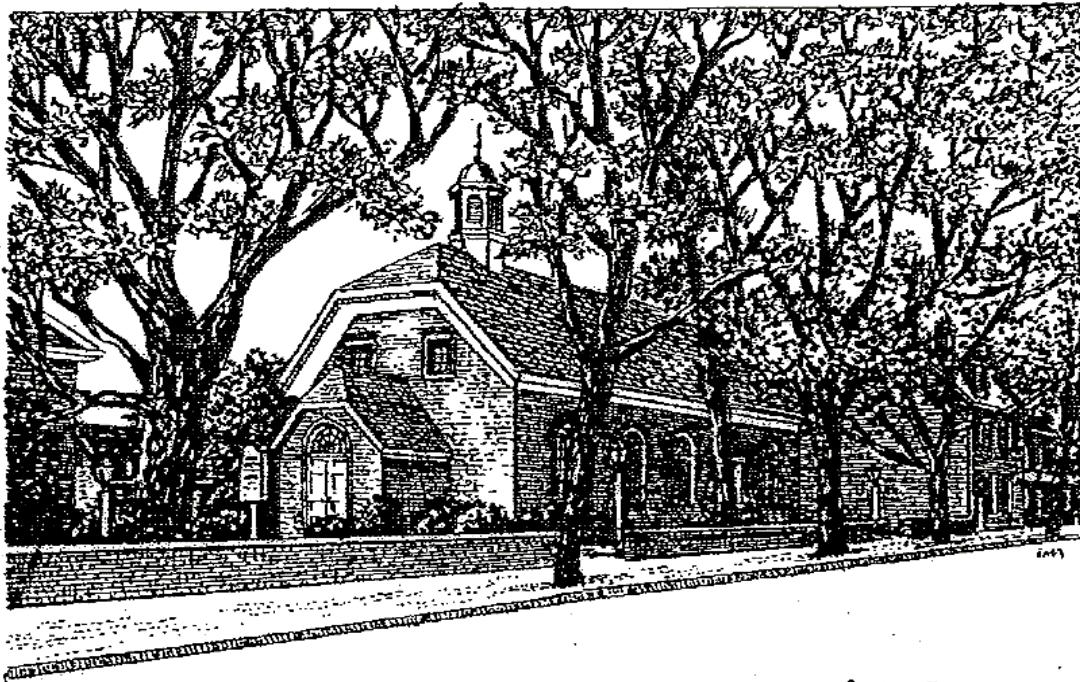


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!

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.

**Children are always welcome in worship!** Worship Bags are available for children at the back of the Meeting House.

If your family needs to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed available in the Fellowship Hall

**At the end of worship**, please join us for sidewalk fellowship along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Summer Coffee Hours are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month.

**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  
Third Sunday after Pentecost**

June 26, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Larry Shackley  
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

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 16)**

Protect us, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;**  
**I have no good apart from you."**  
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.  
**The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not be moved.**  
My heart is glad. My soul rejoices. My body also rests.  
**You show me the path of life, and in your presence there is joy.**

\*Hymn #49

The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a- bove,  
 2 Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.  
 3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,  
 4 You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;

the An- cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es-tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,  
 We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:

we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er blest.  
 deep writ up-on the hu-man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, we confess that we too often give in to the values of this world. We idolize those who misuse power. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger. We neglect to care for others and gratify our own desires. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin.**

**Lead us in your way of love, joy, and peace.**

**Send your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity, and lead us to be gentle in our care for all your people...**

*(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

### Prayer for Illumination

**Holy and gracious God, you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold and to paths we do not know. Be our guide. Through your word, feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.<sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival,<sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem.<sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”<sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them.<sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”<sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”<sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”<sup>61</sup> Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”<sup>62</sup> And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

### Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

**“But First....”**

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

#### **\*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.**

## **Special Music**

**As the Deer**  
Minerva Lermond & Ellie Gerhart  
Eileen Larkin, Keyboard

Martin Nystrom  
setting by D.E. Wagner

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, you are light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, and strength of the thoughts that seek you. Help us so to know you that we may truly love you. To love you, that we may fully serve you. To serve you, that we fully abide in your grace. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 #837

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The music features eighth-note patterns and rests. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. A 'Refrain' section begins with a single melodic line.

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,  
Lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms; lean -  
lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Steeple Bell Postlude

To God Be The Glory  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for outdoor fellowship.*

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew

Ushers: Bev Stoudt & C.J. Seitz

Counters: Mary Fontinha & Candy Dunson

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Jennie Cunningham Duling*  
*1878-1965*

*Arthur A. Menard*  
*1945-1997*



## WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY!

The Rev. Shannon Hanson was ordained as Minister of Reconciliation for New Castle Presbytery in October 2020 at First & Central Presbyterian in downtown Wilmington. Shannon and her husband, John, have lived in New Castle County for over two decades. They are blessed with two grown sons and one very spoiled rescue dog.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS**

We are in need of ushers for next Sunday as well as throughout the whole summer. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>.

## **2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School: ReNew will be one night of fun - Sunday, July 17 from 4-7 p.m. Activities will be for children ages 4-10, and will include stories, crafts, games, music, and more! Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family. Dinner included. In support of our theme, ReNew, we will welcome donations which will benefit a local “green” non-profit organization. Register today at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/vacation-bible-school>.

For our volunteers, we will have a final planning meeting via zoom on Tuesday, July 5 at 7 p.m. Email the church office for the zoom link.

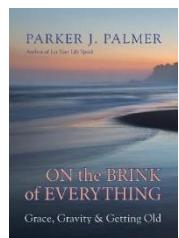
## **CAMARADERIE AT THE CONCERT**

Bring your lawn chair, blanket and dancing shoes and join us for another summer concert on Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Battery Park. Jimmy Pritchard will be playing as part of the summer concert series. New members or those thinking about becoming members are encouraged to come. Keep an eye out for Pastor Miriam and come sit with our NCPC group!

## **SUMMER BOOK STUDIES**

Thursday, August 11 at 1 p.m. - at Conchita Showell's house - Parker Palmer's [On The Brink of Everything](#)

Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by the Sunday before our gathering.



## **SUMMER COFFEE HOURS**

We'll gather for summer coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month. Deacons will host on July 3, and Trustees will host on August 7. In the meantime, we'll gather for sidewalk fellowship along 2nd Street as the weather permits.

## **PASTOR MIRIAM AWAY – PASTORAL COVERAGE**

Rev. Jim Mehler (July 3) will share the Good News from the Meeting House pulpit.

Jim Mehler and the Deacons will coordinate NCPC's pastoral care coverage. Contact the Church Office or Deacon Moderator [Salina Brett](#) for general support. If you are in need of a hospital visit or other emergency pastoral support, contact Rev. Jim Mehler at (614) 886-3681.

## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: CO-CHAIR NEEDED**

Trusting in God and the vaccines, we are expecting to have a full *Spirit of Christmas* celebration on Saturday, December 10, 2022 with NCPC again taking a major role along with the City of New Castle and the New Castle Historical Society. ***We are looking for a special volunteer to serve as co-organizer with Steve Martin, who worked on it last year.*** If you want to know more about what may be involved, email Steve ([martin@udel.edu](mailto:martin@udel.edu)) or call him at 302-354-4428.

## **NOW HIRING: PART-TIME CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Help us share the Good News of Christ with our youngest members! NCPC's Children and Youth Director position includes teaching Sunday School for children ages K-5, coordinating seasonal events for children of all ages, and planning activities for middle and high school-aged youth. Anticipated start on August 28, 2022.

A full job description is available on our website.

## **Prayer List:**

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

### ***Mary Pratt***

Room 325-B  
Garden Care Center  
135 Franklin Avenue  
Franklin Square, NY 11010

### ***Janet Reed***

Cadia Rehabilitation  
3322 Silverside Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810

## **At Home:**

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### ***Mary Duncan***

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Wilmington, DE 19806  
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## **On Assignment with the Coast Guard:**

### ***George Spock***

1346 Crocker St.  
Coos Bay, OR 97420

## This Week's Schedule

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>06/26</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher Rev. Shannon Hanson</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Fellowship</b>

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>07/03</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher Rev. Jim Mehler</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

*Pastor Miriam will be on vacation 6/26-7/4*

*Kris will be on vacation 6/27-6/30*

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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

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

*Session meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

### DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jane Fouracre	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Nanette Nichol	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Janet Spring	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

*Deacons meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

### TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

*Trustees meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)*



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