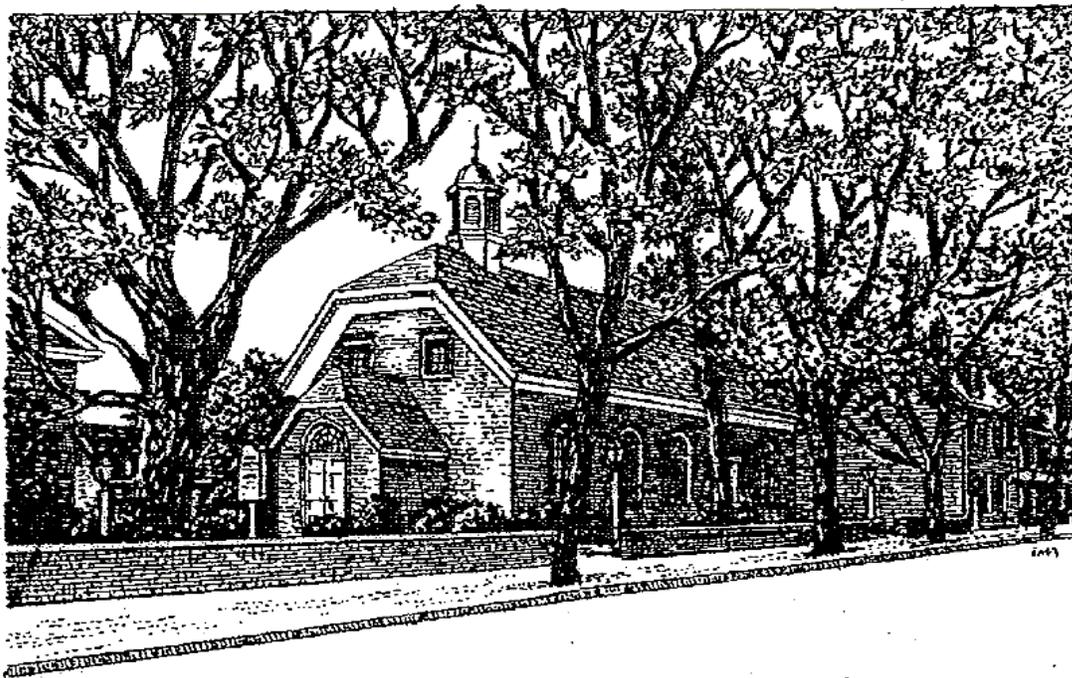


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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,

Please take basic COVID precautions with us. Masks are required during the whole service, and we ask that you maintain space between yourself and your neighbors.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Children are always welcome in worship! If your family needs to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed available in the Fellowship Hall and a volunteer present to assist you.

Worship Bags are available for children at the back of the Meeting House.

At the end of worship, please exit the building by the Second Street door and gather for fellowship outside.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

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

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the basket 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
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

A Joyful Ring
Celebration Ringers

Barbara Kenyon

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**

Like a deeply rooted tree with great shady branches,

the Lord remains steadfast and sure.

Time pass, seasons change,

But the Lord our God heals the nations and soothes our souls.

We wander and stray, yet still,

Our God reaches out to us with mercy and love.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace.

More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments.

Grow us in faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and opened to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ... *(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

Prayer for Illumination

God, our Delight, your word guides us in paths that are true. Watch over us, we pray, as we meditate on you day and night, and we will be happy. Come, Holy Spirit, raise us from death to life and fill our lives with joy through your Good News. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 1

Page: OT 489

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 6:17-26

Page: NT 64

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Plain Talk”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory

Blessed Assurance

arr. Sandra Eithun

Celebration Ringers

***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**

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love. Bless these offerings as you continue to grow in us the gift of your grace. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord and Savior, 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

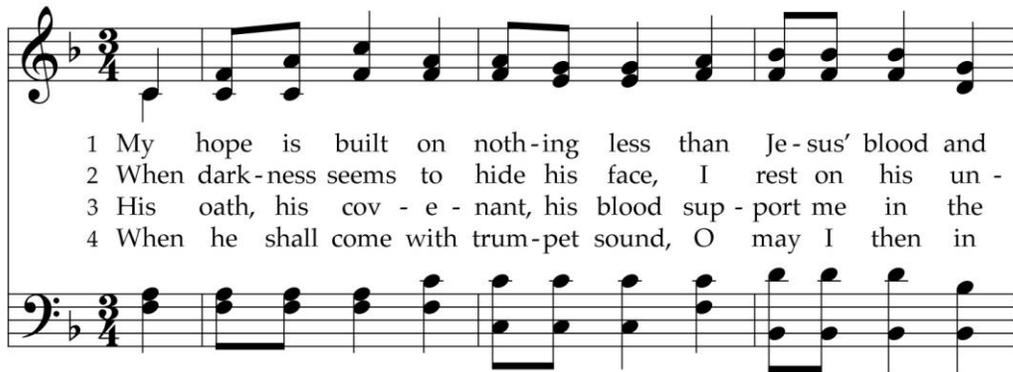
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and

the glory, forever. Amen.

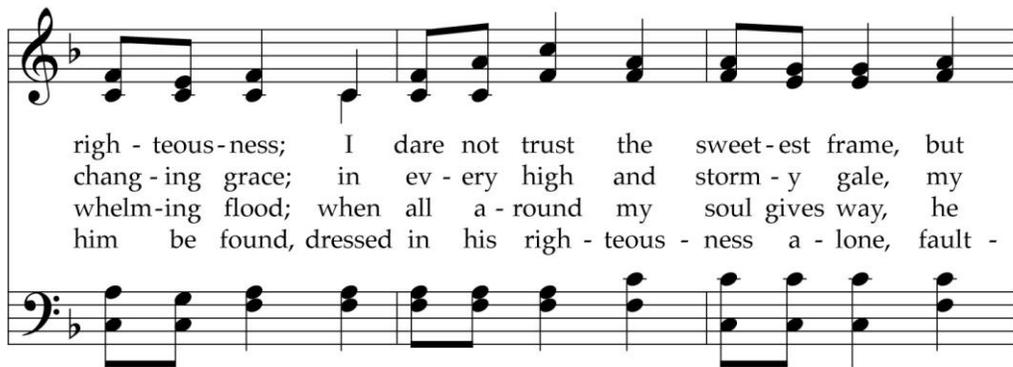
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

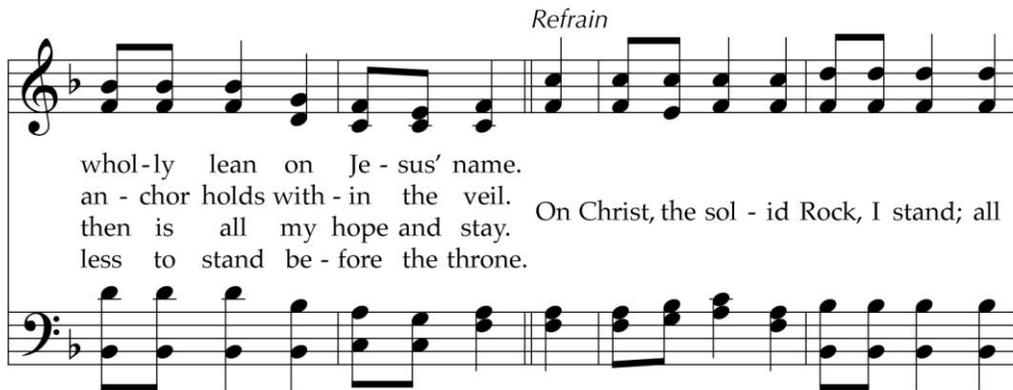


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang-ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

***Charge and Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude When In Our Music God Is Glorified. 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.*

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Counters: Steve Handy & _____

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*A. Marshall Keegan
1881-1926*

*Ivan Philip Hanson
1902-1992*



COFFEE HOUR RESUMES

Coffee Hour resumes today. Join us after worship as we gather in the Fellowship Hall. We continue to ask folks to wear masks when not eating and drinking so that we can continue to celebrate the decline in Covid cases in Delaware.

SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER OR WORSHIP LEADER

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders beginning in March.

Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS AT 1:00pm VIA ZOOM

We gather via Zoom on Thursdays each week to discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture. Email Pastor Miriam for the Zoom link.

DROP (off) YOUR DRAWERS AND PICK UP A KISS!

Our popular Undie Sunday is back today! We're collecting new underwear for Friendship House. All shapes, sizes and colors are needed for men, women and children (even beyond extra large, like 2X, 3X and 4X) and socks, too! Donations can be dropped off in the CE building baskets in the entryway and you can pick up your Hershey's® kiss at the same time!



A WALK IN THE PARK!

Join members of the Congregational Life committee for a Battery Park walk on Saturday, February 19. We'll gather at the Delaware Street entrance (by the Frenchtown Railroad Ticket Booth) at 9am. Dogs and walkers of all speeds are welcome! Any questions, contact Greg Fogarty at gregorymfogarty@gmail.com



UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS:

Sunday, March 27 from 3-5: Paint Night (Rescheduled)

Families are invited to join Ms. Diana and the CE Committee on Sunday, March 27, from 3-5 in the Fellowship Hall. Children of all ages are welcome! Art supplies will be provided, but please consider bringing donations of socks and soup for our Gifts of Love program. Please RSVP to office@newcastlepreschurch.org.

Saturday, April 16: Easter Fair from 10-12

BASEMENT CHECK-UP ON SUNDAY, FEB. 27 AT NOON

Our Christian Education basement stores lots of treasures, and we want to make sure everything stays organized and tidy. If you are part of coordinating flowers or other basement-stored items, we will meet in the basement on Sunday, February 27 at Noon to plan our spring cleaning with the Trustees.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 27

Session has called for a Special Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, February 27, for the purpose of electing Janet Spring to serve as Deacon, Class of 2022. If the way be clear, Janet will be installed on Sunday, March 6 during worship. An introduction to Janet in her own words:

My faith journey with New Castle Presbyterian Church began around 50 years ago when my neighbor invited me to a service there. "You will love our pastor, Ralph Johnson" she told me, and she was right. Two weeks later Gene Mayhew asked me if I could sing and soon I was in the choir. A few years later, I joined the bell choir. Throughout my years in NCPC I have been on the board of Deacons, served on Session, taught VBS and Sunday School, and have actively participated in many Mission and Outreach programs.

I have been married to Bob for 50+ years and we have three adult children who were baptized and grew up in the NCPC church family. I now have 5 grandchildren who keep me very busy and am blessed that they all live locally. I am a retired teacher and am currently enjoying my retirement by taking classes at the Osher Institute for lifelong learning, volunteering in the 4 year old classroom at Wilmington Christian School, and have started taking violin lessons. I belong to a monthly Book Group called Eat Drink and Read and it has encouraged me to read and enjoy books I may have never picked up to read. I also sing with the Delaware Women's Chorus and the New Ark Chorale. (So between these two choirs and the church choir and bells, I see Minerva Lermond 4 nights a week!)

I look forward to being a deacon again and serving the needs of our church family and community.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	02/13	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday	02/15	7:00pm	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday	02/16	6:30pm	Worship Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Saturday	02/19	9:00am	Walk in the Park
SUNDAY	02/20	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Jane Fouracre	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Nanette Nichol	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

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