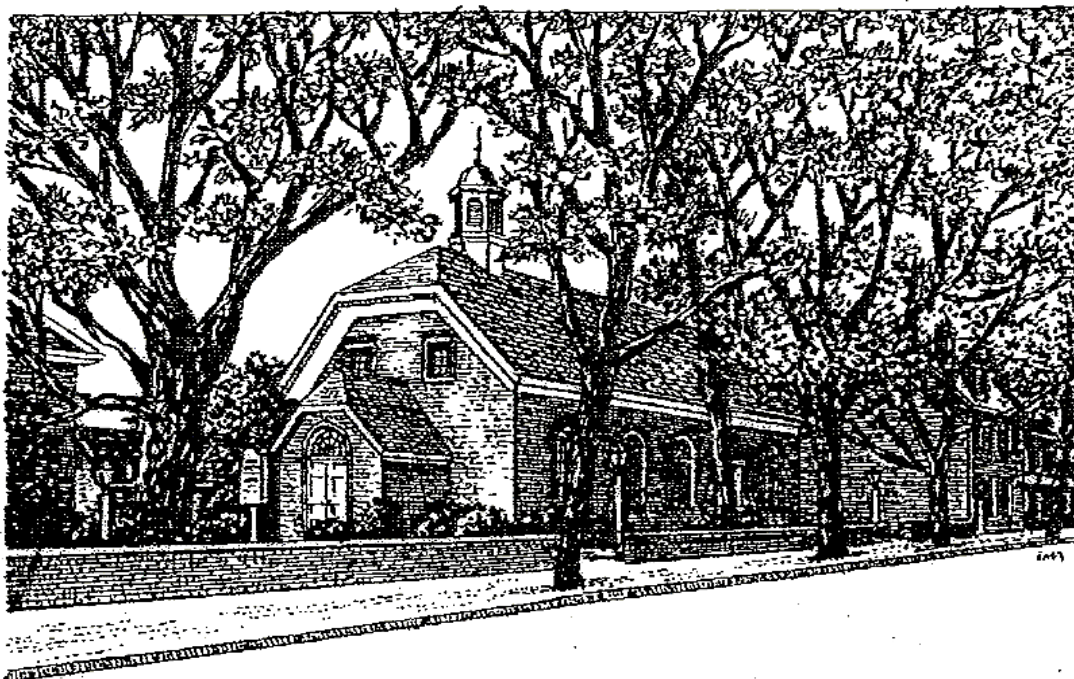


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Sandra Eithun
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 111*)

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

Great are the works of the Lord!

We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

God's righteousness endures forever.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Unison



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*



rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
word: Thy praise shall sound from



name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism: Philip Marley

Presentation

Affirmations by the Parents & Sponsors

Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Philip by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be his faithful disciple? **We do.**

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

Act of Baptism

Hymn #486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

Words of Welcome

Philip, with joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church! May you always know that you are held in God's hands and in the hearts of your church family. 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

Mark 1:14-20

Page: NT 35

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Water Politics"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #170**

You Walk along Our Shoreline

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

I Am His, and He Is Mine

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**

Holy One, you meet us where we are and call us to step forth in faith.

Claim us as disciples, strengthen us by your Spirit, and launch us to

lives of faithfulness, that through the gifts of our lives and offerings, we

would proclaim your grace and mercy to all. In Christ our Savior,

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 #733

We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

***Postlude**

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. Mark Hayes

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: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Connie Reese/Mary Fontinha

Ushers: Greg & Susan Fogarty

Coffee Hour: Gary Graham/Marshall Freund

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Melissa Boris

Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Mallory Mackie

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

James A. Adair III
1924-1980

William T. Quillen
1935-2016



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce the hiring of Mallory Mackie as our new Sunday School Coordinator, beginning this Sunday!! Mallory brings extensive experience in early childhood education to our Sunday School classroom. We'll introduce Mallory at the start of worship this Sunday; please join us in congratulating Mallory!

Mallory's email is sundayschool@newcastlepreschurch.org. We are still recruiting Sunday School and Nursery volunteers for this Spring. If interested, please contact Melissa Boris at borism1010@gmail.com



NEW MEMBERS CLASS – TODAY

Anyone considering joining NCPC - or- liking what they observe and wanting to learn more is encouraged to meet other newbies after Coffee Hour today. Join members of the Congregational Life committee in the Fellowship Hall around 12:00 for sharing and connection time.

UPCOMING LENTEN HAPPENINGS

Lenten devotionals for individuals and families will be available next Sunday in the CE Building entryway.

2/14 – Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm in the Meeting House (will be livestreamed)

2/21 – Feasting on the Word Ecumenical Lenten Suppers begin at NCPC. Join us at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for soup dinner and a short reflection. Pick up a flyer for the full schedule and come gather with local New Castle churches!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – CONTACT TONI

NCPC is organizing a grief support group this winter, and due to weather and schedule conflicts, we're reevaluating our gathering time. Toni Marley will share more during worship today about the purpose of this grief group. If you are interested in gathering with others to share about your loss and receive resources to navigate grief, please reach out to Toni today - toni.kiger@gmail.com.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAYS AT 2pm

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

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. 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) no later than Feb. 1. Once we get an idea of how many will attend, we can arrange carpooling.

Prayer List:

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

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
505 Greenbank Rd., Room C7
Wilmington, DE 19808

Linda Twyford

New Castle Nursing & Rehab
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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-2580

At Home:

Kathy Griffin-Graham

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Mary Duncan

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Wilmington, DE 19806
(302) 888-0282

Judy Hentkowski

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Robert Lindfors

202 Brylgon Ave.
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David Lioi

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New Castle, DE 19720

On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock

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FPO AE, 09834

On Assignment with the Air Force:

James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	01/28	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Baptism (Philip Marley)
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	New Member Gathering
Tuesday	01/30	6:00pm	Grief Group
Wednesday	01/31	2:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	02/01	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	02/03	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	02/04		Undie Sunday
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher Kim Eppehimer
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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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 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)

