

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.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available 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 and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery care will be available following the Scripture Conversation.

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

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Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

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 27 and I John 4*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Grateful for God's loving presence and peace,

Let us worship God!

*Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation (verses 1, 3 & 5)

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, your promise to never leave or forsake us is sure. And still we fear. Instead of trusting you, we doubt and lose hope. Instead of filling our hearts with your peace, we flood them with anxiety and despair. Hear us now as we entrust our fears to you...(silence)....Forgive us, too, O God, for ways we have not brought help or peace to others' fears. For our words, and for our silences, that have hurt, forgive us. For our reluctance to take a stand, give up a grudge, or follow where you lead, forgive us. Grateful always for your mercy, we pray...

Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Response #623

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (repeat)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination Be Still and Know (sing once)

The musical score is written for a 3/4 time signature. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains 6 measures of music. The second system starts with a measure rest (marked with a '7') followed by 7 measures of music. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: C, G⁷, C, F, D/F#, G, C, F, C, G⁷, C. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that
I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present^[a] help in trouble.

**² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

**³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

**⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”**

**¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

Be Still and Know (sung twice)

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory My Friend (Calm the Stormy Sea)

Mallory Mackie

***Response #475 (verse 1)**

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

*Prayer of Dedication

For every blessing, we give you thanks, O God. Above all, we thank you for your loving presence with us in and through all things. We offer our gifts to you as a sign of our trust in you. Use them, and use us, to be about your work in your world. In the way of Jesus, 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 #177

I Will Come to You/You Are Mine

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
all will know my name. (to Refrain)
up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All
Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine." 4 "I

***Charge & Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

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: Ray Snyder

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Hall

Communion: Amy Selheimer

Counters: Cynthia Beam/Gary Graham

Ushers: George & Julia Spock

Nursery: Julie Barry/Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Deborah C. Harrington
1921 - 2015

Joseph S. Harrington
1920 - 2014



WELCOME – GUEST PREACHER REV. JENNY WARREN

We welcome the Rev. Jenny Warren to both our worship service and Vacation Bible School today! Jenny served as our Interim Pastor from 2017-2019, in the pre-Miriam days. Since then, she has served a church in Downingtown, PA and then took a vocation turn to serve as a Reading Interventionist at Academia Antonia Alonso, a dual language elementary charter school. Now officially retired, she volunteers with Read Aloud DE, serves at Winter Sanctuary and Code Purple at First & Central Pres, sings with Delaware Choral Arts, and has enjoyed dabbling with community theater at the Wilmington Drama League.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We need ushers for almost every Sunday this summer! 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 turning on the lights, opening pew doors, and preparing our space to welcome folks to worship God. Reach out to Elders Jen Dunham or Ray Snyder to learn more.

SUMMER BOOK READING

All are invited to be a part of our summer book reading - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. The book can be purchased through [Amazon](#) for \$14.98.

We'll gather for a discussion on Thursday, August 6 at 3 p.m. at Connie Reese's house. RSVPs to Phee Price are much appreciated!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – TONIGHT 3-7PM

Join us for Vacation Bible School tonight! We kick-off at 3pm. There will be songs, games, stories and so much more as we learn about how Jesus calmed the storm. Supper is included! We hope to see you there for food, fellowship, and fun!

PASTOR MIRIAM'S SABBATICAL

From June 8 through August 31, Pastor Miriam is on Sabbatical. During this time of rest, she is grateful for your prayers! While she is away, NCPC is in good hands. Check out the newsletter for the schedule of upcoming Sunday morning preachers. If you have any administrative questions, you can contact Administrator Kris Krawczyk in the Office or Clerk Scott Selheimer. If you have a pastoral need, please reach out to the office or to Deacon Moderator Teisha Fooks or Deacon Vice-Moderator Nan Wallace. Each week this summer, NCPC does have a pastor from around the Presbytery on-call should a pastoral emergency arise.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	08/02	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		3:00-7:00pm	Vacation Bible School
Monday	08/03	9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	08/04	12:00pm	People Who Lunch @ Portofino's
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	08/05	9:00am-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Thursday	08/06	3:00pm	Summer Book Read at Connie Reese's
SUNDAY	08/09	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		11:30am	Officer Training

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