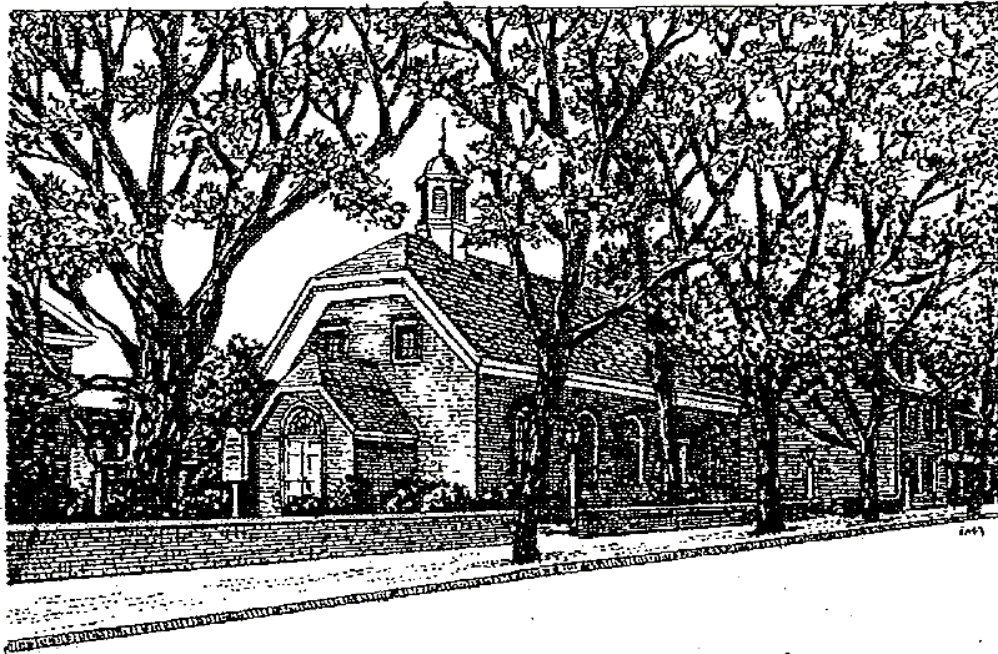


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

Jubilate - Vesper Hymn arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

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 (*from Psalm 90*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.

Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

*Hymn #203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D)

Refrain F (A7) C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1997, alt.

MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

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CHEREPONI
7.7.9 with refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us... (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

Choral Anthem

For Everyone Born

Arr. By Tom Trenney

Carolyn Hendrix – Cello / Bethany Faiz – Piano

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Chorus: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, dividing a system that's fair. *Chorus*

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. *Chorus*

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free! *Chorus*

Welcoming of New Members –

Judy Beckley, Joan Foster, Valarie Leary, Randy Lee, and Carolyn Travers

Words of Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to this congregation. May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, you are our dwelling place. In you, we find our rest; in you, we find our purpose. Gather us in under the shelter of your wing. Calm our minds and fill our hearts with your love. Restore us to your path and call us again to faithful discipleship. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46

Page: NT 25

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’? ⁴⁵ “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

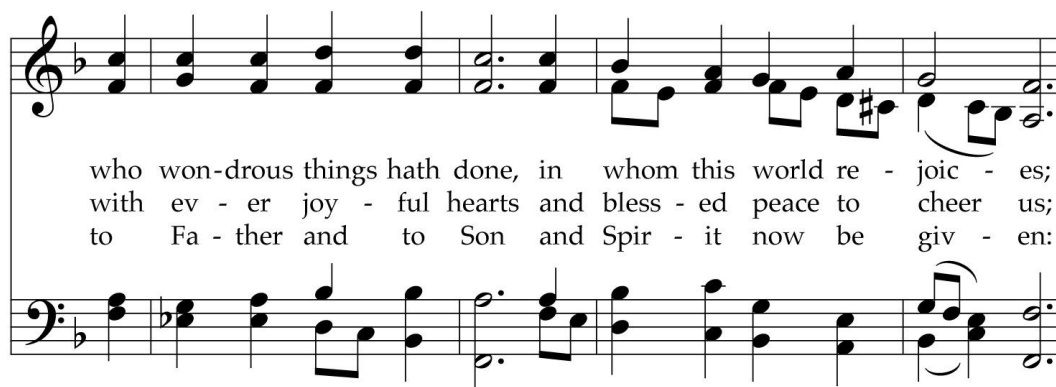
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory **My Faith Looks up to Thee** arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

***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**

Lord of all creation, we marvel at the beauty of your earth, the wonder of each hour of our lives, and the joy of human love. We especially give you thanks for yourself, best gift divine, freely given to the world in Jesus Christ. In response to your goodness, we lift up to you these gifts of grateful praise. Creator God, bless our gifts to your work of love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

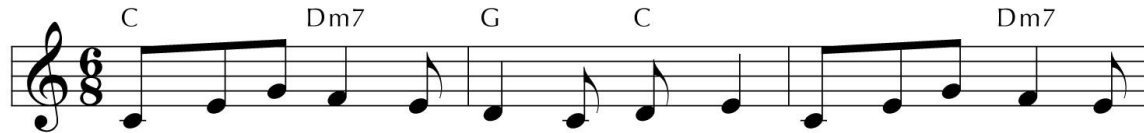
The Lord's Prayer

**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 #543**

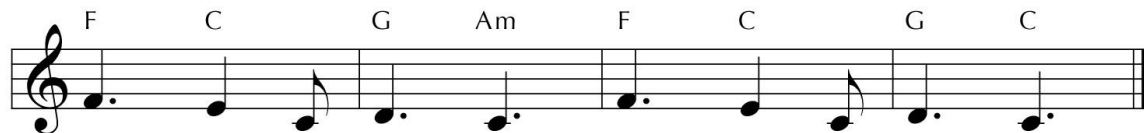
God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004
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GREEN TYLER
9.8.9.5.5

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Beth West

Carolyn Hendrix – Flute / 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: Carol Mayhew

Coffee Hour: Chili Cook-Off

Ushers: Peter McCurdy/_____

Counters: Chris Fagles/Kelly McCurdy

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Mariellen Edinburg

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Molly Shaw

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Carl H. Witt
1927 - 2020

Ruth Lindfors
1920 - 2017



CHILI COOK-OFF & ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – TODAY

Join us for our Fall Festival today! We'll have Pumpkin Party activities for children during Coffee Hour, folks of all ages will enjoy delicious chili, AND we'll have a creative presentation of Abraham and Sarah's family tree from Genesis 12 to 50...Costumes are encouraged!

STEWARDSHIP SEASON BEGINS – NEXT SUNDAY

Our 2027 Stewardship Season kicks off on Sunday, November 1, as we celebrate All Saints' Day and remember the faithful witnesses whose lives continue to shape and strengthen our community. This year's theme centers on the promise that Christ's peace surpasses our understanding, reminding us that God remains present and faithful even in the midst of life's greatest challenges. Next Sunday's progressive coffee hour will begin in the Fellowship Hall with a Stewardship Presentation and continue to the Memorial Garden then Cemetery, as we celebrate the saints who've gone before us!

MISSION & OUTREACH WITH A SEAMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

Thanks to the very generous VBS collection, there are only a few items that we need before dropping off our donations to the Seamen's Center in early November. We still need: socks (for cold weather), cough drops and hand lotion. Grab a reminder in the CE building during coffee hour. The deadline for returning items is Sunday, November 1.

NEW CASTLE PRIDE MARKET – NOV 7

We are participating in the Pride Market again! The date is November 7th, from 11am-4pm on the New Castle Green. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

DIRECTORY UPDATES – ASAP

THIS WEEK, Church Admin Kris will print 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!

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)!

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION – ANITA JOHNSON

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Anita Johnson who died to this life at the age of 101 on October 18. Anita and her husband, Rev. Ralph Johnson, came to NCPC in 1963, and throughout their joint ministry, Anita was an active member of our congregation. Ordained a Deacon in 1968 and an Elder in 1973, she served Christ in so many capacities - from teaching Sunday School, singing in our choir, and also serving a term as the Moderator of New Castle Presbytery. She truly was a woman of valor (Proverbs 31)!

We pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort the Johnson family, especially Anita's five sons and their wives, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. We give thanks to God that Anita now rests with Ralph and all the saints in Christ's peace.

<https://www.dohertyfh.com/obituaries/Anita-S-Johnson?obId=49903266&source=EmSh>

FIRST & CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington is opening up their Winter Sanctuary on Saturday, November 7. Each Saturday, from 6:00 - 10:00 am, First & Central opens their doors to people experiencing homelessness. They may come in for a rest, warmth, a hot meal, coffee & snacks, a place to charge their phones, and even a shower.

Here is the link if you'd like to sign up. Even if there are no spots open - please just show up! There's always plenty for volunteers to do.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849ADA829A7FD0-51684439-winter#/>

Questions? Please reach out to Amy Selheimer ([302-584-0982](tel:302-584-0982))

Donations needed:

- shampoo, deodorant and toiletries
- new underwear and socks
- gently used sweats, pants, t-shirts, shoes and sneakers

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Interested in ushering? Sign up online here: <https://www.newcastlepreschurh.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.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/25	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Chili Cook-off – All Ages Sunday School
		3:00pm	NC Presbytery – Session Minutes Review
Monday	10/26	9:00am-4:30pm	Private Counseling - in the library
Tuesday	10/27	7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	10/28	11:00am-2:00pm	Private Counseling - in the library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	10/29	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
SUNDAY	11/01	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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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)

