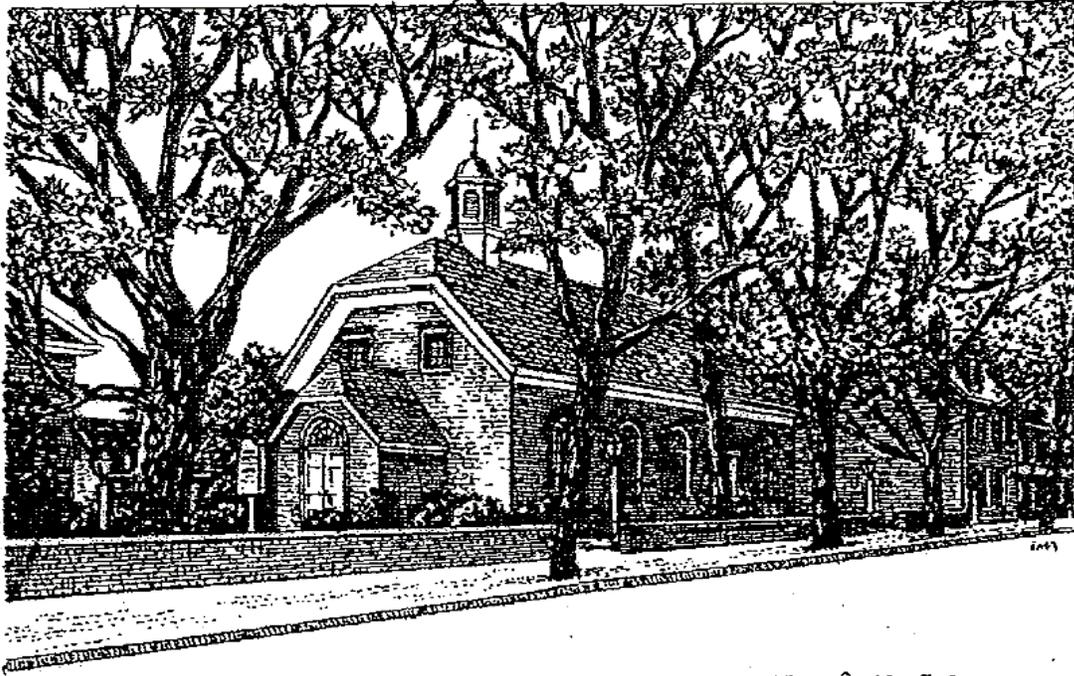


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

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 in Lent

April 3, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

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**

God makes a way out of no way.

God sees our tears and turns them into joy.

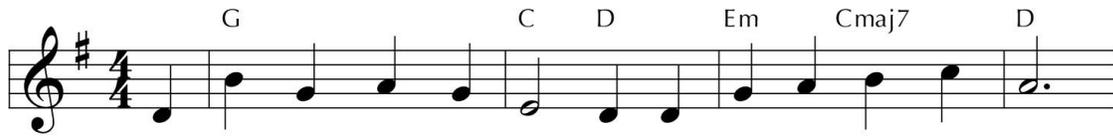
God makes the impossible possible

And sees the desperate needs of all people.

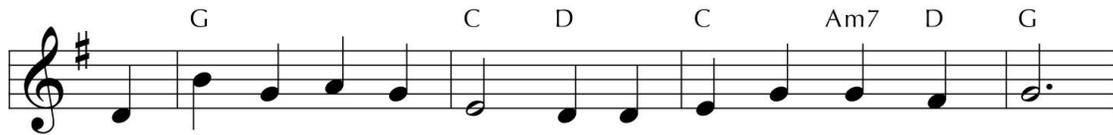
Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.

*Hymn #402

How Lovely, Lord



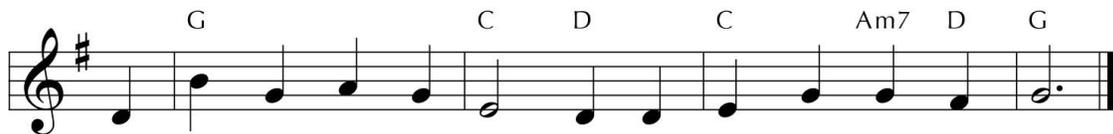
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your ways seem so extravagant.

We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish lengthy to-do lists, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?

Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where achievements don't accumulate, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in self-giving, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure.

Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagant grace, that we, too, might be generous with our love... *(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

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. As we hear your word today, renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your teachings and proclaim your reign of love, in Christ our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

- ¹ I call upon you, O LORD; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.
- ² Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.
- ³ Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD;
keep watch over the door of my lips.
- ⁴ Do not turn my heart to any evil,
to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with those who work iniquity;
do not let me eat of their delicacies.
- ⁵ Let the righteous strike me; let the faithful correct me.
Never let the oil of the wicked anoint my head,
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.
- ⁶ When they are given over to those who shall condemn them,
then they shall learn that my words were pleasant.
- ⁷ Like a rock that one breaks apart and shatters on the land,
so shall their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.
- ⁸ But my eyes are turned toward you, O GOD, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenseless.
- ⁹ Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me,
and from the snares of evildoers.
- ¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
while I alone escape.

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Celebration of The Sacrament of Baptism: Nora Jean Hayes

Presentation

Affirmations by the Sponsors and Parents

Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Parker by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be his faithful disciple? **We do.**

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Sermon

“Our Prayers Rise Like Incense”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Anthem

Just As I Am, I Come

by Victor C. Johnson

Amy Shimmin – Flute

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, just as I am.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come, just as I am.

Just as I am, tho' tossed about, with many'a conflict, many'a doubt, struggles within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, just as I am.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown hath broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come, Just as I am.

***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**

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. May this offering of our gifts and lives reflect your glory. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. 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 #533

In the Singing

Dmaj7 G Dmaj7 G Bm Bm7 Em

Leader or All



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pec - tant,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac -

Asus A Dmaj7 G Dmaj7 G



o - pen, in the bless - ing, in the break - ing,
cep - tance, in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing,

Bm Bm7 G A7 D



in the Pres - ence at this ta - ble
in the cir - cle of your peo - ple

Refrain
All G C#dim F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 D



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace:

G C#dim F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 D



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In its vivid and carefully observed details this profoundly simple text evokes the interplay of present awareness and timeless meaning that accompanies the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Its unifying tone of solemn joy is aptly conveyed by the chantlike musical setting.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

At the Cross
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: Jane Fouracre

Ushers: Gail & C.J. Seitz

Communion: Juliann Barry

Counters: Gary Graham & _____



Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Barton T. Hopkins
1895-1951

John Allen Wallace
1903-1993

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are in need of ushers and worship in April. 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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – COMING TO OUR SENSES Our In-Person Bible Study explores the previous Sunday's reflection. Join us this Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTER FAIR – SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Families are invited to join us for this community-wide event on Saturday, April 16, from 10-12. Decorate cookies, create Easter cards, sing songs, and of course, participate in our annual egg hunt on the church lawn.

RSVP via our website by Sunday, April 10.

Remember to bring back your bags of *filled* plastic eggs (candies, stickers, etc.) to the CE building by Sunday, April 10. Pro-tip: tape the eggs shut!

Interested in volunteering at the Easter Fair (setting up, hiding eggs, cleaning up, etc.)? Contact Kim Beebe - kbeebe141@aim.com.

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER

Pick up your One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Bank in the Meeting House today. This offering will be collected on Easter Sunday.

Additionally, be sure to submit Easter flowers order forms by April 10.

HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

April 10 – Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30am

April 14 – Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm

April 15 – Good Friday Reflection – Meeting House open all day for reflection

April 16 – Easter Fair from 10am-12pm

April 17 – Easter Sunrise at 6:30am by the Pier; Easter Worship at 10:30am

GIFTS OF LOVE COLLECTION – TODAY

On quarterly Communion Sundays in 2022, the Deacons are coordinating collections for Gifts of Love. Our financial gifts provide Delmarva utility assistance to our neighbors in need. Our annual goal is to support 72 families with their electric bills (a total goal of \$3,600 annually). Please make a contribution through the white Gifts of Love envelopes as we renew our efforts to love our neighbors.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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Barbara Quillen

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Wilmington, DE 19806
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321TRS-FLT
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Lackland AFS, TX 78236-6432



This Week's Schedule

**SUNDAY 04/03 10:30am In-Person & Live Stream
Worship, Baptism
& Communion
11:30am Coffee Hour**

Wednesday 04/06 7:30pm Choir

**Thursday 04/07 1:00pm Bible Study
7:30pm Celebration Ringers**

**SUNDAY 04/10 PALM SUNDAY
10:30am In-Person & Live Stream
Worship
11:30am Coffee Hour**

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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

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| 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)