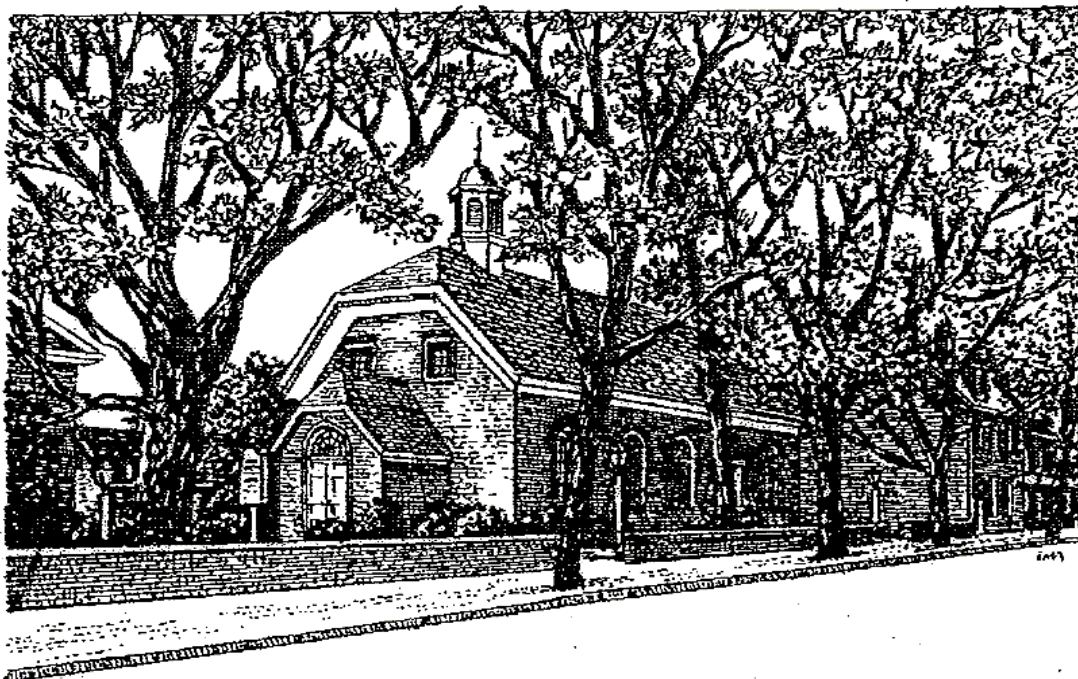


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!**

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,**

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

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

**Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today.** Children are invited to 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Sunday School. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions. 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.

**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 in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the blue recycle can 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  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

October 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Holy, Holy, Holy!  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Molly Ijames

**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**

The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**We open our ears to hear the Word of the Lord.**

The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**We open our eyes to witness the goodness of the Lord.**

Let us witness to God's glory together;

**Let us fill God's creation with our praise!**

**\*Hymn #12**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.  
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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**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

**Anthem**      **What Does the Lord Require of You?**    by Robert A. Hobby

Amy Shimmin – Flute

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*What does the Lord require of you, require, require of you? Bind up the broken - hearted, offering God's peace. Strengthen the weak, offering God's hope. Seek and find, find the face of Christ, seek and find the face of Christ in each of God's children. What does the Lord require of you, require, require of you? Nurture the young and tend the old, offering God's love. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, offering God's compassion. Share the good news in the Name of Christ. Share the good news: with God there is welcome, with God there is welcome for all! What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. What does the Lord require of you?*

## **Scripture Conversation with Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**We come before you today, O God, to worship you in your holy splendor. Our hearts tremble before you, mindful of your goodness and mercy. Show us your glory, we pray. Reveal your presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained, now and for the journey to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Contemporary Reading Blessing for a New Beginning by John O'Donohue (insert)**

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you willed yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety  
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,  
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,  
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,  
And out you stepped onto new ground,  
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,  
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’, and to the south, ‘Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.’

<sup>14</sup> Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. <sup>15</sup> I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. <sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

**Sermon**

*“Do you not perceive it?”*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #626

## As The Deer

D A Bm Dsus D  
As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my

G A7sus A7 D G A7 D A  
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G Asus A7 D  
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm  
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone

Em F#sus F# D A  
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G A7sus A7 D  
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

This praise chorus begins as a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and later incorporates parts of Psalm 28:7. In some early Christian communities, people chanted or sang Psalm 42 on their way to be baptized, and many early Christian baptisteries were decorated with deer drinking water.



## **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Molly Ijames

### **\*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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Dwell with us, that we would be your people of steadfast hope. Seal us in your mercy, that your church throughout the world would live in steadfast faith. Bless our offerings, that they would be shared in love and in service to your reign of peace. 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 #546

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

**\*Charge and Benediction**  
**Choral Benediction**

**Steeple Bell**  
**Postlude**

O Worship the King  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Joel Raney

*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: Brice Hansen

Counters: Cynthia Beam/Barbara Whisman

Ushers: Marshall Freund & [REDACTED]

Coffee Hour: Lyn Briggs & Mary Fontinha

Nursery: Julie Barry/Chris Fagles

Sunday School: Laura Sparrow-Hood/[REDACTED]

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Carrel W. Skeen*  
*1909-1975*

*Helen G. Calloway*  
*1928-2013*



**WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER – REV. CHELSEA SPYRES**

Rev. Chelsea Spyres is a United Methodist Pastor serving as Pastor & Executive Director of Riverfront Ministries, one of our PCUSA New Worshipping Communities. Chelsea grew up in Newark, DE, graduating with a degree in social work from the University of Delaware, before moving to Detroit, MI to serve as a caseworker at a non-profit working with individuals experiencing homelessness. Chelsea graduated from Wesley Seminary, in Washington, DC, with her Master's in Divinity. Chelsea enjoys creating spaces of worship and creativity in and outside the local church, bringing people together for community support and transformation. Chelsea began with Riverfront Ministries in January 2020, and since then has launched the Wilmington Kitchen Collective, a shared kitchen space for culinary entrepreneurs to experience community and support while trying to launch their small businesses. Chelsea and her husband Ryan live here in New Castle, she loves hiking, live music, and can often be found throughout the city of Wilmington at community events.

## **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

## **BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THIS WEDNESDAY**

Our weekly Bible Study will be this Wednesday at 2 p.m., in person in the Fellowship Hall. This fall, we'll be studying the lectionary passage for the upcoming Sunday. Reach out to Pastor Miriam if you have any questions.

## **PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION – SAT., OCT. 28**

Help us celebrate All Saints Day (Nov. 1) by caring for our church cemetery. Join the NCPC Trustees from 10am to 12pm at 2 Umbrella Road. Bring gloves and a trowel; wear sturdy shoes. We will pick up trash and plant bulbs around the perimeter. Contact Gary Graham if you have any questions.

## **PUMPKIN PARTY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Put on your costumes and join us October 29th for our Pumpkin Party! Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m.; children of all ages will head over to the Fellowship Hall around 10:50 a.m. for story and craft time with our Christian Education volunteers. During coffee hour, parents and children can play games, and ALL church members will be invited to participate in our mini Halloween parade. The Pumpkin Party will be held alongside our Chili Cook-off, so lunch will be provided for all ages (we will have some non-chili options as well). Guests are invited to bring toiletries and peanut butter and jelly to donate through our Gifts of Love program. Please RSVP here: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party>

## **FALL CHILI FEST – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Chili fest is back again on October 29th during coffee hour! Come one, come all and bring your favorite crockpot of chili to share with everyone. A sign-up sheet is located on the rolling bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all for some fall fun!

## **STEWARDSHIP SEASON**

Our Stewardship Season kicks off Sunday, October 29, as we explore the many gifts we have been given. What gifts of time, talent, and treasures, has God blessed us with? Join us in learning what gifts members of our congregation have discovered throughout their life. Mark your calendars for our Stewardship Report after worship on Nov. 5 and participating in Pledge Sunday on Nov. 12.

## **DITTY BOX COLLECTION – ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

We will be collecting the following items for the Seamen Center's ditty box. Knitted hats and scarves, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, razors, deodorant, shampoo, playing cards, chapstick, cough drops, hand lotion, sewing kits, hard candy (no chocolate), soap, stationary, pens, socks, and gloves. There is a box in the CE entrance way.

## **COVENANT CONVERSATION – NOV 11**

Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we welcome, affirm and support LGBTQIA+ members.

The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. Let Pastor Miriam know if you plan to attend and sign up today: <https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-new-castle-presbytery/>

## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT NCPC, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Help NCPC welcome guests and support Friendship House. Friendship House's mission is to unite people facing homelessness with loving, supportive communities they can call home. Friendship House provides programs such as the Clothing Bank, Empowerment Centers, Winter Shelters, Financial Assistance, and Transitional Housing.

NCPC will be providing music in our Meeting House and selling soups and baked goods in our CE Building. We will also be welcoming guests with our free cookie and coffee/hot chocolate table.

Please volunteer your time and cooking talents by signing up on the posted sheets in the CE Building.

*Christmas is the Season for Kindling the Fire for Hospitality in the Hall, and the Flame of Charity in the Heart.*  
- Washington Irving

## **Prayer List:**

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

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## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10/22</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/24</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Congregational Life &amp; Membership Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Christian Education Mtg</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/25</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Meeting</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/26</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/28</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>10am-12pm</b>	<b>Cemetery Beautification</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10/29</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Chili Cook-off &amp; Pumpkin Party</b>

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**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	Walt Sparrow-Hood
Scott Selheimer		

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

## DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		
Miranda Matthews		

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

## TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha
Gary Graham	Mike Smith	Gail Seitz
Barbara Whisman		

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

