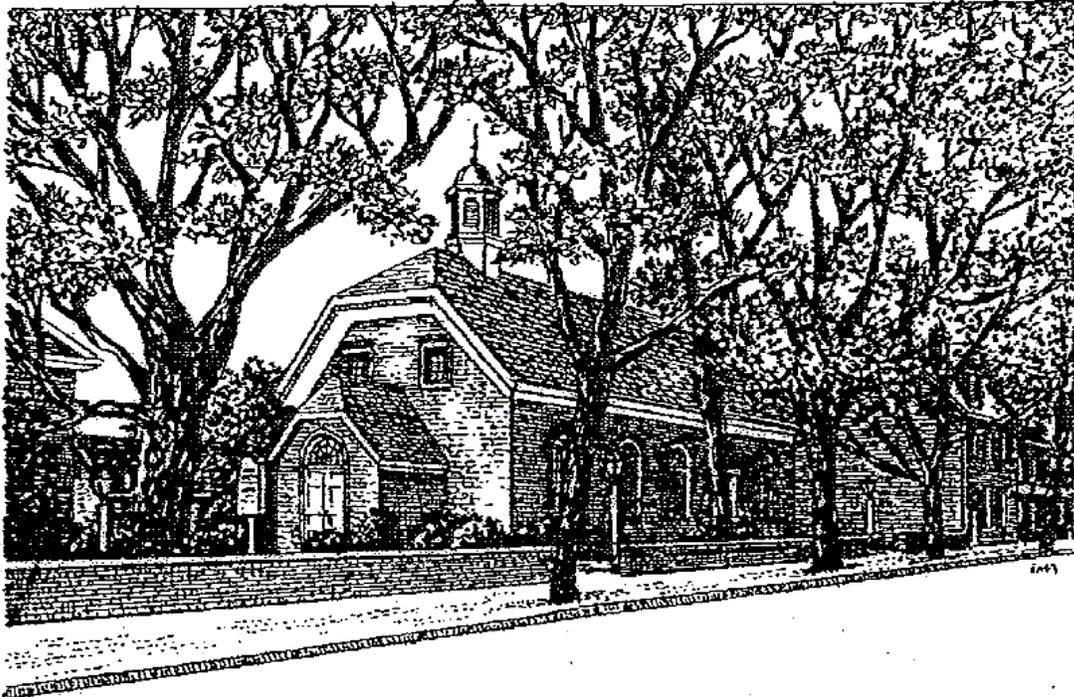


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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 required during the whole service, and we ask that you maintain space between yourself and your neighbors.

**Restrooms** are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

**Children are always welcome in worship!** If your family needs to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed available in the Fellowship Hall and a volunteer present to assist you.

**Worship Bags** are available for children at the back of the Meeting House.

**At the end of worship**, please exit the building by the Second Street door and gather for fellowship outside.

**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!

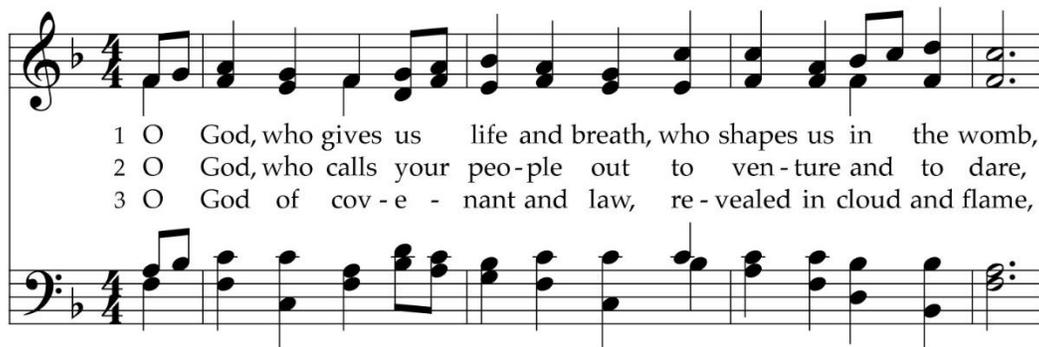
**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is on Mondays.

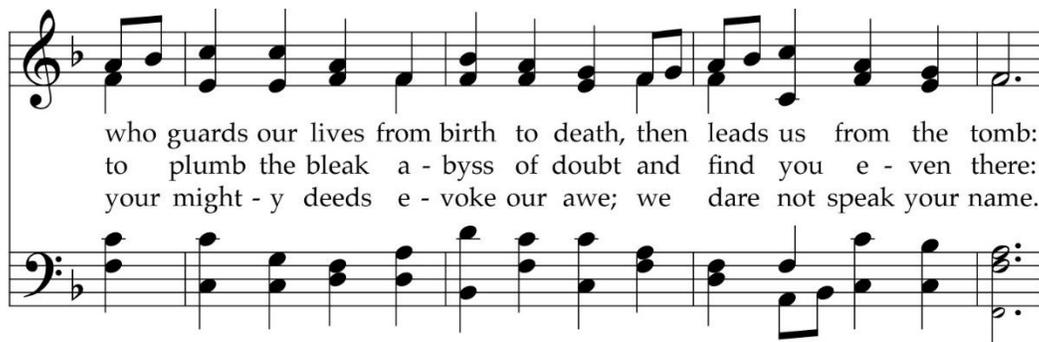


# \*Hymn #53

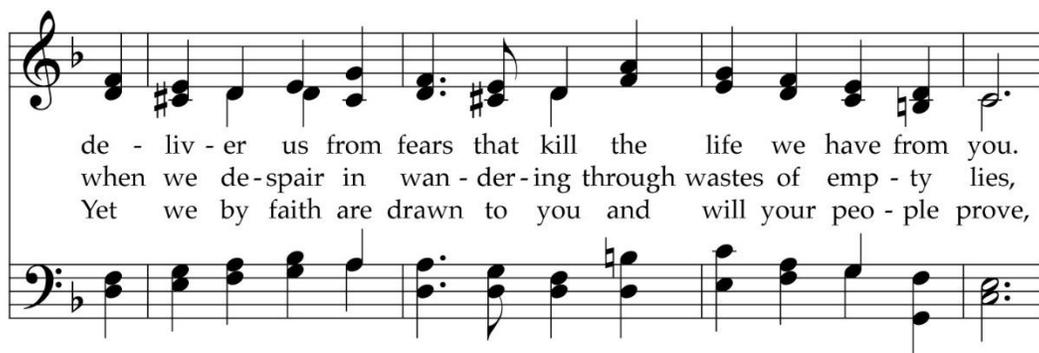
# O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,  
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable, and we lay out the welcome mat for those who have status and wealth. But your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one. Soften our hearts to those we rage against. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Renew us with your abundant mercy and love, which know no end... *(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 God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Page: OT 698

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Page: NT 175

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or

resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

## Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon                      *“Love Actually”*

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

The Gift Of Love

Hal Hopson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.  
Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.  
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.*

**\*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

God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service for your kingdom. Increase in us the stuff that life is made of – faith, hope, and love, but especially love – that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our brother and our lord. 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 #372

### O For a World

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,  
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

### **Postlude**

Wonderful Words of Life

arr. Cindy Berry

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.*

*As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

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### **Thank you for serving today:**

Worship Leader: Salina Brett

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Counters: Gary Graham & Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Matthew D. Walz, Sr.*  
*1861-1930*

*Dorothy J. Beck*  
*1915-1992*



### **NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY**

NCPC's Session has voted to pause Coffee Hour through Sunday, February 6.

Indoor masked gatherings after worship and during the week are still permitted!

Many prayers for everyone's well-being during this surge.

### **SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER OR WORSHIP LEADER**

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders starting in February. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

### **BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS AT 1:00pm VIA ZOOM**

We gather via Zoom on Thursdays each week to discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture. Email Pastor Miriam for the Zoom link.

### **VALENTINE'S DAY CARD MAKING - FEBRUARY 6**

Attention: Bob Ross fans needed! On Sunday February, 6, Congregational Life invites everyone to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship to create

Valentine's Day cards for our homebound members, as well as for you to mail to loved ones in need of extra love this season. Supplies will be provided. And show your love with NCPC by wearing RED on Sunday, February 13!

## **DROP (off) YOUR DRAWERS AND PICK UP A KISS!**

Our popular Undie Sunday is returning On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Between now and then, 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 you can pick up your Hershey's® kiss at the same time!



## **UPDATE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Due to the ongoing Covid spike, we're postponing today's scheduled paint event to March! So mark your calendars and please plan for your kiddos to join us for these Sunday School events:

### **- February 13: It's our annual Sunday School Coffee Hour!**

Kim Beebe, Chris Fagles, and Sunday School kids will head over to the CE Building after the Scripture Conversation. We'll both prepare and clean-up coffee hour that day. Participating families are encouraged to bring food for coffee hour. Please contact Kim Beebe via text (302-379-3246) if your family would like to participate. It's also Undies Sunday, so bring some undies for Friendship House's Clothing Bank!

### **- Sunday, March 27 from 3-5: Paint Night (Rescheduled)**

Families are invited to join Ms. Diana and the CE Committee on Sunday, March 27, from 3-5 in the Fellowship Hall. Children of all ages are welcome! Art supplies will be provided, but please consider bringing donations of socks and soup for our Gifts of Love program. Please RSVP to [office@newcastlepreschurch.org](mailto:office@newcastlepreschurch.org) by Monday, January 21. (Masks required for everyone above the age of 2.)

### **- Saturday, April 16: Easter Fair from 10-12**

More details coming soon!

## **MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS**

After two years and with a safe plan in place, New Castle Presbytery members are in Guatemala as you read this message. Checking in on our partners' communities and projects, it has been exciting to see all their collective progress during such uncertain times. However, what is certain is that such development is possible through your continued generosity.



And we've got a unique way to celebrate and share all the latest news.

Grab a loved one, friend, or your whole family and travel to Guatemala with us - all while eating chocolate! [Register](#) now for [Taste and Travel: A Guatemalan Experience](#) on Thursday, February 10 from 7:00-8:15pm (ET).

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,  
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**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

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## 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
	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Jane Fouracre	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Nanette Nichol	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)*