

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 accessible parking only.

Office Hours:

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

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Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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New Castle Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Palm Processional

Processional

Margaret R. Tucker

As you are able, join us across 2nd Street as the handbell choir leads us into worship.

Bell Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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

Hosanna!

Victor C. Johnson

Minerva Lermond & Ellie Gerhart – Handbells, Bethany Faiz – Piano

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good! **Hosanna in the highest!**

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord is the God of our salvation. **Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Let us worship the one worthy to be praised.

***Hymn #196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth, you marched in the streets and walked on water.

Dwelling in your creation, you laid hands on the sick and broke bread on hillsides. Your Good News disrupts our world and our lives.

Holy God, we believe; help our unbelief. Forgive us for the times that we seek to confine and quiet our faith. When we desire only right beliefs, inspire us to right relationships and right actions. With hope for tomorrow, we pray for your forgiveness to transform us... (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)

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem

Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me

Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Here comes the Lord ridin' on a donkey with people waving branches and callin' him "King." Here comes the Lord ridin' through Jerusalem. If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free. Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty. Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me. Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him. Children stand on tiptoe to see the King. Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air. If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry! Oh, yes, the rocks will cry out! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free. Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty. Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me. Rocks, keep silent! Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me. Rocks, keep silent! Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me. Rocks, keep silent! Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me. Here comes the Lord; hosannas fill the air. The people bow and worship the promised King! Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!" If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free. Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory! Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty. Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me. Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me. Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, help us to hear your story anew, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Direct our attention to the cries of "Hosanna" and encourage us to journey through the heartbreak and hope of this week. Give us the wisdom to hear your words, to take them into our hearts, and to act on their truth. We are listening; speak, O Living Word. Amen.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

The Good News Is... inspiring us to act

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Hymn #197*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna****Scripture Lesson Jesus' Return to the Temple: Mark 11:15-19 Page: NT 47**

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory **What Wondrous Love is This** arr by Kevin McChesney***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 our salvation, your forgiveness catches us by surprise. Jesus teaches us to forgive, to be slow to anger, to turn the other cheek. Bless our lives and these offerings to your work of mercy. By your amazing grace, may these gifts surprise and save our fractured world. In Christ's name, 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 #198**

Ride on! Ride On In Majesty!

Scripture Lesson The Beginning of the End: Mark 13:1-8, 14:1-2 Page: NT 50

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Surely, He Has Borne Our Grievs

Michael Larkin

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Steeple Bell

*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.*

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Counters: Cindy Beam/Gary Graham

Nursery: Molly Shaw/Cindi Savelli

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Edith W. Eisenmann
1900 - 1976

Isabel M. Klein
1916 - 2010



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

MARCH 29 – TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR

On this Fifth Sunday, the Deacons will make coffee, but all are encouraged to bring an item to share. Any food is welcome as we celebrate together the beginning of Holy Week. No worries if you didn't bring anything; all are welcome to stay for this loaves and fishes potluck!

FISH BANKS

OGHS fish banks are available in the Meeting House entryway during Lent. Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. On Easter Sunday, make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope.

EASTER FLOWERS FORM

On Easter Sunday, the Meeting House is decorated with spring flowers to help us celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. If you would like to donate a flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, please return the form by **today**.

EASTER FAIR REGISTRATION – RSVP BY TOMORROW

Join us Sunday, April 5, for our annual Easter Fair from 10:30-12. We are looking forward to the younger members of the church participating in Easter activities, songs, and stories...as well as everyone's favorite Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour! Register by March 30 at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/easterfair>

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 2

Join us for Taizé Worship with Communion at 7p.m. this Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. Led by NCPC's Blueygrass Band, we'll worship around tables together, as Christ gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper; refreshments will be offered, including wine and cheese.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3

The Meeting House will be open all day with copies of our Good Friday Devotional available for personal meditation. Copies of the devotional will also be shared by email with the congregation.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

Join us for our 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier.

Our (indoor) 10:30 a.m. Worship will be in the Meeting House, along with the Easter Fair.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NCPC Volunteers cover one week every month for Meals on Wheels deliveries to homebound seniors in New Castle. Our team needs a Thursday driver - and we are ever in need of MoW substitutes - so please reach out to Susan Flook (suzieflook@hotmail.com) to sign up! (It's one morning a month for less than two hours; let Christ's Good News inspire you to action!)

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – APRIL 12

NCPC's Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 11:30-2. On April 12, we'll share about our Massanetta Confirmation Retreat, plan our Youth Worship service on May 17. Join us in the ice cream challenge: recite the Apostles' Creed and Pastor Miriam will buy you ice cream for Jessop's! For more information and to RSVP, reach out to Pastor Miriam

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE WALK – MAY 2

Save the Date! Saturday, May 2 is the Highmark Walk to support Friendship House. We would like to participate with a "New Castle" spin. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 for a continental breakfast and then do our own walk at Battery Park at approximately 10:00 am. More details soon on how to sign up! ~Mission & Outreach

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	03/29	10:30am 11:30am	PALM SUNDAY In-Person & Live Stream Worship Coffee Hour
Monday	03/30	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	03/31	7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	04/01	2:00-5:00pm 7:30pm	Private Counseling – Library Choir
Thursday	04/02	7:00pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Maundy Thursday Service in Fellowship Hall
Friday	04/03		GOOD FRIDAY Meeting House open for individual meditation
Saturday	04/04	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	04/05	6:30am 10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm	EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier In-Person & Live Stream Worship with Communion/Easter Fair Coffee Hour Easter Fair Egg Hunt

*Administrator Kris Krawczyk will be out of the office from March 24 through April 6.
Thank you to our Office Volunteers who will be covering the phones from 10am-12pm each day.*

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