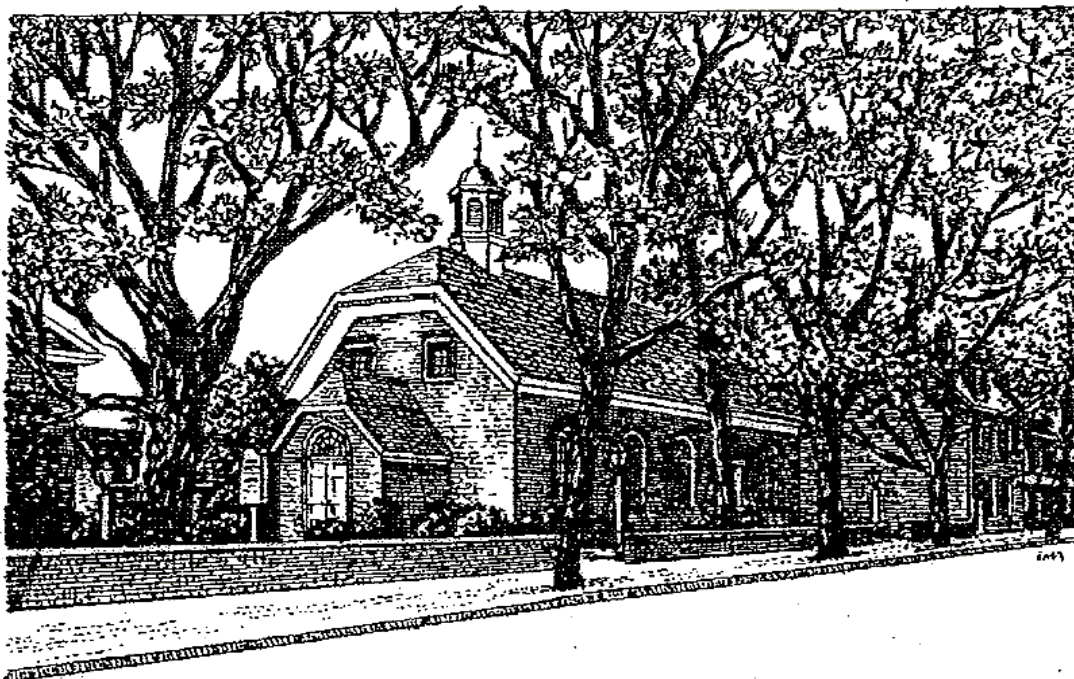


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

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 ages five through eleven 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.

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 is on maternity leave. Reverends Alison Halsey and Bill Hathaway are in the office on Wednesday mornings.

**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 14, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

His Eye Is on The Sparrow
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Martha Mier

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 Proverbs 3:13)

Happy are those who find wisdom,
And those who get understanding,
For her income is better than silver,
And her revenue better than gold.

Let us worship the Lord our God, the source of true wisdom.

***Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab E^b/G B^b7 Eb

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^b Eb Ab B^b

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)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab B^b

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^b/G Ab Eb

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 Proverbs 8:1 and 4:17)

Gracious and loving God, you are the source of wisdom, the ground of our being and the author of all of life. While “wisdom calls” and “understanding raises her voice” we turn away or find your voice drowned out by the noise of the world. Day after day we are pressured by those who “eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.” We seek your forgiveness and renewal, for the sake of the world that you love. In Jesus’ name we offer our prayers. Amen.... *(Time for silent prayer.)*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the God news of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Loved and held in God’s arms we are made a new creation.

Everything old has passed away everything has become new.

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

Do Not Be Afraid

by Michael Larkin

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name, and you are Mine. Do not be afraid for you are Mine. When you pass through deep waters the waves will not cover you. When you pass through the fire the flames will not touch you.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name, and you are Mine. For I am the Lord your God; you are precious in my sight. I love you with a perfect love. I love you with a perfect love, a perfect love.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name, and you are Mine, and you are Mine. Do not be afraid.

Prayer for Illumination

**Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors:
through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and
the life of your son, so that we may live according to your word and
wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 1:1-7 and 31:10-31

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The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: ² For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, ³ for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; ⁴ to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young— ⁵ let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, ⁶ to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

31 A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. ¹⁵ She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is

profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. ²² She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: ²⁹ ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’ ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Seeds of Liberation”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Hiding in Thee
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

***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 of light and abiding love, thank you for the gift of a guide and companion, especially in these times when our fears and loss of control overwhelm us. When the ground seems uncertain under our feet and we grope in the darkness of uncertainty may our faith be found unwavering and our urge to give out of our abundance unbroken. Guide us to use these offerings in ways that help others find the comfort, communion, and joy you offer through the programs of this church and the examples of our lives. In Jesus name we pray, 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 #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

God Will Take Care of You
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

*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: Susan Flook

Counters: Greg Fogarty/Marshall Freund

Ushers: Connie & Laurie Bell

Coffee Hour: Melissa Boris/Jen Dunham

Nursery & Sunday School: Molly Shaw/Laura Sparrow-Hood

Preacher: Rev. Bill Hathaway

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Nelson L. Murray
1914-1971

Emma R. Nichol
1906-2007



WORSHIP

Next Sunday will conclude the brief series from the “writings” of the Hebrew scriptures. Alison will preach from the Song of Solomon (2:8-13)

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING REMINDER

Springtime is upon us. And besides all the lovely flowers and budding trees, the insect population is also coming out of hibernation. If you are scheduled to do a coffee hour or other special event during the upcoming months, please remember to take home any leftover food and make sure trash is thrown out and counters are clean before you leave. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Has resumed on Thursdays at 1 p.m. via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email the church office for the weekly link.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks.

Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

Additionally, volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours are needed. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!



NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES



Volunteer to help our youngest members by contacting:

For Sunday School: Melissa Boris - borism1010@gmail.com

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – mollypaige1@aol.com

DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE

Our Meeting House will be open for “Day in Old New Castle” on Saturday, May 20. Anyone interested in volunteering for a two hour period of time to be a docent/guide at our sanctuary please get in touch with Lynn Smith at 864-684-2564 or [email](#).

HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

You are invited to join fellow New Castle Presbyterian Church members as we take part in the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on the morning of Saturday, June 10 at Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront. All of the proceeds from the event go directly to local non-profits, including Friendship House.

We have formed a team "New Castle Presbyterian Church 2023" and would love to have you join us, either by walking together on June 10 or with a donation. Or both!

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!

1. Go to: <http://hcf.convio.net/friendshiphouse>
2. Click on: "Click to Join an Existing Team"
3. When asked "Have you participated in a Walk for a Healthy Community or other Highmark Sponsored Event?" Click NO
4. Find Team: New Castle Presbyterian Church 2023
5. Fill out personal information and credit card information

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME – FRIDAY, JUNE 16 @ 6:35 PM

Group tickets are all reserved for our Blue Rocks game on Disaster Preparedness Night. If you're interested in purchasing tickets at \$14 each, email [Jen Dunham](#) for more information about where our group tickets are located. Look forward to seeing you there!

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
1900 Lovering Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2010
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

Rod Denison

Christiana Care
4755 Ogletown Stanton Rd
Newark, DE 19718

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Anita Johnson

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Robert Lindfors

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George Spock

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On Assignment with the Air Force:

James Boyle

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JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/14		MOTHER'S DAY
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	05/15	4:00pm	Spanish Class
Tuesday	05/16	7:00pm	Christian Education Mtg via Zoom
Wednesday	05/17	6:30pm 7:30pm	Worship Committee Mtg Choir
Thursday	05/18	1:00pm 7:00pm	Bible Study via Zoom Celebration Ringers
Saturday	05/20	8:00am 10:00am 10:00am	Tai Chi Presbytery Mtg Chestertown PC & Zoom Day in Old New Castle
SUNDAY	05/21	10:30am 10:50am 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sunday School Coffee Hour

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Kris Krawczyk, Admin. Assistant

Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music

Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)

TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	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)

