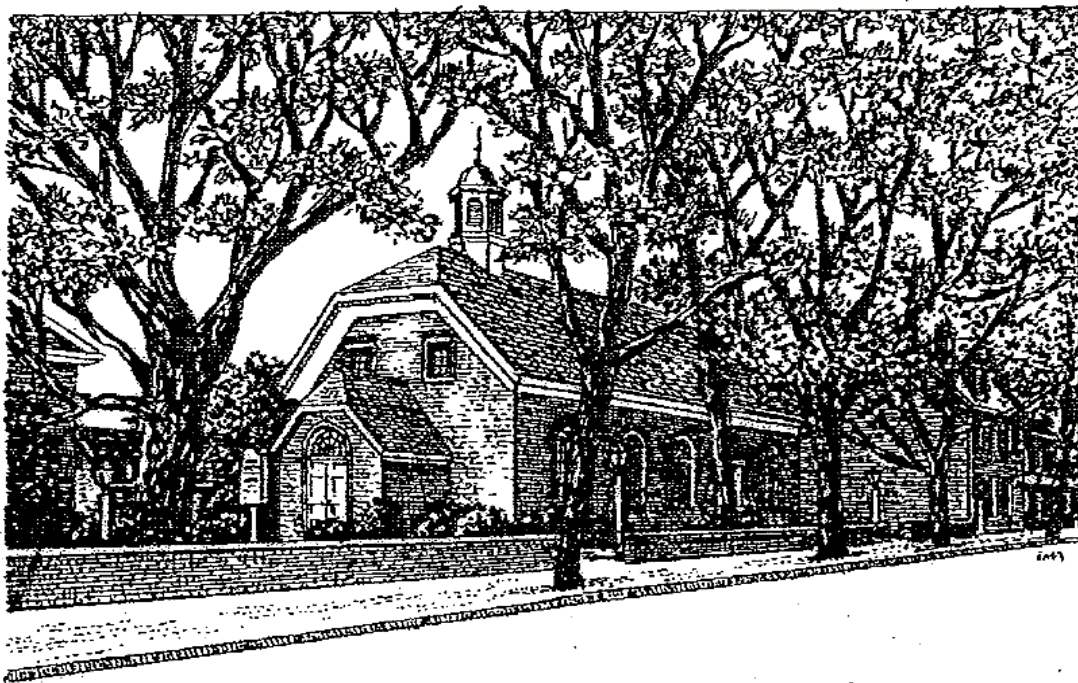


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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**  
**Trinity Sunday**

June 4, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

My Jesus, I Love Thee  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Martha Mier

**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**

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life,  
who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus the Christ, the Risen One,  
who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

**To God be all praise in all times and places.**

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn #1**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty,  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession** (In Unison)

**Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, bringing new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others' needs. We continue to live in ways which do not lead to peace and justice. Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Time for silent prayer.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the God news of the Gospel

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Loved and held in God's arms we are made a new creation.

**Everything old has passed away everything has become new.**

**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**

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

Larry Shackley

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright." I came to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk, 'til trav'ling days are done.*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 28:16-20

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Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

### **Scripture Conversation with Children**

**Sermon**

*"It's a Mystery to Me"*

## **God the Creator**

### ***Section II – Brief Statement of Faith***

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**\*HYMN #32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God (verses 1,2)

## **God – the Son**

### ***Section I – Brief Statement of Faith***

**We trust in Jesus Christ fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**\*HYMN #159** O Sing a Song of Bethlehem (verses 1, 4)

## God – Spirit

### *Section III Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

\*HYMN #408 There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

## **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Joshua Evanovich

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**

**You call us to labor, O God, and to be about the tasks you design. You equip us to serve you, and care for all our needs. The gifts that we offer are but a portion of the treasures you heap on us. May the work that we do be worthy of your name. Take what we bring and all that we are and fashion our responses to meet your standards for faith. Amen.**

## **Communion and Prayers of the People**

Invitation

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Partaking

Prayer

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn #300

## We are One in the Spirit

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Choral Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

### **Postlude**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken arr. Cindy Berry

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*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:***

Communion: \*Amy Selheimer, Liz Toto, Barb & Jim Whisman

Worship Leader: Ray Snyder                      Counters: Jennifer Dunham & Mary Fontinha

Ushers: Lyn Briggs & George Spock      Coffee Hour: Sandra Wilson

Nursery & Sunday School: Molly Shaw & Mariellen Edinburg

Preacher: Rev. Alison Halsey

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Aileen B. Nixon*  
*-1971*

*R. James Quillen, Jr.*  
*1930-2008*



## **BROWNIES!**



Open call for brownie bakers for Emmanuel Dining Room! Ten batches of brownies needed in the church's freezer by 6/6. Boxes of mix are available in the church kitchen. Thank you!

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

Join us following worship on Sunday, June 11 in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2026 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation. After our business concludes, we'll gather for our annual picnic provided by our Elders and celebrate the end of our programming year.

## **HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

You are invited to join fellow New Castle Presbyterian Church members as we take part in the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on the morning of Saturday, June 10 at Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront. All of the proceeds from the event go directly to local non-profits, including Friendship House. Register at <http://hcf.convio.net/friendshiphouse>

## **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME – FRIDAY, JUNE 16 @ 6:35 PM**

Group tickets are all reserved for our Blue Rocks game on Disaster Preparedness Night. We only have 3 tickets remaining (\$14 each) for the Blue Rocks game on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:35PM. Please reach out to [Jen Dunham](#) if you are interested in this fellowship opportunity!

## **DONATIONS NEEDED!**

The CE Committee is planning some fun activities for the children of the congregation before and during our Church Picnic on June 11. For those activities we need a few things!

We need:

- Approximately 10 - 20 shoe boxes
- 2 large sponges
- Bubbles and/or any type of bubble activity
- 4 buckets
- Beach Balls



There will be a marked box in the CE Building entrance way. Thank you for your help!

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,  
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### ***Rod Denison***

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### ***James Boyle***

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## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>06/04</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; Communion</b>
		<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>06/05</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>06/06</b>		<b>Pastor Miriam – returns!</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>06/07</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>06/08</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>06/11</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
		<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Church Picnic</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	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

*Deacons meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)*

## 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)*

