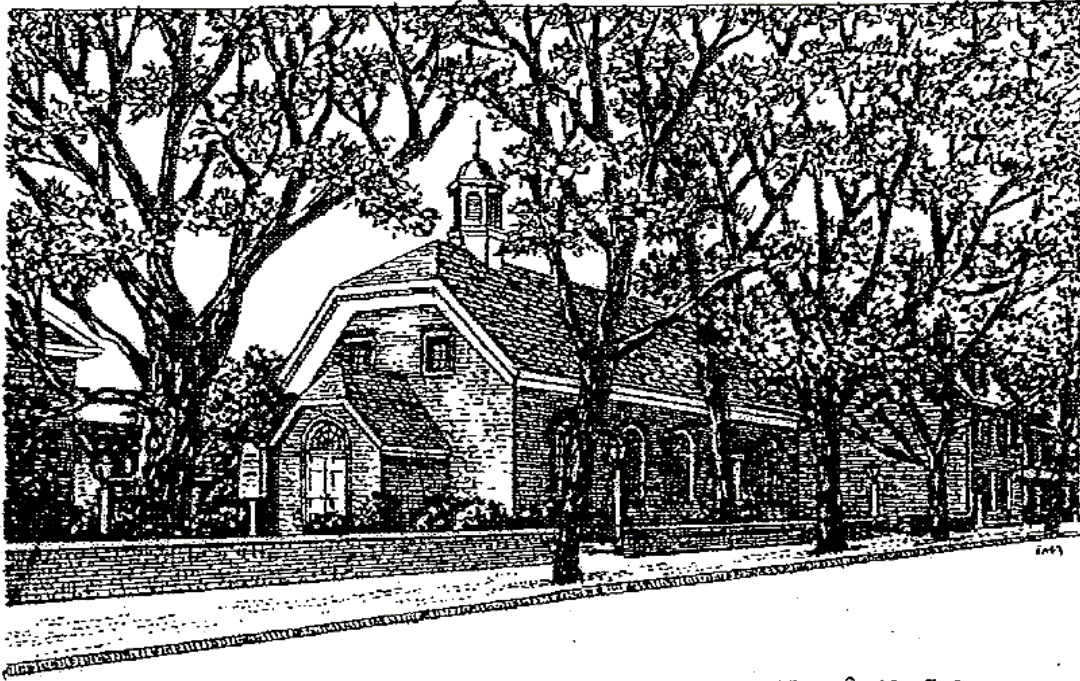


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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 in Lent

March 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Jesus Paid It All
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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 121)*

I lift up my eyes to the hills –

From where will my help come?

There is so much we do not understand, so many mysteries in this life
of faith.

But some things are certain. We do know:

Our help comes from the Lord,

Our help comes from the Maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord is our keeper;

**The Lord is our shade by our right hand. Let us worship our God
who keeps us now and forevermore!**

*Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The melody is characterized by its use of three-note units, as noted in the explanatory text at the bottom of the page.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our teacher and our friend, you call us to go, following the teachings that you set before us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words.

We cling to what we already know. We trust in what we can see and touch. We make excuses for our failure to trust in you.

Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will... *(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

I Lift Up Mine Eyes
Amy Shimmin – Flute
Bethany Faiz – Piano

Michael Larkin

I lift up mine eyes to the hills; where shall we find our help? Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God will not let our feet be moved. God keeps us and will not slumber, neither slumber nor sleep. For God is our keeper and shade on our right hands. I lift up mine eyes to the hills; where shall we find our help? Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night. God shall watch over us, both now and evermore! I lift up mine eyes to the hills; where shall we find our help? Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, as we gather here to receive your word, assure us of your presence through the Holy Spirit, that we may be led to follow you this day and always. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 3:1-17

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Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not

believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

"We see the signs, but do we follow?"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Molly Ijames

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**

We return these gifts to you and relinquish our control over them, O God, that you may use them beyond us, beyond this place, and beyond self-interest that your love may abound in the flourishing of every living thing you have entrusted to us.

Bless these offerings and bless our lives to your service, Triune God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion and Prayers of the People

Invitation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Partaking

Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur-mur stilled:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 cho - sen band:
 take your part:

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

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***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Molly Ijames
 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: Ray Snyder Counters: Melissa Boris/Gary Graham
Ushers: Connie & Laurie Bell Coffee Hour:
Nursery & Sunday School: Jane Fouracre / Beverly Stoudt/

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Joseph J. Rothrock Lynford R. Hampton
1898-1968 1918-2005



WELCOME

This morning we welcome Shannon Hanson as our guest preacher. Shannon was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in October 2020. She currently serves as Minister of Reconciliation for New Castle Presbytery. In that capacity, she helps churches throughout New Castle Presbytery engage in the important Holy Spirit work of seeking to understand one another and our differences in honoring ways. Shannon is also convener of New Castle Presbytery's Montgomery Anti-Racism Advocacy Group. Shannon and her husband John live in North Wilmington and are the parents of two grown sons.

WORD BY WORD WRITING PROMPT

For those who attended the Word by Word workshop in January, Sharon Moore has provided some additional prompts with notebooks for further inspiration. Pick up your copy today from the CE building entryway.



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

As we head into Lent, volunteer to help our youngest members by contacting:

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

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – mollypaige1@aol.com

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please help us update our photo directory that is years out of date thanks to Covid! You will find Toni Marley waiting with her camera outside in the church yard! *Should the weather not cooperate we will move to the education building.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online today at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Journey through the Lenten season with Presbyterian Outlook's Lenten Devotions - Inward Work for Outward Living. Printed copies are available in the CE Building.



LENTEN SUPPERS

NCPC and churches around New Castle join together to host ecumenical dinners during the season of Lent. Hope Lutheran will host the second gathering on Wednesday, March 8, at 6 PM. For the full schedule of this Lenten series, pick up the flyer in the CE Building.

2023 NCPC CAMPING RETREAT

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 22 to Sunday, September 24 when we will hold our second annual fall camping trip, this year at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, Maryland! More information including a sign up sheet will be sent in March. On-site indoor accommodations are available at a cost of \$149 a night for hotel-like rooms that have two queen beds. Please let Greg, gregorymfogarty@gmail.com, know if you would like to reserve a room on a first come, first reserved basis.



PASTOR MIRIAM'S MATERNITY LEAVE

As Pastor Miriam's due date quickly approaches (March 14), Supply Pastors Bill Hathaway and Alison Halsey will serve NCPC beginning the week of March 6 and concluding Sunday June 4. Their contact information is Pastor Alison Halsey (alisonhalsey77@gmail.com, 410-353-3456) and Bill Hathaway (wlhathaway77@gmail.com, 410-353-7765).

They will be in the Church Office on Wednesday mornings.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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Barbara Quillen

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Hockessin, DE 19707

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James Boyle

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	03/05	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship – Guest Preacher Rev. Shannon Hanson
		10:50am	Nursery & Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

Monday	03/06	4:00pm	Spanish Class
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Tuesday	03/07	7:00pm	Session Meeting
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Wednesday	03/08	6:00pm	Lenten Supper – Hope Lutheran
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Saturday	03/11	8:00am	Tai Chi
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SUNDAY	03/12	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Nursery & Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting

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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

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)

