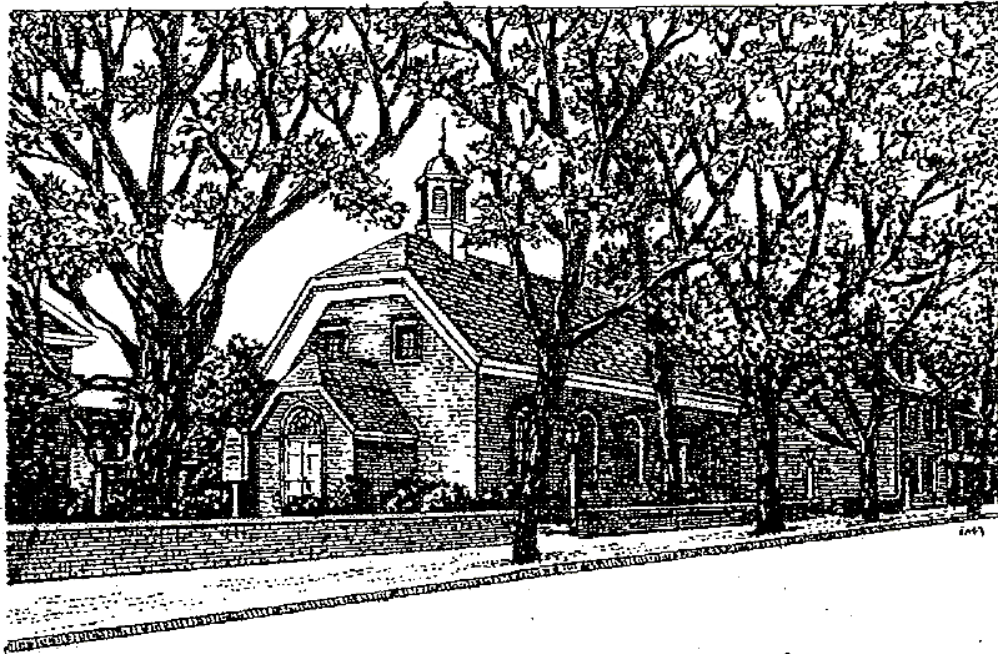


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!

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



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
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

As the Deer
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Douglas Wagner

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 #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we have worshiped idols. We put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division, instead of the radical truth of your word.

Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you. Fix our sight on your way alone. Fill us with your love until there is no room for fear or hatred in our hearts... *(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 What Does the Lord Require of You? Robert A. Hobby

Amy Shimmin - Flute/Bethany Faiz – Piano

What does the Lord require of you, require, require of you? Bind up the broken - hearted, offering God's peace. Strengthen the weak, offering God's hope. Seek and find, find the face of Christ, seek and find the face of Christ in each of God's children. What does the Lord require of you, require, require of you? Nurture the young and tend the old, offering God's love. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, offering God's compassion. Share the good news in the Name of Christ. Share the good news: with God there is welcome, with God there is welcome for all! What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. What does the Lord require of you?

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism: Blair Dobson

Presentation and Affirmations by the Parents & Sponsors

Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Blair by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her 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

Words of Welcome

**Blair, 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

God of goodness, we thank you for your faithfulness. Teach us your good news, that we may dwell in the light of your love. May your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

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¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

Trick or Treat

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #821

My Life Flows On

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Larry Shackley

***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**

O God, author and giver of all things, bless us with discomfort at easy answers and half-truths. Bless us with anger at injustice and tears to shed for others. Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in your world. Bless these gifts of our lives and our offerings to your work of love. Amen.

Prayers of the People with 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.

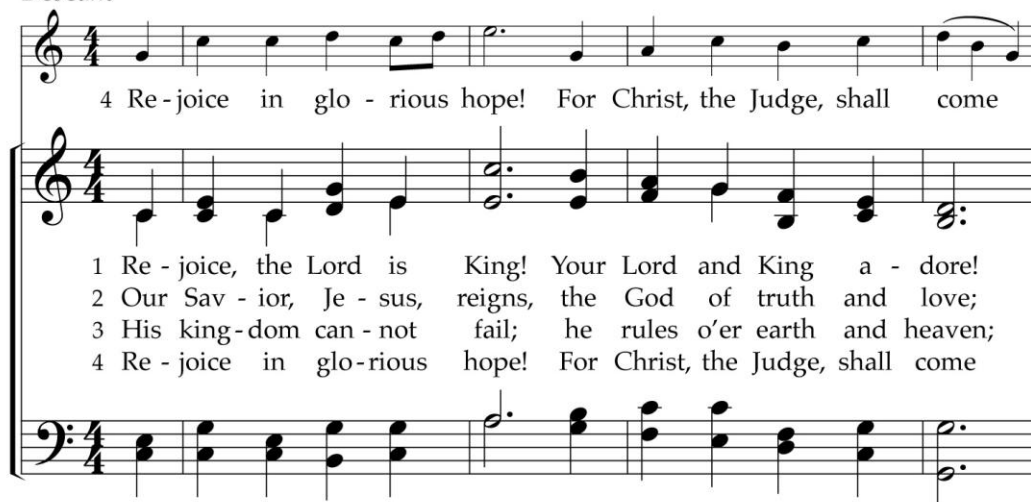
Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #363

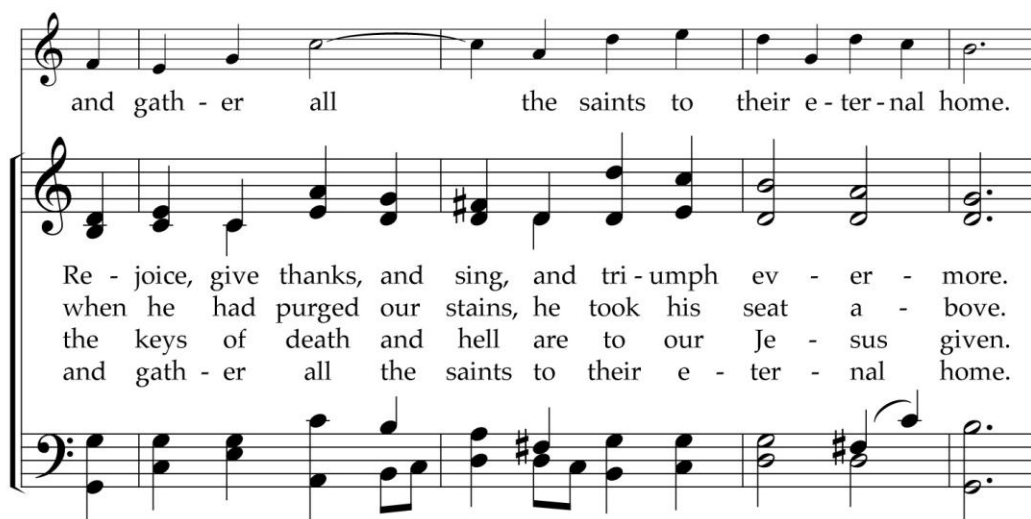
Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Descant



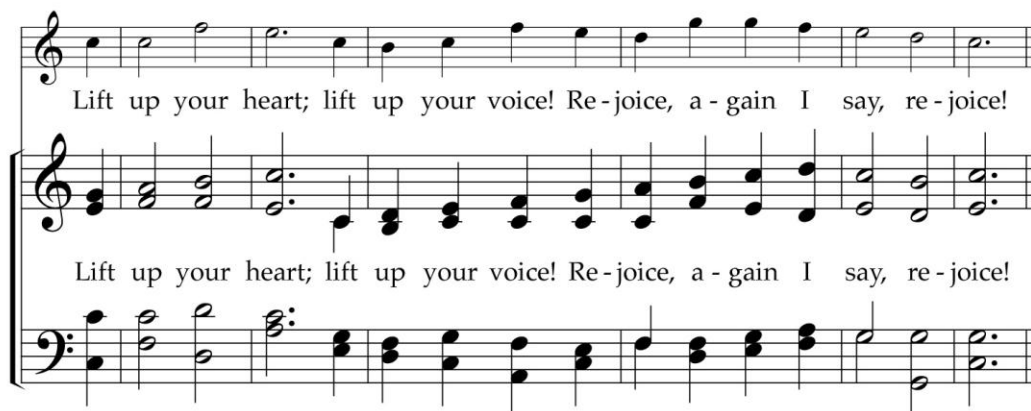
4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.



Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4.
"Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune
(first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Jesus Is All the World to Me

arr. Marianne Kim

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Please remain seated through the Postlude. 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: Jacob Fooks

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Counters: Julie Barry/Gary Graham

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Kim Beebe

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Robert H. Swick

1927 - 2020

Ruth Moore

1927 – 2016



DIRECTORY UPDATES – ASAP

THIS WEEK, Church Admin Kris will print off new paper directories. If you have a change in contact information (address, phone, or email), please email her your changes ASAP at office@newcastlepreschurch.org. Thank you!

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – TODAY

NCPC's Youth Group is for 5th-12th graders and meets today to discuss: what do Presbyterians believe about death!? We'll visit Mealey Funeral Home, as well as NCPC's Memorial Garden and Cemetery. Contact Pastor Miriam if you have any questions!

CHILI COOK-OFF & ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – OCT 25

Join us for our Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct 25! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crock-pot of chili for our Cook-Off competition. We'll have Pumpkin Party activities for children during Coffee Hour, folks of all ages will enjoy delicious chili, AND we'll have a creative presentation of Abraham and Sarah's family tree from Genesis 12 to 50...Costumes are encouraged.

MISSION & OUTREACH WITH A SEAMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

Thanks to the very generous VBS collection, there are only a few items that we need before dropping off our donations to the Seamen's Center in early November. We still need: socks (for cold weather), cough drops and hand lotion. Grab a reminder in the CE building during coffee hour. The deadline for returning items is Sunday, November 1.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Interested in helping our children learn God's Good News? Reach out to Molly Shaw at 302-743-6588, Mallory Mackie at 302-690-5665, or any member of the CE committee (Melissa, Stephanie, Lynn, Chris)!

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.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Our 2027 Stewardship Season kicks off on Sunday, November 1, as we celebrate All Saints' Day and remember the faithful witnesses whose lives continue to shape and strengthen our community. This year's theme centers on the promise that Christ's peace surpasses our understanding, reminding us that God remains present and faithful even in the midst of life's greatest challenges.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/18	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm-2:00pm	Youth Group
		5:30pm	Community Open Mic Night
Monday	10/19		Meals on Wheels
		9:00am-4:30pm	Private Counseling - in the library
Tuesday	10/20		Meals on Wheels
			Newsletter Deadline
		11:30am	Staff Meeting
		6:00pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	10/21	8:00pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
			Meals on Wheels
			Brownies Due
		11:00am-2:00pm	Private Counseling - in the library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Worship Meeting
		7:15pm	Congregational Life & Membership Mtg.
Thursday	10/22	7:30pm	Choir Practice
			Meals on Wheels
		9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
Friday	10/23	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
			Meals on Wheels
Saturday	10/24	6:00pm-8:00pm	Family Game Night
SUNDAY	10/25	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Chili Cook-off – All Ages Sunday School
		3:00pm	NC Presbytery – Session Review

Kris will be on vacation Thursday, October 22 – Friday, October 23.

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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)

