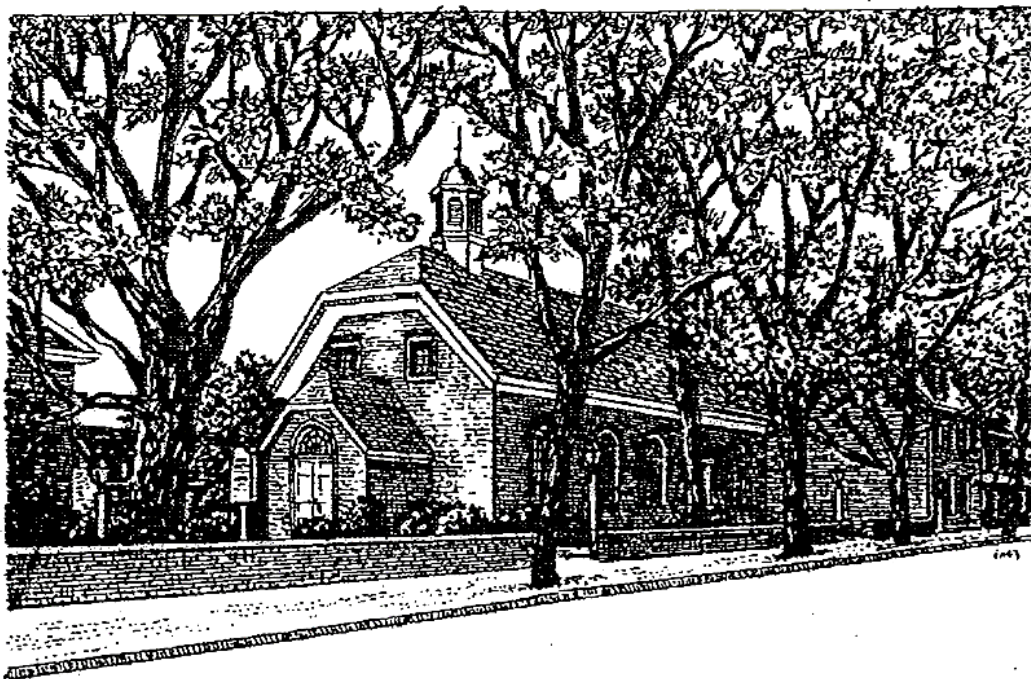


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Second Sunday of Easter**

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Michael Hunter

**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

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Follow me."

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Forgive seventy times seven."

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Feed my sheep."

We join our voices with Simon Peter: *Yes, Lord.*

"Here's my heart, o take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above."

Let us worship God with all our hearts.

***Hymn #248**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, like Simon Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundant mercy. We profess our faith and deny it three times. We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination. Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts, we pray... *(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 #240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord!**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Morning Has Broken arr by Harry Simeone

Michael Hunter – Piano

Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlight from heaven. Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning. Born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning; God's recreation of the new day.

Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of second chances, we have spent our days wandering. Like Peter, we have milled about through nearly every state of faith. We have had courageous days and convicted days, learning days and questioning days. We have had days where we run to you, days for diving out of the boat, days for deep joy, and days where the pain of the world feels too close to bear. We bring our wandering hearts to you. Draw us in. Allow your story to spark something new in us. Allow your story of grace to give us pause and pull us in. We are listening. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 21:1-19

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21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. ⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask

him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. ¹

⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

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

Sermon



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #231**

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Michael Hunter

***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 new life, your love transforms the world. You show up in our lives, surprising us and catching us off-guard in the best of ways. Christ, our Good Shepherd, calls us out of our boats, into lives of service in your name. And so, we give our hearts to you. Bless our offerings to your service, that all of your sheep would be fed and loved. 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 #475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Michael Hunter

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: Gary Graham Counters: Chris Fagles/Lyn Briggs

Communion: Ray Snyder, Julia Spock, Toni Marley

Ushers: Ringo Keka & Mark Rappold Coffee Hour: Deacons

Nursery: Mariellen Edinburg/Jane Fouracre

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Stephanie Foltz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ruth Silverman
1985

Joanne M. Hopkins
1937-2018



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

No Bible Study this week. We'll gather next on Wednesday, April 10 at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. No need to RSVP; come and join the conversation!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are putting together our slate of officers for the upcoming year! If you are interested in serving as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee, please reach out to a member of the committee. Terms are for three years and begin in September. Members of the Nominating Committee are Melissa Boris, Peter McCurdy, Jennifer Dunham, Julia Spock, Pat Taylor, Julie Barry, and Lyn Briggs.

SERVING CHRIST WITH NCPC

From Meals on Wheels to Emmanuel Dining Room to Friendship House, there are many great ways to love and serve our neighbors. Reach out to our Mission and Outreach Chair to learn more: Scott Selheimer - selheime@udel.edu.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – APRIL 14

We welcome Guest Preacher Beth Goss on April 14. Rev. Goss is a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response team and is a retired pastor living in Herndon, VA. She will share updates about PDA, including the ways that our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering assists our neighbors in need.

SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE – APRIL 21

Join us for the next Acoustic Open Mic Night on Sunday, April 21, from 6:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The \$3 admission goes to support Friendship House; for more information, check out our newsletter.

MUSIC TO MOVE YOU – APRIL 28

The Delaware Women's Chorus, under the direction of Joanne Ward is thrilled to be back to NCPC. DWC will present a choral program entitled "Songs for a Better World" on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 pm. This free program of thought-provoking music features a wide variety of musical styles which offer hope, wonder, and determination.

NCPC MEN'S GROUP – APRIL 29

NCPC is starting up a fellowship group for men to grow in their Christian faith and also be encouraged as they juggle work, family and community responsibilities, and so much more. So come be a part of a new thing! Meet at The Legend for food/ beverages on Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. RSVP to Steven Foltz – (206)953-6490.

GUATEMALA STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

After enjoying four years and an unforgettable trip to Guatemala, I am stepping down from my role with the Guatemala Steering Committee, which plans the budgets, priorities, projects and liaisons between Presbytery, CEDEPCA, and the MAAM Association of Christian Women. My decision was made easier by Amy Selheimer, who has agreed to step into the position, continuing our congregation's active mission involvement. I'll stay involved but am happy knowing that Amy's enthusiasm for the project will continue our present involvement and move us into the future. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this worthwhile and enlightening project for so long. - Candy Dunson

GIFTS OF LOVE UPDATE

So far in 2024, we have contributed \$2,400.00 to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Peter's church. Donations through the white envelopes help our neighbors pay the rent, medical bills, car repairs, or utility bills.

We also donate food items for the St Peter's food pantry. While all items are appreciated, mayonnaise, jelly and powdered milk are really needed at this time. Thank you NCPC for being such good neighbors.

Prayer List:

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

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	04/07	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday	04/10	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	04/11	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
		7:00pm	Congregational Life & Membership Meeting
Saturday	04/13	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	04/14	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship with Preacher Rev. Beth Goss – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
		12:30-2:30pm	CE Committee Retreat

Kris will be on vacation Friday, 4/12.

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Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
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		

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)

