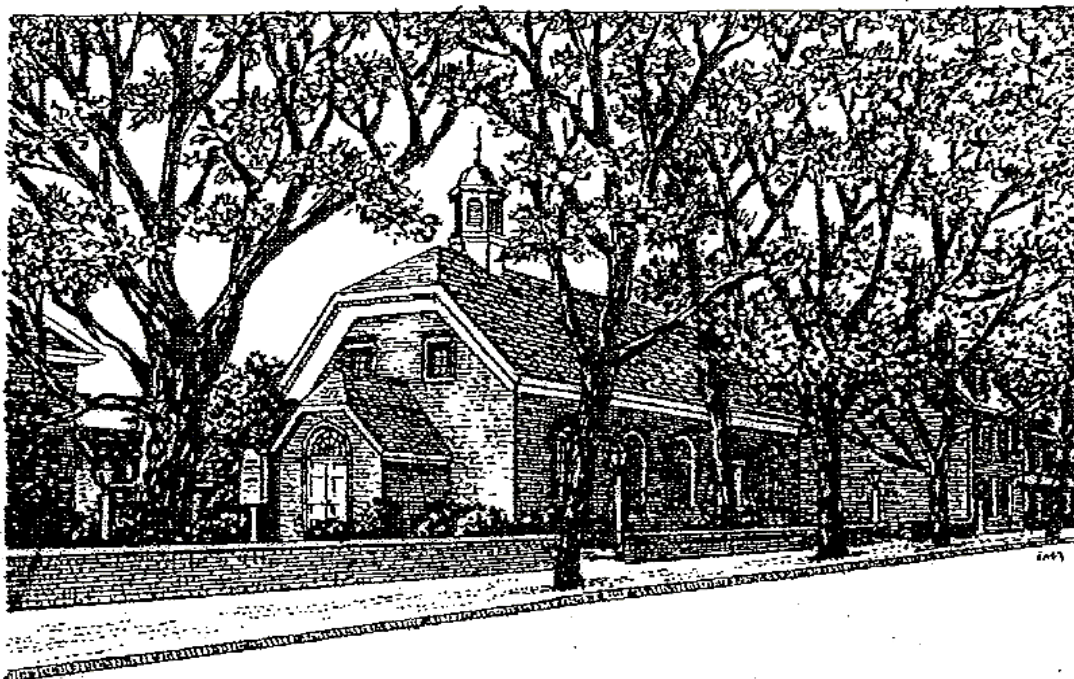


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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's day of rest is on Mondays.

New Castle Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Bound for the Promised Land arr. Joshua Evanovich
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 (*based on Matthew 9*)

Jesus saw Matthew and said to him, "Follow me."

Jesus sees us and calls us, "Follow me."

We gather to learn from Christ, our teacher and our savior.

We follow God who desires mercy, not sacrifice.

Jesus came not to call the holy and righteous but sinners.

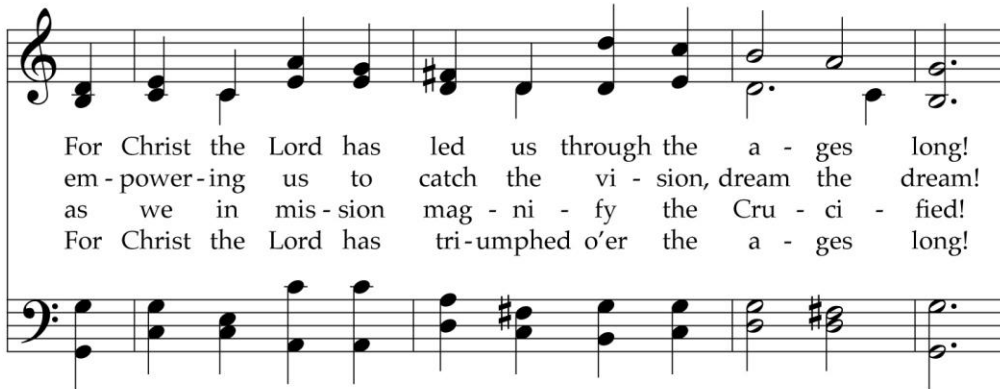
Let us worship our God who meets us where we are.

***Hymn #305**

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we acknowledge our sins, and we seek your face and your forgiveness this day.

You call us to follow you, but we are more comfortable staying right where we are.

You call us to follow you, but we prefer our own plans for the future.

You call us to follow you, but we are immobilized by our fears.

Forgive us our excuses. Revive us and raise us up, that we might live in your presence. Help us rejoice in the knowledge of your healing love...

(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

Soon and Very Soon
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr by Jack Schrader

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!*

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, as we gather in this place to worship you, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to experience your presence. Through our faith journeys, empower us to bear witness to your grace, mercy, and power. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Page: NT 9

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."

²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Toccata and Fugue”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Give Me Jesus

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**

Living God, your call to discipleship is defined by mercy and not sacrifice. May these gifts be a reflection of your grace and an outpouring of our gratitude. Raise us and move us to new life with Christ, that through these offerings your healing would be known throughout 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 #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Steeple Bell

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

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: Melissa Boris

Counters: Connie Reese & Lyn Briggs

Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman

Nursery & Sunday School: Lynn Smith, Juliann Barry & Bev Stoudt

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Mary M. Denney

1888-1971

Herbert A. Swanson

1930-2009



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY!

Join us following worship today in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2026 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation. After business concludes, we'll gather for our annual picnic provided by our Elders and celebrate the end of our programming year.

CHURCH PICNIC – TODAY!

To celebrate the end of our programming year, we'll gather after worship for a special Church Picnic hosted by the Session. For children, the fun begins during Nursery and Sunday School and will continue during coffee hour, with activities happening in the church yard. Adults are welcome to join in the games as well!



BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THURSDAY, JUNE 15 @ 1

Join Pastor Miriam and friends via zoom for a Bible Study and summer planning session. We'll select a book to read together for an August in-person discussion. Email the church office for the zoom link!

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. We only have 1 ticket remaining (\$14 each) for the Blue Rocks game on Friday, June 16th at 6:35PM. Please reach out to [Jen Dunham](#) if you are interested in this fellowship opportunity!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20



We'll host a one-night VBS on Sunday, July 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. We have a great curriculum, but we need your help to make it happen! We're seeking volunteers to help lead story time, activities (crafts, music, games), make decorations, coordinate dinner, and more. Join us on Tuesday, June 20 via zoom to learn more; contact Melissa Boris (borism1010@gmail.com) for the zoom link and to volunteer!

SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP

We are in need of **ushers** and **worship leaders** in the coming months. Take a moment [to sign up](#) today!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



Beginning next Sunday, Nursery Care and Sunday School will be on hiatus over the summer. Children of all ages are welcome to remain in the Meeting House during worship and make a joyful noise to the Lord! (Worship bags will be available in the Narthex.)

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday, June 18, is our last regular coffee hour for this summer. Deacons and the Trustees will host coffee hour on the first Sundays of July and August, and on other Sundays, we'll gather for 2nd Street sidewalk fellowship after worship.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

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James Boyle

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	06/11	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Congregational Meeting
		11:45am	Church Picnic
Monday	06/12		Meals on Wheels
		4:00pm	Spanish Class
Tuesday	06/13		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	06/14		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Congregational Life & Membership Meeting
Thursday	06/15		Meals on Wheels
		1:00pm	Bible Study via Zoom
Friday	06/16		Meals on Wheels
		6:35pm	Blue Rocks Game
Saturday	06/17	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	06/18	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Baptism
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

Kris will be on vacation Friday, June 16.

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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)

