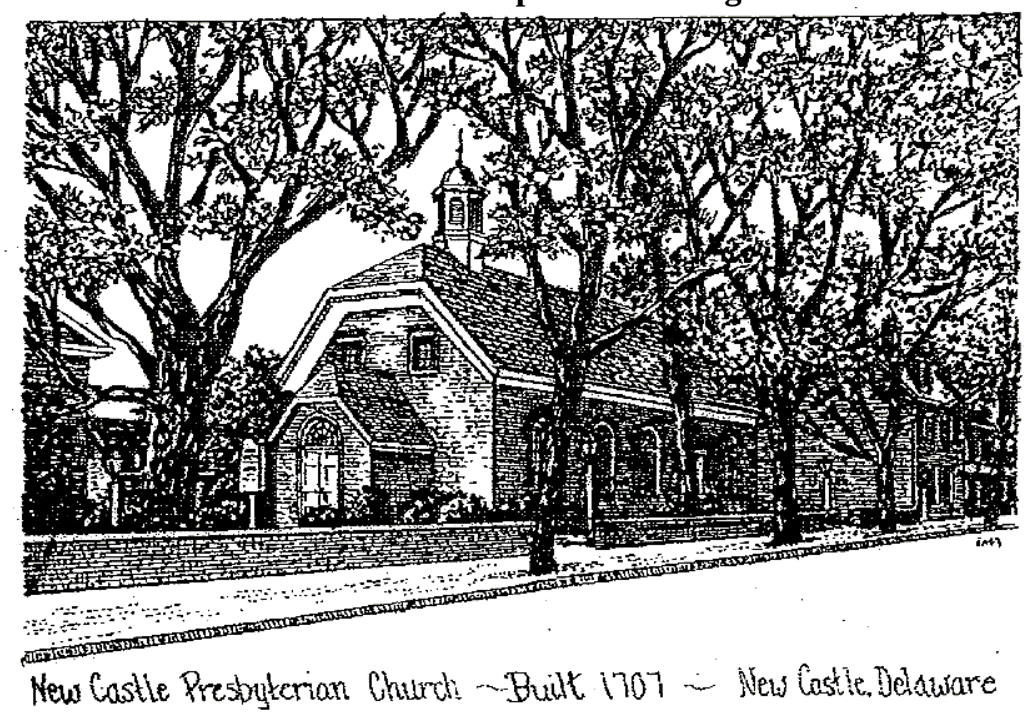
New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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 accessible parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday

Forget your Offering Envelope?

Scan to Donate to NCPC

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
25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude **Simple Gifts** arr. by Cindy Blevins

Carolyn Hendrix – Flute / 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 *(from Psalm 90)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.
Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

***Hymn #469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** *(repeated)*



This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 1970 CHILDREN PRAYING
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have struggled to see you. We search for you and strain to hear your voice. Meet us where we are, in the midst of our sinful ways. Show up in our villages, invite yourself to our homes, and call us by name. Forgive us and change our wayward hearts. Wash over us with your peace that surpasses our understanding… *(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 **O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee** Hal H. Hopson

Carolyn Hendrix – Cello/ Bethany Faiz - Piano

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me thy patience; still with me in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way. In peace that only thou canst give, with thee. O Master, let me live.

Stewardship Moment **Valarie Leary**

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, you are our dwelling place. In you we find our rest; in you we find our purpose. Gather us in under the shelter of your wing. Calm our minds and fill our hearts with your love. Restore us to your path and call us again to faithful discipleship. Amen.

Scripture Lesson **John 14:1-7, 26-27** **Page: NT 108**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my
Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will
come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.
4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord,
we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to
him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except
through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do
know him and have seen him."26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father
will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said
to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the
world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Scripture Lesson **Philippians 4:6-7** **Page: NT 198**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

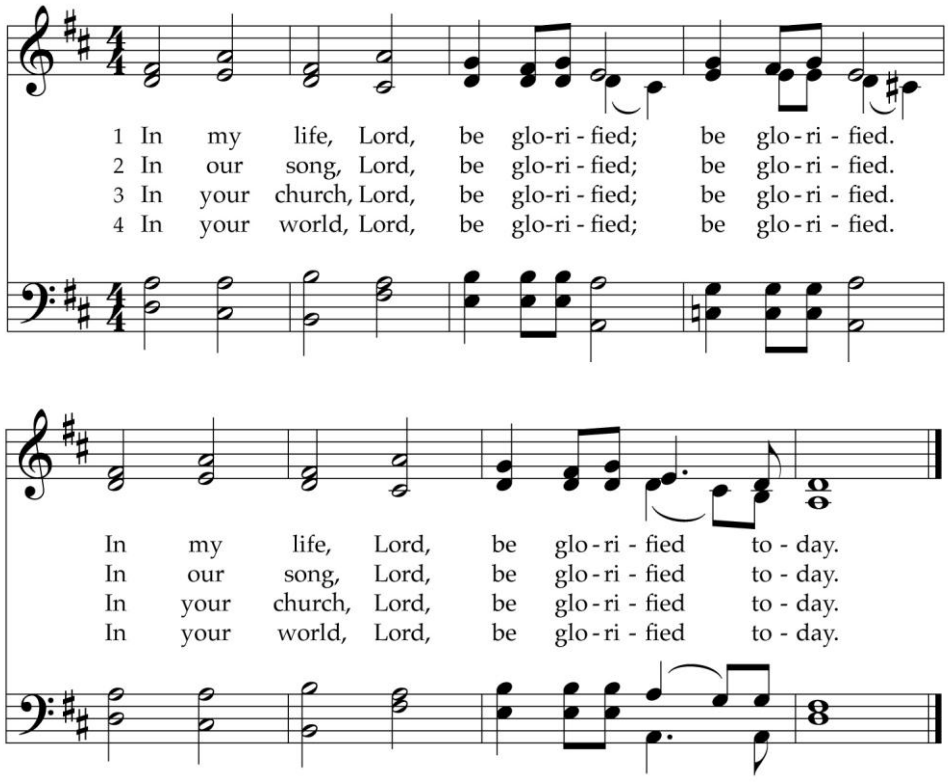
Sermon *The Peace Table*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Stewardship Dedication**

As you are able, please bring your pledge form forward to the Communion Table. As we do so, we will join together in singing our second hymn:

***Hymn #468** **In My Life**



This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bob Kilpatrick, 1978 LORD, BE GLORIFIED
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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Oliver Fooks - Saxophone

***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**

Gracious God, you open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to your presence in this world and in our neighbors. Challenge us to step outside of our routines and follow in Christ's shepherding way. Inspire us to faithful actions of courageous generosity. Use us and what we have gathered to prepare your welcome table for all your children around 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 #301** **Let Us Build a House**



Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

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MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994
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TWO OAKS
9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain

***Charge & Benediction**
Choral Benediction
Steeple Bell
Postlude **O Worship the King** arr. Larry Shackley

Please remain seated through the Postlude. Following the postlude, all NCPC members and friends are encouraged to remain for a quick congregational photo.
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: George & Julia Spock
Nursery: Molly Shaw/_____
Coffee Hour: Deacons
Counters: Chris Fagles/Brendan Mackie
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Susan O. Townsend ***1947 - 2021***
Ronald Verrecchio ***1934 - 2018***



PLEDGE SUNDAY
Our Stewardship Season culminates in today's Giving Dedication Sunday. We will bring forward our pledge cards and prayers for peace during the second hymn today. Extra pledge forms and prayer slips are available at the Meeting House entrance. If you are unable to return your form today, you may mail it or drop it off to the Church Office at your earliest convenience. God is good!

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO: NOV. 15
It's time to update our congregational photo. At the end of worship today, NCPC members and friends are invited to gather on the Meeting House floor for a NCPC family photo. Say cheese!

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – NOVEMBER
Thanks to all of our youth volunteers who shopped for Thanksgiving Basket supplies this past Wednesday! For today's gathering, we'll head out for lunch and bowling from 12-2 p.m.

HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS: NOV. 15
We have new NCPC ornaments! They will be available for purchase during coffee hour on Nov 15th and 22nd and during Spirit of Christmas on Dec 12th. They are just $10 each (cash or check). Grab them while you can. Contact Gina Kouma with any questions. 717-781-3435

FAMILY GAME NIGHT: NOV. 21
Congregational Life is planning another All-Ages Game Night on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 6-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game! RSVPs to Gina Kouma or sign up in the Fellowship Hall by April 15

ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL
What could possibly top October's Genesis Family Fun Sing-Along Show!? Well, come out on Sunday, November 22, for our next All-Ages Sunday School event - *All Good Gifts: NCPC's Hidden Talents Show!* If you have a hidden talent that you might like to share, please reach out to Pastor Miriam by November 15.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: NOV. 23
Mission and Outreach is again giving 30 Thanksgiving Baskets to three local elementary schools for families who need our support for a Thanksgiving meal. We will be buying all of the food but would love some volunteers to help assemble these baskets of love. Date: Monday, November 23 at 9:30 AM here in the CE building. No need to sign up - hope to see some of you there.

BAGELS AND BLESSINGS: NOV. 26

Join us Thanksgiving morning for our annual Bagels and Blessings. Before the day gets crazy, stop by the Fellowship Hall from 8-9 AM for fellowship and breakfast. ALL are welcome. Bring your family. Bring your neighbor. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many bagels to buy, but last minute friends are always welcome. Contact Gina with any questions: 717-781-3435

FIRST & CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington is now open each Saturday from 6:00 - 10:00 am to people experiencing homelessness. Folks 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 to sign up. Even if there are no spots open - please just show up! There's always plenty for volunteers to do.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849ADA829A7FD0-51684439-winter#/
Questions? Please reach out to Amy Selheimer (302-584-0982) Donations needed: shampoo, deodorant, toiletries; new underwear and socks; gently used sweats, pants, t-shirts, shoes, and sneakers.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Interested in ushering? Sign up online here: https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups
If you haven't ushered before, do not fear! When you arrive at 10 a.m., a handy-dandy checklist takes you through the steps of preparing our space to welcome folks to worship God. Reach out to Elders Jen Dunham or Sarah McCann to learn more.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	**11/15**		**PLEDGE SUNDAY**
		10:30am	**In-Person & Live Stream Worship**
			- Congregational Photo
		11:30am	**Coffee Hour**
		12:30pm	**Mission & Outreach Meeting**
		12:00pm-2:00pm	**Youth Group Outing**
		5:30pm	**Community Open Mic Night**
Monday	**11/16**	**9:00am-4:30pm**	**Private Counseling - in the library**
		6:30pm	**Trustees Meeting**
Tuesday	**11/17**	**11:30am**	**Staff Meeting**
		5:30pm-6:45pm	**Homeschool/Community Band**
		7:00pm	**Promises of AA Meeting**
		8:00pm	**CE Meeting**
Wednesday	**11/18**	**11:00am-2:00pm**	**Private Counseling - in the library**
		3:00pm	**Bible Study**
		7:30pm	**Choir Practice**
Thursday	**11/19**	**7:00pm**	**Celebration Ringers**
Friday	**11/20**		**Newsletter Deadline / Brownies Due**
Saturday	**11/21**	**9:15am**	**Emmanuel Dining Room Prep**
		3:30pm	**Wedding Werkheiser/Havens, Dover, DE**
		6:00-8:00pm	**Family Game Night**
SUNDAY	**11/22**	**10:30am**	**In-Person & Live Stream Worship**
			- Baptism of Sophia Baselice
		12:00pm	**All Ages Sunday School: All Good Gifts**

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SESSION

2027	2028	2029
Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham	Cindy Beam
Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles	Melissa Boris
Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma	Peter McCurdy
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2027	2028	2029
Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage	Mariellen Edinburg
Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks	Heather Raezer
	Nan Wallace	Connie Reese

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2027	2028	2029
Gary Graham	Marshall Freund	Rob Barry
Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith	Brendan Mackie

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



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