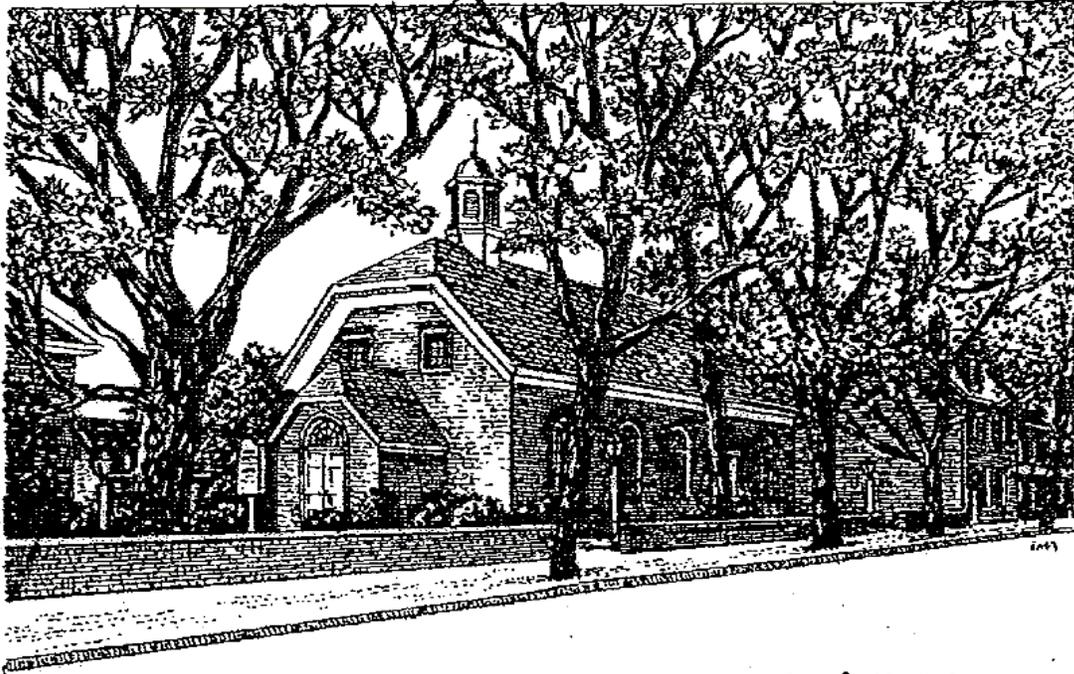


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags are available for children 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 available in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery Care for Children (0-4 yrs) is available in the Education Building, on the 2nd floor. An usher will be glad to direct you.

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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked.

Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present.

Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ... *(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 #240 (refrain, sung twice)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.

Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Hymn #247 v. 1 and 3

Now the Green Blade Rises

Celebration of New Members – Marshall Freund, Carol & John Walter
and Nichole Welling

Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to this congregation.
May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as
disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!**

Blessing of Schulz Family – Andy, Makenzie, Ike, Grant, and Boone
Blessing

**God has blessed you and made you a blessing in our life together. We
will miss you but rejoice that we remain part of one body and continue
to share in Christ's ministry. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!**

Hymn #244 v. 1 and 3 **This Joyful Eastertide**

An Easter Reflection *What is God Like?*
by Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner

Hymn #249 v. 1 and 3 **Because You Live, O Christ**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem Morning Has Broken arr by Harry Simeone
Bethany Faiz – Piano

*Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the
Word. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlight from heaven. Like the first dewfall, on the first
grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where His feet
pass. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning. Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning; God's recreation of the new day.
Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the
Word.*

***Response #245**

Christ the Lord is risen today! Al-le-lu-ia!

All creation, join to say: Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing, O heavens and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, move through these gifts of our lives and offerings that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus 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 #248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Rejoice the Lord Is King
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit the 2nd Street door, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew

Nursery Volunteer: Chris Fagles & Bev Stoudt

Ushers: Rob Barry & David Lioi

Counters: Brenda Walters & Lyn Briggs

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Martha C. Keegan *Chandler H. Gebhart, Jr.*
1879-1955 *1919-1994*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in May. Please sign up today:
<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>.

We are still looking for nursery volunteers for this spring. Please contact Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com - to sign up. All volunteers need to complete child protection training and pass a background check.

EASTER CARDS DURING COFFEE HOUR

Take a moment during Coffee Hour this Easter Season and write a note of hope and encouragement to another NCPC member! Easter Cards and copies of the Church Directory are available in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into membership Marshall Freund, John and Carol Walter, and Nichole Welling today and Phee Price on May 1. Welcome, siblings in Christ!

GOODBYE TO SCHULZ FAMILY

We also send off a family who has worshiped and served with us regularly - Makenzie and Andy Schulz and their sons, Ike, Grant, and Boone. Their new address is 1023 Faun Road Wilmington, DE 19803.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME - MAY 22

Join NCPC at the Blue Rocks game on Sunday, May 22 for their 1:05 game! Tickets are \$16 each and we have bought a block of 20 tickets so we can sit together! Please email Jen Dunham (hunterbear80@hotmail.com) who will be our *NCPC box office* (collecting payments and disbursing tickets). Payments may be made either with a check made payable to NCPC or cash (exact change please). Tickets are available on a first come basis. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION – KARYN FRY

Kay Fry died to this life on Tuesday, April 12. Her funeral will be held in the Meeting House this Friday, April 29 at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Her service will be available via livestream.

A DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE – SATURDAY, MAY 21

Help us welcome visitors to the Meeting House by signing up for a greeter slot below. We will provide informational brochures for self-guided tours.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944ABA928A3F94-meeting>

NOW HIRING: PART-TIME CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTOR

Help us share the Good News of Christ with our youngest members!

NCPC's Children and Youth Director position includes teaching Sunday School for children ages K-5, coordinating seasonal events for children of all ages, and planning activities for middle and high school-aged youth.

Anticipated start on August 28, 2022.

Flexible work schedule of 10 hours per week, including Sunday mornings and occasional evenings/weekends.

Prior Christian Education experience preferred. Minimum of high school diploma, collegiate coursework helpful.

Submit electronic application to NCPC by emailing your resume and a brief statement of interest to pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org.

A full job description is available on our website!

FALL RETREAT: BESIDE STILL WATERS (SEPT 23 – 25)

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at Pocomoke State Park from Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure below 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 by May 22 by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/1pXvdU2zNcKYbyLt7>

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
1900 Lovering Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2010
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

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Kathy Griffin-Graham

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Anita Johnson

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Apartment 703
Hockessin, DE 19707
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Janet Reed

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(302) 328-6749

Mary Pratt

113 E. Main Street
Unit 311
Newark, DE 19711
(302) 328-7273

Doug & Linda Twyford

513 East Roosevelt Ave.
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-6824

Judy Hentkowski

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

Lisa Raker

15 Blue Jay Drive
Newark, DE 19713
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Mary Duncan

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

On Assignment:

George Spock

1346 Crocker St.
Coos Bay, OR 97420

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	04/24	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday	04/26	7:00pm	Congregational Life & Membership Mtg
Wednesday	04/27	6:00pm	Worship Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	04/28	1:00pm	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
		7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
SUNDAY	05/01	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour & Guatemala Partnership Presentation
		1:00 p.m.	CE Committee Meeting

Kris will be at Administrative Professional Association conference Tuesday, April 26 – Friday, April 29

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Kris Krawczyk, Admin. Assistant

Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music

Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2022	2023	2024
Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson	Rob Barry
Melissa Boris	Steve Martin	Chris Fagles
Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty
Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2022	2023	2024
Jane Fouracre	Lindy Ballance	Salina Brett
Nanette Nichol	Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty
Janet Spring	Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson

Deacons meets the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Steve Handy	Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs
Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman

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