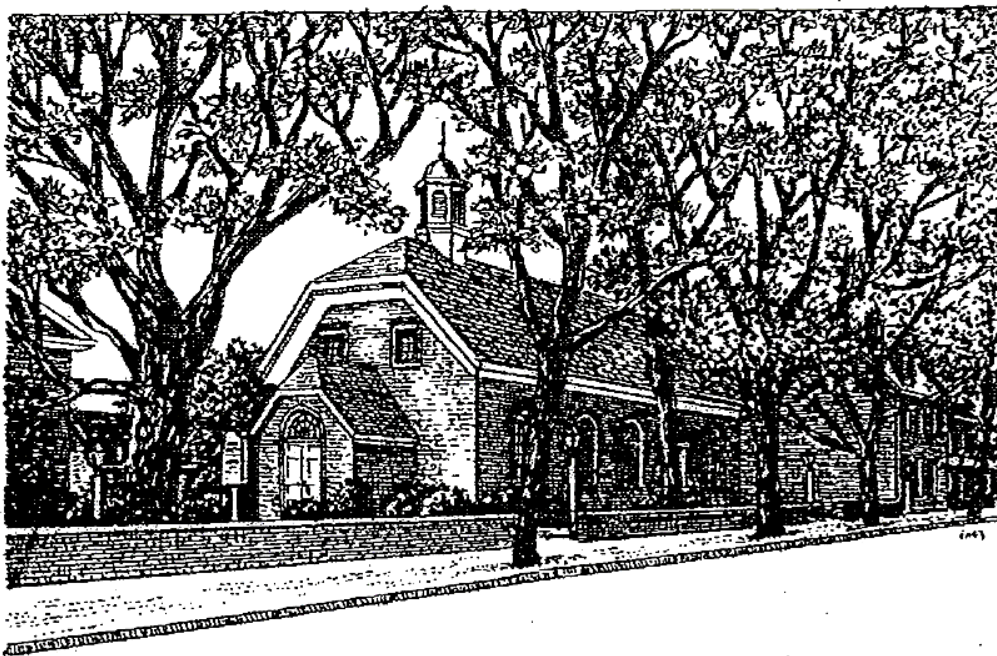


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, 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.

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

Nametags – We encourage everyone to use the nametags available in the Meeting House entrance during worship and coffee hour. Please return to their box in Fellowship Hall.

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

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children 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 5th grade may go to Sunday School. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

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 are for
handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

arr. Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

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 113)

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

The Lord is high above all nations and God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God?

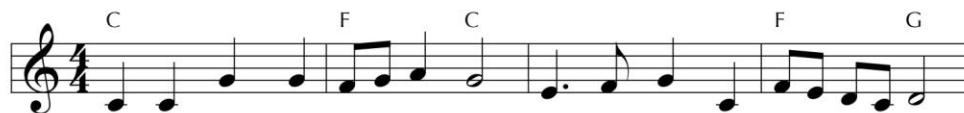
God raises the poor from the dust, to make them sit with princes.

Who is like the Lord our God?

God lifts the needy from ruin, giving them a home. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn #19

God of Great and God of Small



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We focus only on our own needs, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love.

Forgive us, O God. Equip us with voices of truth and love, so that all your children are welcomed and respected... *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

Choral Anthem

Be My Church

arr. by David Lantz III

Amy Shimmin – Flute, Bethany Faiz - Piano

Rejoice with the rejoicing, and weep with those who mourn. Be patient and forgiving; repair what has been torn. Remember the forgotten; invite the stranger in. Serve each other faithfully until I come again. Love as I have loved you. Serve as I have served. Give as I have given. Be my church. Be my hands and body moving in the world. Live your life in blessing. Be my church. The outcast, the beloved; the powerful, the weak; the ones caught up in battle, and those who sleep in peace; the thriving and the struggling; the greatest to the least. My child, they are my children, so love each one of these. Love as I have loved you. Serve as I have served. Give as I have given. Be my church. Be my hands and body moving in the world. Live your life in blessing. Be my church. Live your life in blessing. Be my church.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful and loving God, you hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy. You answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Send your Spirit to speak your truth to us, that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

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Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

Sermon

In This Economy?

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #708**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Give Thee but Thine Own'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Blessed Assurance

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**

Almighty God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation and welcome us into your eternal home. In Christ our Savior, we pray, 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,

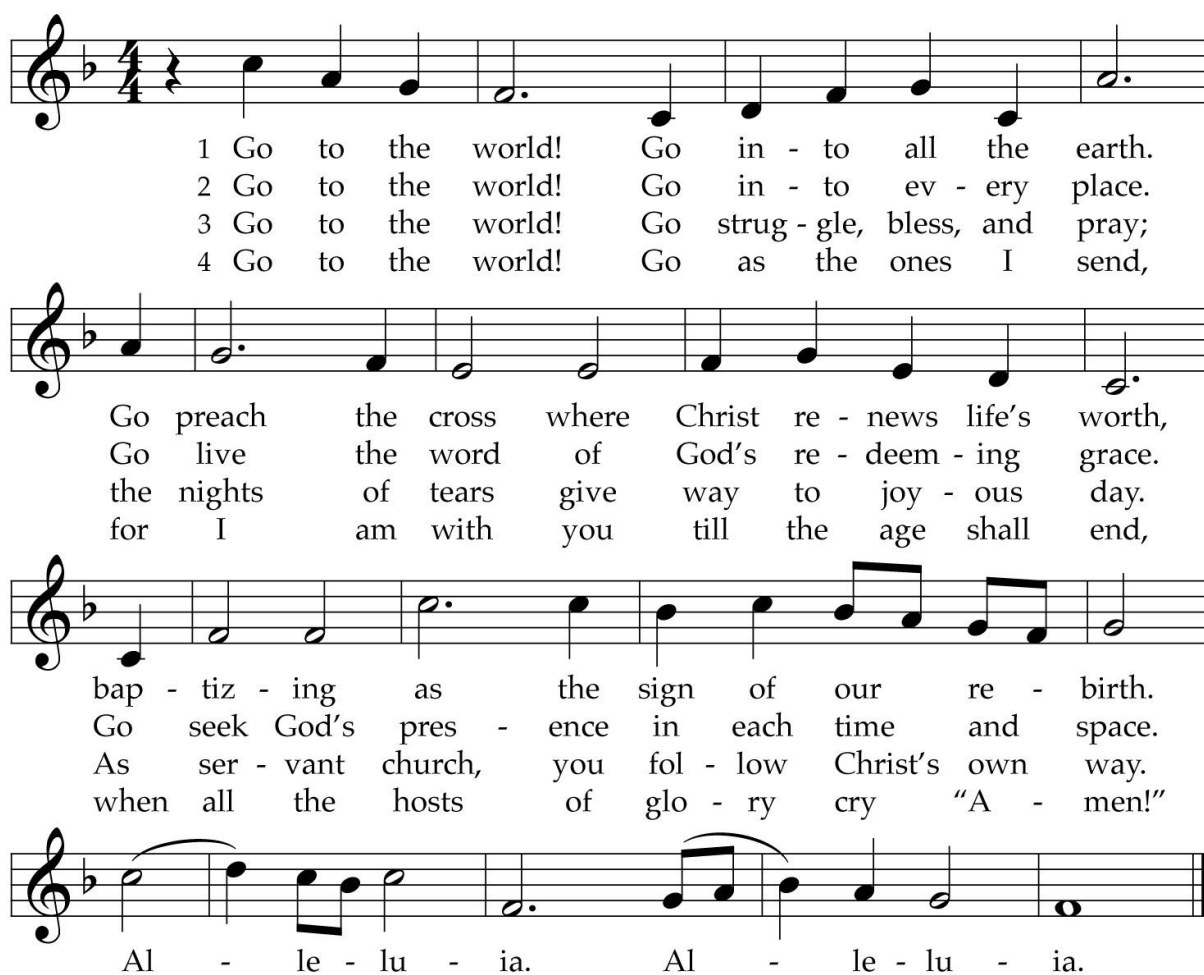
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #295**

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

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.
Join us after worship for Coffee Hour Fellowship*

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Nancy Kersey

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Kim Beebe

Counters: Chris Fagles/Gail Seitz

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ella Brown

1877 - 1970

Whitney Scofield

1919 - 2002



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

MEN'S GROUP – SEPT 22

Men's Group returns Sept. 22! Meet us at Big Fish Grill (720 Justison St) on the Riverfront at 6:30. Then walk over to the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame for a VIP tour led by Scott Selheimer! Contact Steven Foltz to RSVP.

FLOWER FOLKS

Get involved in a new team of “flower folks” to continue the amazing floral displays in our Meeting House window. Join us on Sept. 24th at 7PM in the CE Building for a short introductory gathering.

FALL CAMPFIRE & COOKOUT - SEPT 27

Join us at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 27 for a campfire and cook-out at Connie Reese's house. RSVPs to the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall; sides are encouraged. Bring a camping chair and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun around the campfire!

ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 28

The Christian Education Committee invites you for Coffee Hour on September 28. We'll provide coffee and some tasty snacks; bring a dish to share for our potluck. Join us from 11:50 am to 12:30 pm for a fun, all-ages program exploring "The Church's Family Tree."

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 5

On Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m., we will have a Blessing of the Animals outside of the CE Building. If your pet doesn't travel well or play well with others, bring their picture or one of their accessories to be blessed. And feel free to invite one of your pet's friends as everyone would benefit from a blessing!

SEPTEMBER CLOTHING DRIVE – ALL MONTH

Mission and Outreach is collecting new and gently used clothing for the Clothing Bank of Delaware and for the Winter Sanctuary at First and Central Presbyterian.

MENTORING AT CARRIE DOWNIE THIS FALL

NCPC volunteers will work one-on-one with students to help them build self-esteem, communication skills and school engagement. The time commitment is once a week through the school year for 30 – 60 minutes in the school. Contact Gail Seitz at gailmseitz@gmail.com for more information.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/21	10:30am 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Coffee Hour
Monday	09/22	2:00-5:00pm 6:30pm	Private Counseling - Library Men's Group on the Riverfront
Tuesday	09/23	7:00pm 7:00pm	Congregational Life & Membership Mtg Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	09/24	2:00-5:00pm 3:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Private Counseling - Library Bible Study Worship Meeting Flower Folks Choir Resource Development via Zoom
Thursday	09/25	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	09/27	8:00am 4:00pm	Tai Chi Campfire @ Connie's house
SUNDAY	09/28	10:30am 11:30am 3:00pm	In-Person & Live Stream Worship All Ages Sunday School Session Minute Review - Dover

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2026	2027	2028
Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham
Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles
Ray Snyder	Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2026	2027	2028
Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage
Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks
		Nan Wallace

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2026	2027	2028
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Marshall Freund
Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith

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

