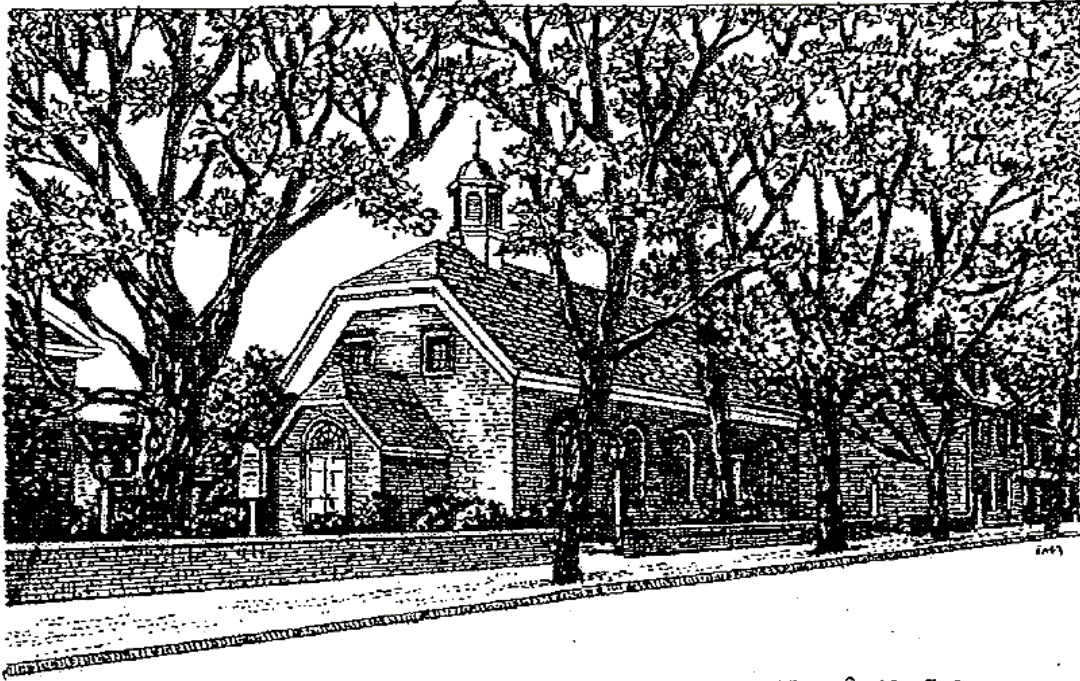


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

New Castle Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

A Simple Celebration

Kevin McChesney

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

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised.

For people near and people far,

for people present and people to come,

for the young and for those wise with age,

Come, let us praise the Lord;

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn #33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each with three lines of text. The first line of each stanza is the main text, and the second and third lines are the refrain 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, key signatures, and lyrics.

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.

You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness.

You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.

Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere...

(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

Anthem

Praise The Lord Composed by Michael Larkin
Bethany Faiz – Piano

Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Praise the Lord with the harp and flute. Praise God with the sounding cymbal, all that breathes praise the Lord. Make a joyful noise to the Lord all ye lands. Lift your voice rejoice and sing, Shout with joy to the Lord all ye lands. All that breathes praise the Lord. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the hills ring out with joy. Praise the Lord! Praise God all you shining stars, sun and moon praise the Lord! All creation praise the Lord. Rejoice ye pure in heart! Rejoice give thanks and sing. Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, give thanks and sing! With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth! Rejoice give thanks and sing!

Prayer for Illumination

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 148:1-14

Page: OT 582

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ² **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. ⁶ **He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

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

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Defined by Our Love”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

arr by Michael J. Glasgow

Eileen Larkin - Accompanist

***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, form us into Christ’s body to share your love. Amid all the changes of this world, may our hearts be fixed where true joy is found. We return to you these abundant gifts of your creation, and may your peace that surpasses all understanding transform our minds and our world. 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 #744**

Arise, Your Light is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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 in the Fellowship Hall

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Joan Lioi

Nursery Volunteers: Lynn Smith & Mariellen Edinburg

Ushers: Jim & Susan Flook

Counters: Gary Graham & Trainees _____

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ira Dare Duling
1879-1961

Sandra Dugan Rigby
1968-1995



NEW ADDRESS

Mary Pratt
Room 325-B, Garden Care Center
135 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Square, NY 11010

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders this summer. 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.

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>

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME – SUNDAY, MAY 22

Group tickets are all reserved for our Blue Rocks game. If you're interested in purchasing your own tickets, email Jen Dunham (hunterbear80@hotmail.com) for more information about where our group tickets are located. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

VBS PLANNING MEETING - MAY 22 at 7 p.m.

Our 2022 Vacation Bible School will be on Sunday, July 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. The theme is ReNew: Grow in Faith. We need volunteers to help prepare dinner, lead activities (crafts, games, and service project), as well as help with registration and set up/ clean up. Interested in volunteering? Join us via zoom for our first planning meeting on Sunday, May 22 at 7 p.m. Email Pastor Miriam for the zoom link.

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 for more details!) RSVP by May 22 by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/1pXvdU2zNcKYbyLt7>

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.

A full job description is available on our website.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: CO-CHAIR NEEDED

Trusting in God and the vaccines, we are expecting to have a full *Spirit of Christmas* celebration on Saturday, December 10, 2022 with NCPC again taking a major role along with the City of New Castle and the New Castle Historical Society. *We are looking for a special volunteer to serve as co-organizer with Steve Martin, who worked on it last year.* If you want to know more about what may be involved, email Steve (martin@udel.edu) or call him at 302-354-4428.

HIGHMARK WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Join NCPC on June 11th for the in-person Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community! This is an annual 5k walk that Highmark puts on for local non-profits so that they can receive 100% of the proceeds. Please join us for this 5k walk on the Riverfront and/or make a donation! If you're not available to join us in person, virtually walk with us from wherever you are and send in a picture! To join NCPC's walk team, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yknytsmb>

WELCOME GUEST PREACHER

Salina Brett has lived in Delaware since 2016 and been a member of New Castle Presbyterian Church since 2017, where she currently serves as a deacon. Professionally, Salina's career involved teaching skilled students how to safely operate nuclear reactors. She takes great delight as a lay teacher and minister of God's Love and is a passionate advocate for the LGBTQ+ Community. She plans to begin an extended sabbatical on May 20th and will be moving to Laurel, DE with her hedgehog, Rosie, to spend time with her significant other, Marshella and her dog Jasper.

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
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Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

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Hockessin, DE 19707

Mary Pratt

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/15	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship – Guest Preacher Salina Brett
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	05/16	6:30pm	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	05/18	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/19	7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	05/20		Deadline for Newsletter
Saturday	05/21		Day in Old New Castle
SUNDAY	05/22	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		7:00pm	VBS Planning Mtg via Zoom

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office May 18-20.

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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)

