

# 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 Sidewalk Fellowship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Worship "code":** \* = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

## Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com) or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 [silverfran@aol.com](mailto:silverfran@aol.com)

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# New Castle Presbyterian

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**

**Hymn of Promise**  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. John Carter

**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**

This is the day

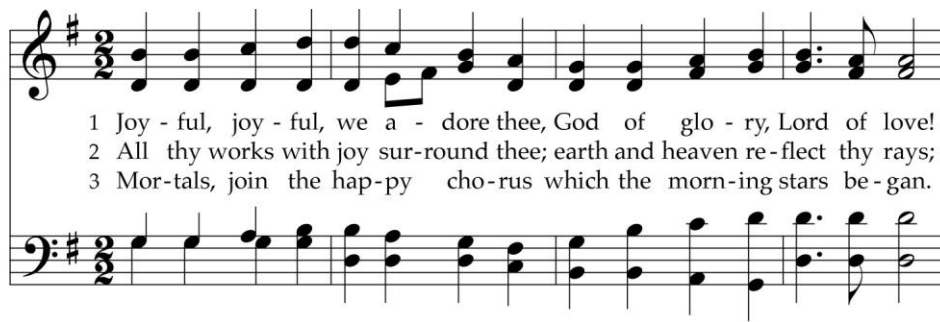
**Which the Lord has made.**

Let us rejoice

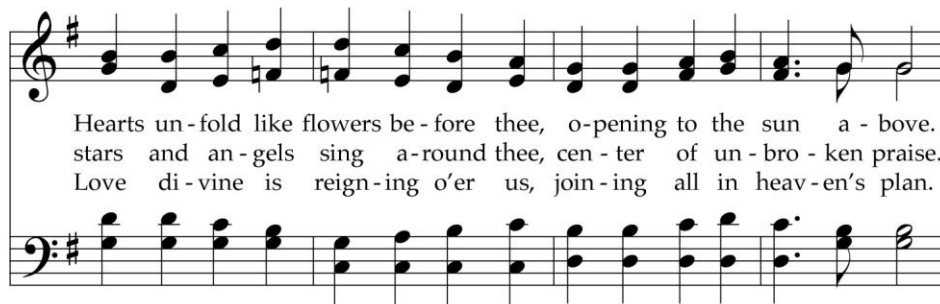
**And be glad in it! Let us worship God.**

# \*Hymn # 611

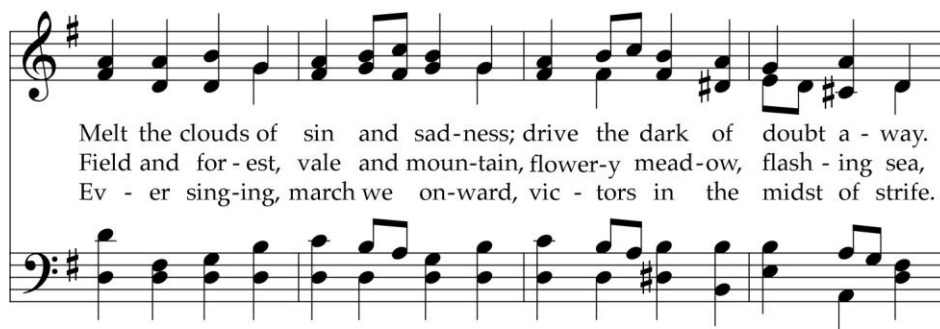
## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



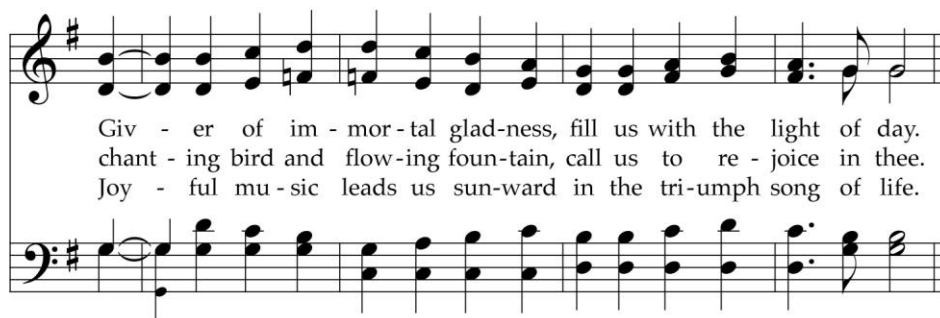
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.  
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY  
8.7.8.7.D

## **Act of Confession**

### **Call to Confession**

You call.

**You hear.**

You invite us to come near.

**You offer us new beginnings.**

Let us join in our prayer of confession.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We worry about events beyond our control and we can't let go of the past. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for uncertain goals, for being blinded by unnecessary anxiety, we ask for your forgiveness and pray for understanding. Make us mindful that we are your people and help us to rejoice that we are such. In Christ's name, Amen.**

*(Time for silent prayer.)*

### **Words of Reconciliation**

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness. God's spirit reaches out to assure us of a welcome in Christ.

**In the name of Jesus Christ we are God's by grace. With great joy we are made alive. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

### Scripture Conversation with Children

#### Prayer for Illumination

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer. Amen.**

#### Scripture Lesson

#### Psalm 100

**Page: OT 552**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

#### Second Scripture Lesson

#### Romans 5:1-8

**Page: NT 155**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*Finding Joy*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

## \*Hymn # 23

## God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and  
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and  
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>




spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth  
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in  
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,  
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,  
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm)(F#m) (G)(A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,  
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened  
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.  
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1978  
 MUSIC: American melody, 1830; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986  
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PLEADING SAVIOR  
 8.7.8.7.D  
 (alternate harmonization, 717)  
 (alternate tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)

## Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Rick Waterhouse – Soloist

### **\*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**

**Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for your call our lives, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for the molding of our lives and your kingdom. 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 # 619

## Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

#### **Postlude**

#### **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

arr. John Carter

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*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 Sidewalk Fellowship.*

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

*Worship Leader:* Nancy Kersey

*Ushers:* Gina Kouma/Tanasi Baldet

*Nursery:* Mariellen Edinburg/Mallory Mackie

*Coffee Hour:* Sidewalk Fellowship

*Counters:* Jen Dunham/Mike Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Willie M. Davis*  
*1985*

*Olive M. Low*  
*1927 – 2014*



### **WELCOME – GUEST PREACHER REV. ALISON HALSEY**

The Rev. Dr. Alison Halsey is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary. She has pastored churches in the Buffalo, NY area and First and Franklin Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, MD. She has also been the Interim Pastor of four congregations. Married to the Rev. Dr. William Hathaway they have two married sons, four grandchildren and one dog. She presently volunteers for Planned Parenthood, Winter Relief, and serves as a Trustee for the Presbytery.

### **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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 2

Mark your calendars for VBS on August 2 from 3-7 p.m.! As we get busy making plans for our VBS event on Sunday, August 2 we could use some assistance. We are putting together a theme related dinner. This is where we would like to ask for a little help from our amazing congregation and friends. We are asking for donations via the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please look at the sheet and see how you can help. Please drop your donations off by Sunday, July 26 to the kitchen and be sure to label everything VBS. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the CE committee.

We will be collecting donations for Seamen's Center. Here is a list of items: knitted hats and scarves, warm socks, winter gloves. Stationery, pens, playing cards, cough drops, hard candy (no chocolate) and sewing kits. Full-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, razors, deodorant, shampoo, chapstick, hand lotion and soap.

## 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*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>07/12</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>07/13</b>	<b>9:00am-5:00pm</b>	<b>Private Counseling – Library</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Improv Fun and Games</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>07/14</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Promises of AA Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>07/15</b>	<b>9:00am-5:00pm</b>	<b>Private Counseling – Library</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>07/19</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Fellowship</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Community Open Mic Night</b>

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Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Lyn Briggs, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

## SESSION

2026	2027	2028
Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham
Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles
Ray Snyder	Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

*Session meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2026	2027	2028
Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage
Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks
		Nan Wallace

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

## TRUSTEES

2026	2027	2028
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Marshall Freund
Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith

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

