

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.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children 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. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

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



Prayer List:

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

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New Castle Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Cindy Berry

Bethany Faiz - Piano

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

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north.

We gather to celebrate the God of peace.

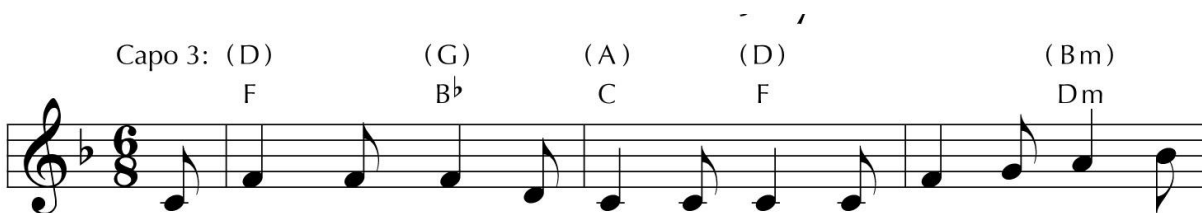
We share in the Spirit who consoles us and encourages us. **We share in the Spirit who instructs us and calls us together as the body of Christ.**

The God for whom we have waited is among us.

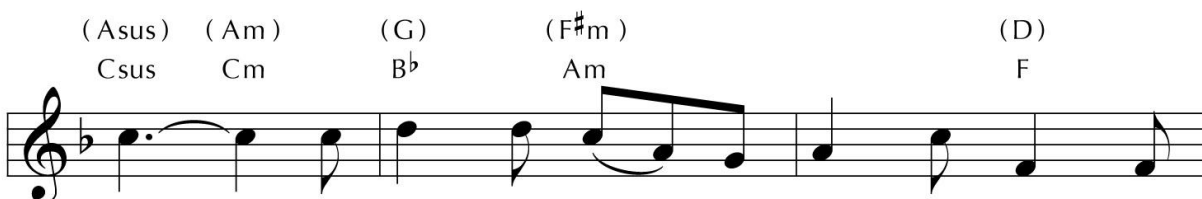
The God of our ancestors is here. Let us worship the Great I Am!

*Hymn #515

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
 Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company
 Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE
 8.6.8.6.6

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess to you that we are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We do not regard others with the same grace that we extend to ourselves. We put our needs before others.

Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us as we embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, that we might serve each other as you served us and reflect your glory in this world... *(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

God Be in My Head

Michael Larkin

Bethany Faiz - piano

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at my end, and my departing. Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

Page: NT 23

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism

of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Sermon

Familial Parables

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #525**

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

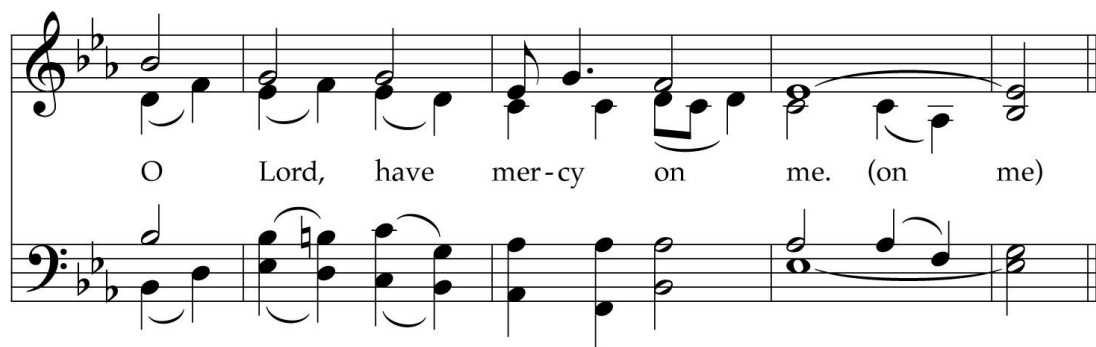


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Break Thou the Bread of Life

arr. Cindy Berry

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**

O God, author and giver of all things, bless us with discomfort at easy answers and half-truths. Bless us with anger at injustice and tears to shed for others. Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in your world. Bless these gifts of our lives and of our offerings to your work of love. 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 #839

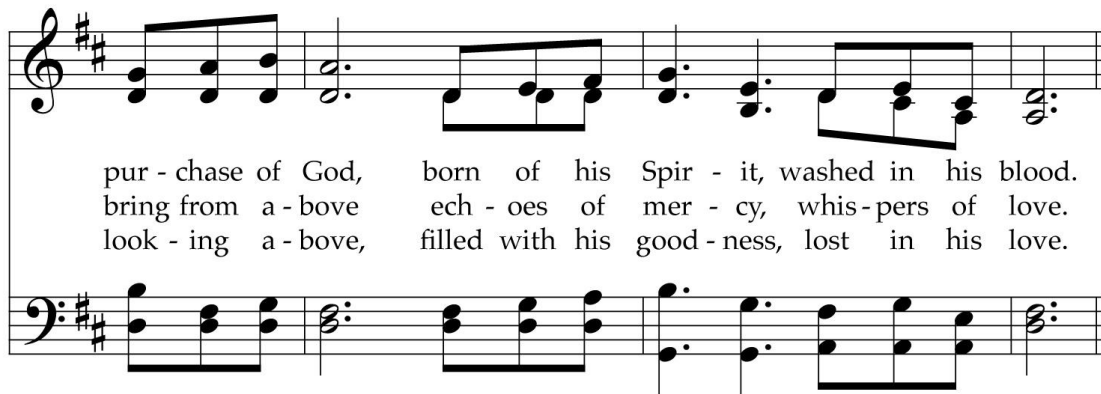
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my
song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873
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ASSURANCE
9.10.9.9 with refrain

*Charge & Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above arr. Lloyd Larson
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 coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Toni Marley

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Communion: **Connie Reese***, Mike & Lynn Smith and Cynthia Beam

Ushers: Barbara Whisman/Teisha Fooks

Counters: Rob Barry/Marshall Freund

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Julie Barry

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Blanche W. Cain
1914 - 1988

Francis Jane Handy
1922 - 2016



NEW MEMBERS GATHERING – TODAY AT NOON

Come on up to the library (second floor of the CE Building) today at Noon to learn more about membership at NCPC. Whether or not you're ready to become a member, these gatherings can help you discover all the different ways of participating in the life of NCPC!

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING

Today, we celebrate World Communion Sunday, recognizing our oneness in Christ with our siblings around the world. We will collect our Peace and Global Witness Offering, which encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

VIVA L'ITALIA CONCERT - TODAY

Today at 3 p.m., come enjoy music by Italian Composers as performed by Delaware musicians Barbara Prugh (trumpet) and Rob Kennan (piano) in the Church's Meeting House. The Concert is free to attend; a free will offering will be collected to benefit the Music Ministry of NCPC. Come hear these amazing artists fill up the Meeting House with beautiful music!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 7

On Wednesday, October 7, at 6 p.m., we will have a Blessing of the Animals outside of the CE Building. Creatures of all shapes and sizes are welcome. If your pet doesn't travel well or has crossed the rainbow bridge, bring their picture or one of their accessories to be blessed. And feel free to invite one of your pet's friends as everyone would benefit from a blessing!

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – FINAL CALL

Mission and Outreach is collecting new and gently used clothing. The Winter Sanctuary specifically needs men's and women's pants, sweatpants, sweatshirts, coats, and long-sleeved tee-shirts. The Clothing Bank of Delaware needs all types of clothing for men, women and children. If you are able to label your donation for each (CB or WS) that would be greatly appreciated! Last day for collection is Sunday, October 11th. Questions? Please reach out to Amy or Scott Selheimer.

DIRECTORY UPDATES – ASAP

In mid-October, Church Admin Kris prints off new paper directories. If you have a change in contact information (address, phone, or email), please email her your changes ASAP at office@newcastlepreschurch.org. Thank you!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We need ushers for almost every Sunday this fall! 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 preparing our space to welcome folks to worship God. Reach out to Elders Jen Dunham or Sarah McCann to learn more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Interested in helping our children learn God's Good News? Reach out to Molly Shaw at 302-743-6588, Mallory Mackie at 302-690-5665, or any member of the CE committee (Melissa, Stephanie, Lynn, Chris)!

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY 10/04

10:30am In-Person & Live Stream Worship

11:30am Coffee Hour

12:00pm New Members Gathering in the Library

		3:00pm	Viva L'Italia Concert in Meeting House
Monday	10/05	9:00am-4:30pm	Private Counseling - in the library
Tuesday	10/06	12:00pm 7:00pm	People Who Lunch Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	10/07	11:00am-2:00pm 3:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Private Counseling - in the library Bible Study Blessing of the Animals Choir Practice
Thursday	10/08	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	10/10	10:00am-12:00pm	Private Event in the Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY	10/11	10:30am 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Coffee Hour

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office from October 5 through October 11.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to Deacon Teisha Fooks at (302)883-7167.

Kris will be on vacation Friday, October 9.

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Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Lyn Briggs, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2027	2028	2029
Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham	Cindy Beam
Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles	Melissa Boris
Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma	Peter McCurdy
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2027	2028	2029
Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage	Mariellen Edinburg
Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks	Heather Raezer
	Nan Wallace	Connie Reese

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2027	2028	2029
Gary Graham	Marshall Freund	Rob Barry
Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith	Brendan Mackie

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

