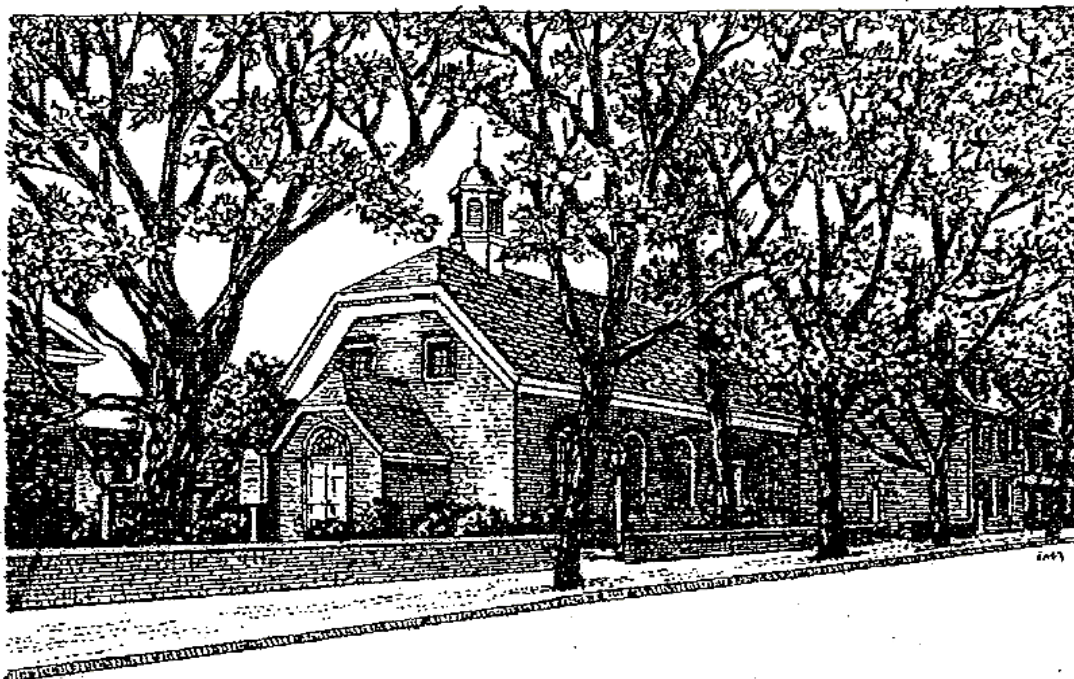


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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 5th 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
Second Sunday After Epiphany**

January 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

I Am Thine, O Lord
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

**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

In our skepticism and in our hope, we come to worship.

We come listening for God's voice.

God knew us before we knew ourselves.

We seek God's wisdom and understanding.

Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

In Christ, we are God's beloved children.


We gather in this place to listen and follow.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn #450


Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
E \flat A \flat E \flat /G B \flat 7 E \flat




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
B \flat E \flat A \flat B \flat




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
A \flat E \flat Gm7 A \flat B \flat



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
Cm E \flat /G A \flat E \flat



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*from Psalm 51 – The Message*)

**Merciful God, you are generous in love and huge in mercy.
Give me grace and wipe out my bad record. Scrub away my
guilt and soak out my sins. I know how bad I've been. My sins
stare me in the face.**

**God, make a fresh start in me. Offer me new beginnings in the
chaos of my life. Don't throw me out with the trash, but bring
me back from exile. Put a fresh wind in my sails. Unbutton my
lips, dear God, and I will let loose with your praise.**

Merciful God, forgive me, I pray... (*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

Here I Am

Long/Pote/Schrader

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Here I am, Lord, take and use me, for I know you have a plan for me. Here I am, Lord, take and use me, for I know you care for me. When the night is lonely, I have no light to see; still I hear your voice, Lord, calling to me. When the dawn is breaking, I face a day unknown; yet your light reveals, Lord, I'm not alone. Here I am, Lord.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Ever-present God, we wait patiently for your Word. Give us an open ear to delight in your will. Write your law upon our hearts and put new songs of praise in our mouths. Send your Spirit to keep us in your steadfast love forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 1:43-51

Page: NT 92

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Knowing Me, Knowing You

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #701**

Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Take My Life, and Let It Be

arr. Cindy Berry

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**

God, your sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human kind. In Jesus Christ, you show us power in the form of a servant and goodness by receiving the folks most in need of your love. Through our redeemer, you transform this world. Maker of all things, use these gifts of our lives and offerings to serve the purposes of your love. 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 #726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Lloyd Larson
Bethany Faiz - Piano

*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: Cindy Beam Counters: Peter McCurdy/Mike Smith
Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman Coffee Hour: Jen Dunham/Melissa Boris
Nursery: Kim Beebe/Mariellen Edinburg
Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

William A. Cochran Sharon Graybeal
1909-1979 1930-2015



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.

UPCOMING NCPC FUNERAL IN THE MEETING HOUSE

On January 20, Bruce Gordon's visitation will begin at 1 p.m., and his memorial service will be at 2 p.m.

MEMBER UPDATES

Congratulations to Mallory and Brendan Mackie and their family on their wedding on December 30, 2023. May God bless your marriage!

Blessings to WilmU student Brice Hansen as she transfers to Mercyhurst this Spring semester. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – THIS TUESDAY

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 2 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.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Our weekly Bible Study with the Pastor resumed on Wednesday, January 10 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be studying the upcoming Sunday's scripture passage. Any questions, contact Pastor Miriam.

JANUARY 21 SPEAKER ON SUICIDE AWARENESS



Mark your calendars for a Coffee Hour talk on January 21 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. Recognizing the intersectionality of suicide, we will provide information about different resources in our area. In Christ's name, we are called to remove the stigma around mental illness and addiction, encouraging compassionate support for individuals and their families. This event is co-sponsored by the Deacons and Congregational Life.

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.

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) 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,
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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	01/14	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
Monday	01/15		Office Closed
Tuesday	01/16	2:00pm	Grief Group
		7:00pm	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday	01/17	2:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	01/18	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	01/20		Deadline for Newsletter
		8:00am	Tai Chi
		1:00pm	Bruce Gordon Visitation
		2:00pm	Bruce Gordon Memorial Service
SUNDAY	01/21	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
			– Grief Event with Speaker

Kris will be on vacation Monday, 1/15 (office closed)

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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 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

