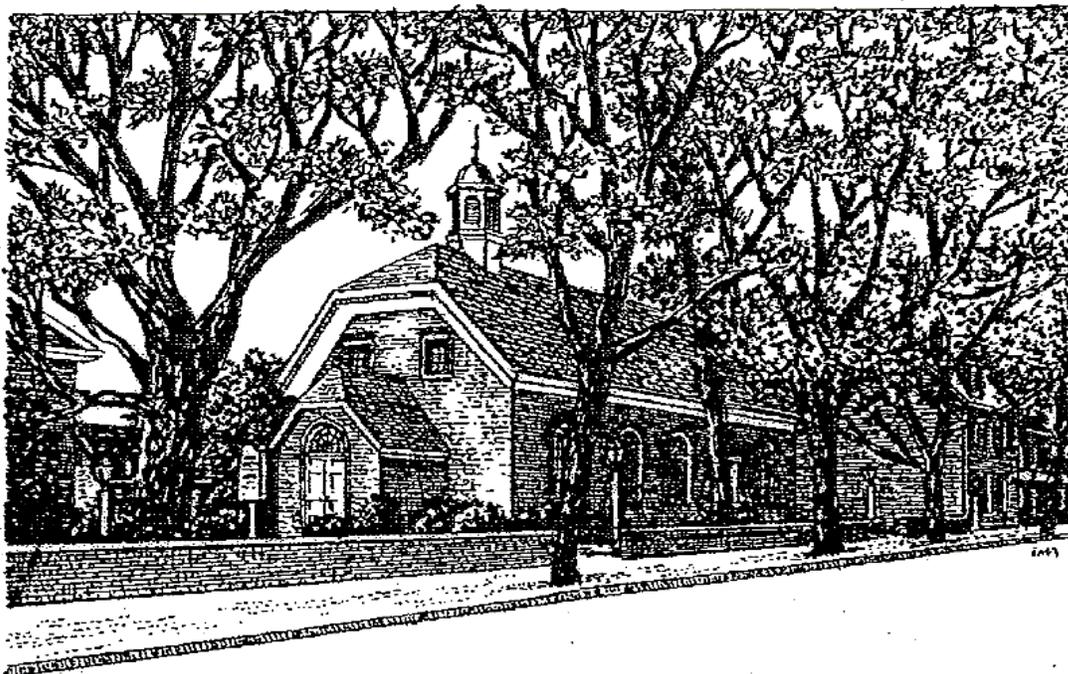


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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 encouraged but not required in the Meeting House and Education building.

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 ages five through eleven 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.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 16, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

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 121)

We lift up our eyes to the hills; from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In praise and thanksgiving, we gather as one body in song and prayer.

**The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time
and forevermore.**

Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn #833**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

TEXT: George Matheson, 1881, alt.
MUSIC: Albert Lister Peace, 1884, alt.

ST. MARGARET
8.8.8.6

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience.

Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the 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

Seek Ye First Words & Music Karen Lafferty
Bethany Faiz - Piano arr. by Lloyd Larson

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia! Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

O God who writes on our hearts, you have never abandoned us. In amazing and persistent grace, you have kept covenant with us. We pause now to marvel at your everlasting love. Call us again to live as your disciples and send your Spirit to inspire us with courage and perseverance. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

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Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

"You Gotta Believe"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation

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**

Eternal God, you remain constant through all of our striving and patient with our ceaseless prayers. We seek your wisdom, yearn for your justice, and crave your blessing. Move through these offerings today that your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, would come and fill your world with wisdom, justice, and blessings . By the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ, who prays with us. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

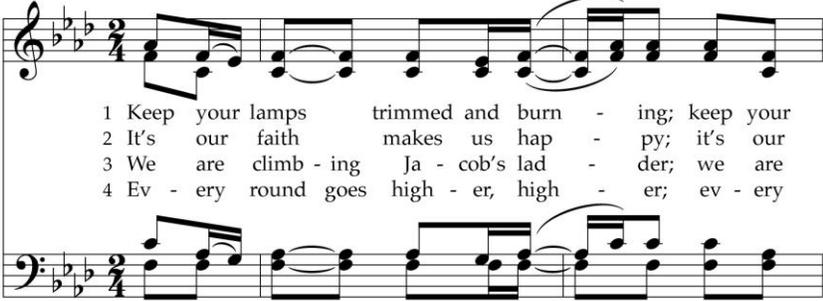
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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 #350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery



lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes



trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain



Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;



chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1-13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10-17).

***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell
Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. John Purifoy

*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: Mary Fontinha
Ushers: Barb & Jim Whisman
Nursery: Chris Fagles/Jane Fouracre

Counters: Jennifer Dunham/Melissa Boris
Coffee Hour: Sandy Wilson/Toni Marley
Sunday School: Diana Reilly/Bev Stoudt

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Bruce H. Gordon
1903-1983

Paul McKnight
1937-1999



WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY!

The Rev. Jim Mehler who is a three-time retired pastor. He and Tracy live in town and enjoy views of Battery Park and the goslings. Jim walks, jogs, bikes, cycles, and makes hobo art from river driftwood.

SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER OR WORSHIP LEADER

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders throughout this Fall.

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS

This is your chance to make sure coffee hour has your favorite items!



The sign-up sheet for First Sundays is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Haven't hosted before? Sign up with a friend and learn how our fair-trade coffee gets made!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers throughout the fall! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly - dckr0680@gmail.com For Nursery: Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com

THURSDAY REFORMATION SERIES AT 1:00 p.m.

Our Thursday Bible Study group zooms on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. to learn about the Reformation through the Yale Divinity Series. We're off this week but will return on October 20. Email Pastor Miriam for the link.

EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER SIGN-UP

Epiphany House (722 N Union St.) is one of Friendship House's transitional homes for women. NCPC provides a dinner on the second Thursday each month. Two volunteers arrive with food at 5 p.m., enjoy the meal with the residents, and are on their way by 6. For meal inspiration and dates, the sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Scott Selheimer with any questions, and sign up today for Thursday, October 13.

FALL FEST ON OCT 30 – SIGN UP FOR PUMPKINS & CHILI

Our Pumpkin Party for children of all ages will be from 10:30-12:30 on October 30 (during Sunday School/Nursery and Coffee Hour). Sign up today to participate in our time of spooky games, stories, and crafts - <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party>.



Alongside this event, Congregational Life is coordinating a Chili Cook-Off, so lunch is provided for all ages. (Non-chili options for younger members available!) Sign up in the fellowship hall to enter your crockpot of chili into the fun competition. Costumes encouraged, firepit and s'mores provided, and fun for all generations!

LEARNING SPANISH



NCPC Member John Walter is offering a fast-track approach to learning Spanish this fall, utilizing a focused curriculum that he's developed. He's organizing a class to meet at NCPC, gathering twice a week for retention purposes. (Exact dates will be set as the group is formed.) Whatever your Spanish-learning background, this class will focus on building vocabulary sets that empower communication and partnership.

John studied Spanish at Town University and worked in partnership for 16 years with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba. If you're interested or have any questions, email John Walter - johnwalter57@comcast.net.

OPERA PREMIERE AT CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant and Wilmington Concert Opera are teaming up to present on October 21, 22, and 23, the world premiere of *Girondines*, a two-act ensemble chamber opera. The opera, based on historical fact, focuses on six real-life female French Revolutionaries. The performances are free and open to the public, with no tickets required. Due to historical content, the recommended age for the opera is 13 and older. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yx472fm2>



Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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HealthCare Rm 2010
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Hockessin, DE 19707

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Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett	Toni Marley
Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Mike Smith
Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman	

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

