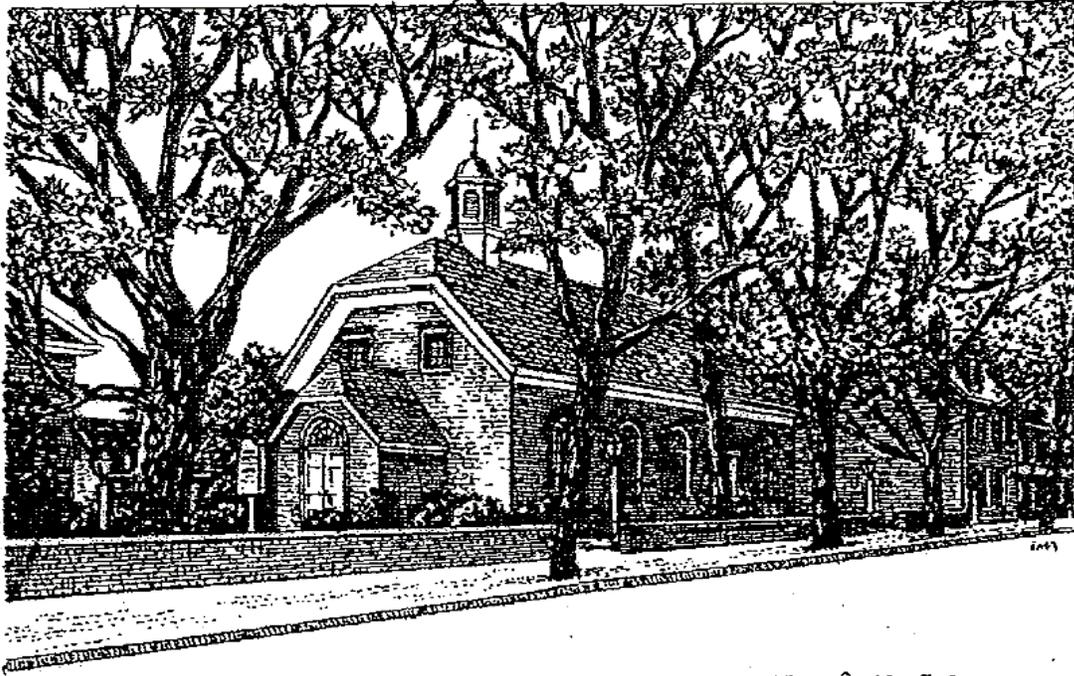


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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,**

**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  
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

January 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Wonderful Words of Life  
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 139*)

O Lord, where can I go from your spirit?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there.**

Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**Even there you hand shall guide me.**

Even there, God's right hand holds us fast.

**Let us worship the Lord of heaven and earth!**

**\*Hymn #653**

**Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries**

1 Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in  
2 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man  
3 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pris - on  
4 If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to

trou - bled days with won - drous works to hu - man - kind that  
help was near, and in your trou - ble cried to God, who  
of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and  
eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and

call for high - est praise. Let all who know God's  
res - cued you from fear, then thank the God of  
raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who  
healed all your dis - tress, then sing with sounds of

sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.  
stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.  
sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.  
ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

5 If you have felt your courage fail  
before a violent sea  
and cried to God, who stilled the storm,  
and made the wild wind flee,  
then in the congregation praise  
the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,  
whose kindness is well-known.  
Consider well the healing hand  
and help you have been shown,  
and tell the world what God has done.  
Praise God and God alone!

The singing of psalm paraphrases is the most long-standing musical practice in Reformed tradition, dating from John Calvin's own congregation in Geneva in the 16th century. This recent paraphrase of Psalm 107 illustrates the interpretive flexibility that is a hallmark of the form.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves.**

**Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness.**

*(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**

In the Light of the Lord

Mark Patterson

Bethany Faiz – Piano

*We will walk in the light of the Lord. We will find the path to glory. We will walk in the light of the Lord. We will find the pathway home. For the Lord is the way, the truth and the light; we must believe in Him. He will give us the hope to conquer the night if we walk in the light of the Lord.*

*The path may turn. We may stumble in the darkness, but Christ will come. He will lead us through the night.*

*The Lord will be faithful. He is the truth and the light!*

*We will walk in the light of the Lord. We will find the path to glory. We will walk in the light of the Lord. We will find the pathway home. For the Lord is the way, the truth and the light; we must believe in Him.*

*He will give us the Hope to conquer the night, if we walk in the light of the Lord. Come let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Almighty and gracious God, your saving grace comes to us through your holy word. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may hear and receive your good news, recognizing your gracious will for us.**

**In the reading and proclamation of scripture, teach us to love and serve you with delight, praising and glorifying you in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 1:17- 2:10

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

*“The Lord is Gracious and Merciful”*

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Here I Am, Lord  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. John Carter

### **\*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**

**Holy One, you meet us where we are and call us to step forth in faith. Claim us as disciples, strengthen us by your Spirit, and launch us to lives of faithfulness, that through the gifts of our lives and offerings, we would proclaim your grace and mercy to all. In Christ our 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 #39

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

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

### **Steeple Bell**

### **Postlude**

To God Be the Glory  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Larry Shackley

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.  
As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

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### ***Thank you for serving today:***

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre      Counters: Marshall Freund/Barbara Whisman  
Ushers: Gary Graham/Sandra Wilson      Coffee Hour: Deacons  
Nursery: Molly Shaw/Chris Fagles  
Sunday School: Diana Reilly & Kim Beebe

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***George Eisenmann***  
***1894-1980***

***David McCallion***  
***1915-2003***



### **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>



### **NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES**



As we begin a new year, volunteers are needed through the coming months. Please contact:

For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly – [dckr0680@gmail.com](mailto:dckr0680@gmail.com)

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – [mollypaige1@aol.com](mailto:mollypaige1@aol.com)

## **GIFTS OF LOVE**

In Romans 12:13, Paul urges us to “share with God’s people who are in need.” Through your generosity, we donated \$4080 in 2022 to help our neighbors in need pay for overdue utility bills, oil deliveries, rent and mortgage payments. Not ones to rest on our laurels, we will continue to support God’s people in crisis through our quarterly Gifts of Love contributions in 2023. Make a gift through one of our white envelopes today to share with God’s people who are in need.



## **PICTURE DAY - JANUARY 22**

Candy and Amy can take a photo of NCPC to share with our Guatemalan partners, and our last congregational picture includes Interim Pastor Jenny. Time for an update! Join us right after worship on January 22 for a quick snapshot in the Meeting House.



## **¡VAMOS A GUATEMALA!**

A group from New Castle Presbytery will be traveling to Guatemala from January 24-31 to continue strengthening our partnerships there. This is the largest contingent ever sent, with 16 travelers representing 8 churches. Two of the travelers are from New Castle Presbyterian Church: Candy Dunson and Amy Selheimer. We will commission Amy and Candy during worship today. As they meet with our mission partners, learn about the challenges facing our Guatemalan neighbors, and see the impact of our partnership projects, keep up with their travel blog through the partnership's website: <https://ncpguatemala.com/blog/>

## **COUNTING OUR CHICKENS**

Thank you! Gracias! Chjonte! During our recent Guatemalan Chicken Project campaign, we raised funds for 2,240 chickens! This means that 112 indigenous women will each receive a set of 20 chicks, feed and training in 2023. Here's a personal thank you message from one of the participants who just loves her fat and healthy chickens!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYptgi92ft0&feature=youtu.be>

## **SOUPS, STEWS AND STORIES**

On Sunday, January 29, during Coffee Hour, we'll gather for a soup-stravaganza and "Word to Word Workshop" with Sharon Moore.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crockpot of soup or stew and compete for illustrious prizes as coordinated by Congregational Life.

Plan to stay from 12 to 1:15 as storyteller Sharon Moore prompts us to begin writing our own stories.

## **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 are asked to arrive with food at 5 and plan to stay for the meal. Dinner is over by 6, and residents clean up! For meal inspiration and dates, the sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall with dates open throughout this Spring. Contact Scott Selheimer with any questions.

## **LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE**



Every June during Pride month we decorate the walkway with the rainbow flags as an outward sign of our support and love for the broader LGBTQIA+ community, but there is still so much more we can do throughout the year! We would love for you to join us in creating new events, reaching out to our friends in the community; and becoming a part of this fun, yet important ministry!

*If you are interested in being a part of the LGBTQIA+ Task Force please contact Salina Brett or Diana Reilly.*

## **PASTORAL COVERAGE THIS SPRING**

Pastor Miriam will begin her maternity leave in mid-March, and Pastors Bill Hathaway and Alison Halsey will provide pastoral coverage through Sunday, June 4. Our bridge pastor search committee was particularly excited about their commitment to issues and causes close to the heart of NCPC's mission. Stay tuned for a full introduction of Pastors Alison and Bill in our February Newsletter!

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,  
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## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

### ***Joan Smith***

Kentmere Rehab & HC  
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Wilmington, DE 19806

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Cokesbury  
HealthCare Rm 2010  
726 Loveville Road  
Hockessin, DE 19707

### ***Rod Denison***

Christiana Care  
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## ***On Assignment with the Coast Guard:***

### ***George Spock***

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***This Week's Schedule***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>01/15</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 – “No Cure for Being Human”</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>01/16</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/17</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Christian Education Mtg</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01/18</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Committee Mtg</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/19</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Congregational Life &amp; Membership Mtg</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/20</b>		<b>Deadline for Newsletter</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01/21</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Presbytery – Equipping &amp; Training Day via Zoom</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>01/22</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>11:45am</b>	<b>Deacon's Mtg</b>

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**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)*

