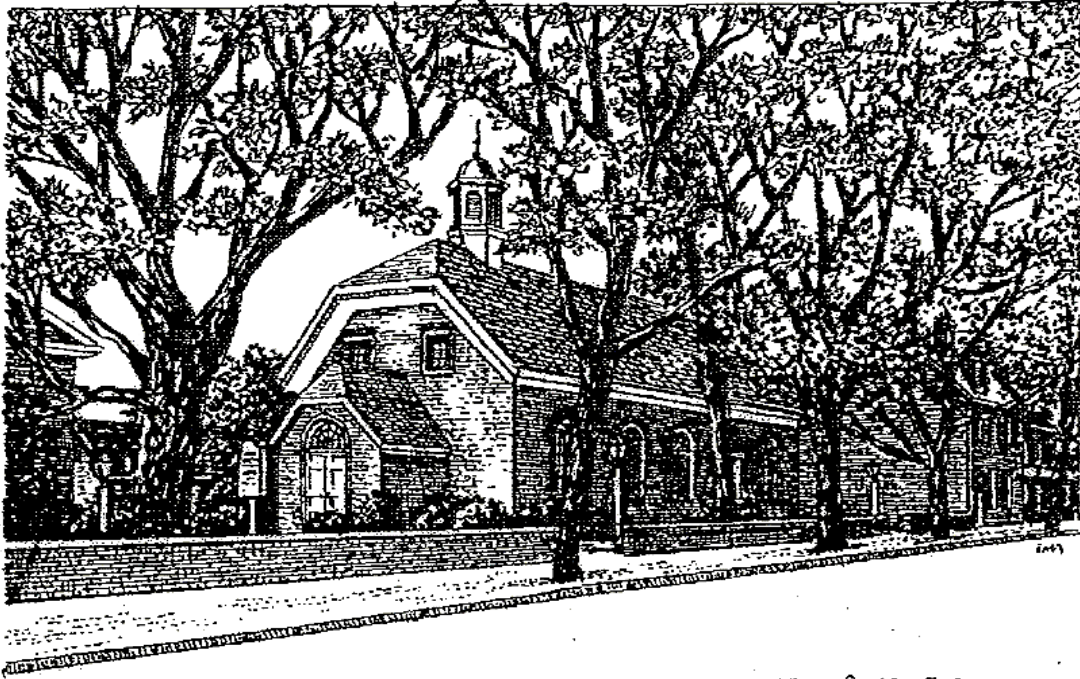


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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.

**Children are always welcome in worship!** Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available at the back of the Meeting House. 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 sidewalk Coffee Hour on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**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  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

July 16, 2023

10:30  
a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

**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**

**Call to Worship**

Our God is a god of compassion.

**God's welcoming arms are always open.**

God's heart draws us into a new way of life together.

**We love because God first loved us.**

Hear, O children of God, that the Lord our God is one.

**Let us love God with our whole selves and love our neighbors as  
ourselves.**

**\*Hymn**

**Face to Face (See Insert)**

*The soloist will sing first through verse 1,  
then all are welcome to join for verses 2-4.*

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of our salvation, you call us to see and welcome each other. Your steadfast love invites us to come to your table and know your way of forgiveness and mercy.**

**Yet, we struggle to be compassionate towards ourselves. We look in the mirror and notice only imperfections. We focus only on what is wrong with our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength. Have compassion for us, O God.**

**Hear us as we name to you the ways that we have not loved you, our neighbors, or ourselves. Open our ears to your loving kindness, that our hearts would be tuned to your compassion... *(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**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**O God, we give thanks to you for bringing us together. Your ancient**

**words still bring joy to our hearts. May your Holy Spirit shape our minds to love you and our neighbors. In Christ's name, Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson** Mark 12:28-31/ Deuteronomy 6 *From Compassion Camp VBS*

Jesus and the disciples spent a lot of time in Jerusalem. One day, he was at the temple, a place where people gathered to worship God, and he was teaching and telling stories. A lot of people listened eagerly, but many had questions.

The temple leaders and elders were unsure of him and asked: "Who gave you the power to do and say these things?" Some were jealous and wanted to trick him, so they asked: "Should the people pay taxes?"

Others were worried and asked him:

"What happens in the resurrection and the afterlife?"

Then, one temple leader was curious about Jesus.

He saw that Jesus was wise and kind.

He asked him: "Which one of God's laws (commandments) is the most important?"

Jesus answered: "The first is what we all know: 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' "

Before the temple leader could ask more, Jesus went on: "The second is 'love your neighbor as yourself.' These two are the most important of God's laws."

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

**Scripture Conversation with Children**

**Sermon**

*"Compassion Camp: For Myself"*



## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Children's Medley

Arr. by Mark Hayes

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**

**God of compassion, thank you for your Spirit within us who guides, encourages, and strengthens us to love you. Helps us to see ourselves and our neighbors through your eyes – with love, kindness, and deep joy. May we celebrate our bodies, treasure our hearts, and love our neighbors as ourselves. 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**

**Compassion Prayer (See Insert)**

*The soloist will sing through the song first,  
then all are welcome to join in.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Steeple Bell**

**Postlude**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Jack Schrader

*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: Ray Snyder      Counters: Rob Barry & Mike Smith  
Ushers: Lyn Briggs & Sandy Wilson

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***Florence K. Ballard***  
***1892-1973***

***Lillian P. Mathiesen***  
***1930-2011***



**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

Nursery Care and Sunday School are on hiatus over the summer. Children are welcome to remain in the Meeting House during worship. (Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.) If families need to step out during worship, a "pray ground" and livestream are available in the Fellowship Hall.



**SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP**

We are in need of **ushers** and **worship leaders** in the coming months. Take a moment [to sign up](#) today!

## **2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: COMPASSION CAMP!**

Join us for our one-night VBS TONIGHT from 4-7 p.m. Activities will be for children ages 4-10, and will include stories, crafts, games, and music! Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family. If you haven't rsvp'ed but wish to attend, please contact Pastor Miriam ASAP!

## **NCPC SUMMER BOOK STUDY**

Help us wrap up this past year's theme of storytelling and dive into deeper discussion of what evangelism (sharing of the good news) looks like today! Check out Yaconelli's [Between the Listening and the Telling](#)\* this summer, and join Pastor Miriam for discussion and lunch at noon on Thursday, August 24, at Connie Reese's house. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by August 20. \*Copies are available through the library.

## **LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE**

While June is formally the month of Pride, our call to love all of God's children is year-long! Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" event to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we seek to become more authentic and creative in our welcome, affirmation and support of LGBTQIA+ people. The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. If you are interested in being a part of planning for the event or wish to learn more about participating, please contact the [office](#).

## **FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH - FALL RETREAT 2023**

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at [Pecometh Camp](#) from Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!) Congregational Life has reserved space for tent camping, a pavilion for group meals, and worship space for Sunday morning. Cabins and nearby hotels are available for personal reservation too!

RSVP ASAP by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/ywMXhBo9fqeDnvH97>.



## **SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION - QUILLEN**

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Barbara Quillen, who died to this life at the age of 93 on Friday, July 7. Barb was a long-time friend of our congregation, as her husband, Jim, was an active member of NCPC. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, July 22, at 11 a.m.

## **SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION - DENISON**

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Beverly Denison, who died to this life at the age of 80, on June 27. Bev married her husband, Rod, at NCPC in 2011, and she joined our congregation in 2012. Following a 10 a.m. visitation, a Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on August 5 at 11 a.m. in the Meeting House.

## **SEAMAN'S CENTER – CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

For those of us who love a good off-season bargain, it's never too early to be shopping for the Seamen's Center Christmas at Sea! Hats, glove, scarves and socks are always needed and personal items for the ditty boxes like combs, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, shaving cream, etc. can be dropped off in the box in the CE entryway any time.

## **MENTORING THIS FALL – A CHILD NEEDS YOU**

Our mentoring program with local schools was put on hold during the pandemic, but we're gearing up to get started again this fall. Creative Mentoring provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills. This is not tutoring, it's more of an opportunity for a child to connect with a caring adult.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email Candy Dunson - [ddunson2@aol.com](mailto:ddunson2@aol.com). If we have 3 or more new mentors, we can arrange for the training to be done as a group at our church.

## **Prayer List:**

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

## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

### ***Joan Smith***

Kentmere Rehab & HC  
1900 Lovering Avenue  
Wilmington, DE 19806

### ***Rod Denison***

Kent General  
Room 3512  
640 S. State Street  
Dover, DE 19901

## ***At Home:***

### ***Kathy Griffin-Graham***

323 Oregon Avenue  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 324-9944

### ***Anita Johnson***

Cokesbury  
HealthCare Rm 2006  
726 Loveville Road,  
Hockessin, DE 19707

### ***Janet Reed***

106 Colesbery Drive  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-6749

### ***Mary Duncan***

1323 Richard's Alley  
Wilmington, DE 19806  
(302) 888-0282

### ***Linda Twyford***

New Castle Nursing & Rehab  
32 Buena Vista Dr,  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-2580

### ***Judy Hentkowski***

128 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-8266

### ***Robert Lindfors***

202 Brylgon Ave.  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-5369

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

### ***George Spock***

(Deployed to Bahrain,  
address coming soon)

## ***On Assignment with the Air Force:***

### ***James Boyle***

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54  
JBPHH, HI 96860

**This Week's Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>07/16</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
			<b>11:30am Sidewalk Coffee</b>
		<b>Hour</b>	
			<b>4:00pm-7:00pm Vacation</b>
		<b>Bible School</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>07/17</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>07/18</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>07/19</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>07/20</b>		<b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</b>
			<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>07/21</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>07/22</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
			<b>11:00am Quillen Funeral</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>07/23</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
			<b>11:30am Sidewalk Coffee</b>
		<b>Hour</b>	

*Pastor Miriam will be on vacation Monday, July 24 – July 31.*

*If in need of pastoral care, contact the Church Office or Deacon Moderator Sandy Wilson.*

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**Kris Krawczyk, Admin. Assistant**

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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)*



