

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.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children are invited to 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. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions. 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 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 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
Pentecost Sunday**

May 19, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

A Joyful Ring
Celebration Ringers

Barbara B. Kinyon

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

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

Today, on Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the church!

Children: Happy Birthday, Church!

And suddenly from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gives the church the gifts of new life and energy! *Children: Feliz cumpleaños, Iglesia!* (Spanish)

Divided tongues of fire appeared among them and rested on each of them.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gives the church the gifts of courage and connection! *Children: Heri ya Kuzaliwa, Kanisa!* (Swahili)

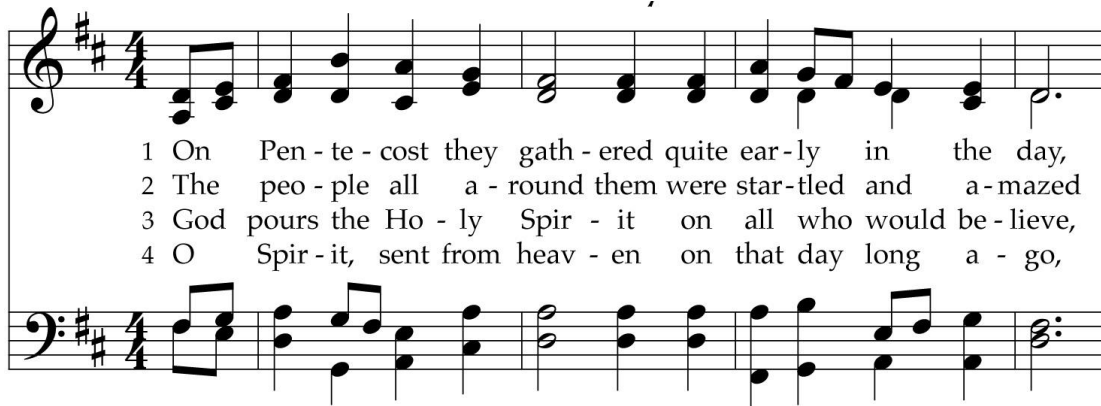
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other
languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

God gives us many gifts, but through the Holy Spirit, we are one church together. *Children: Joyeux anniversaire, église!* (French)

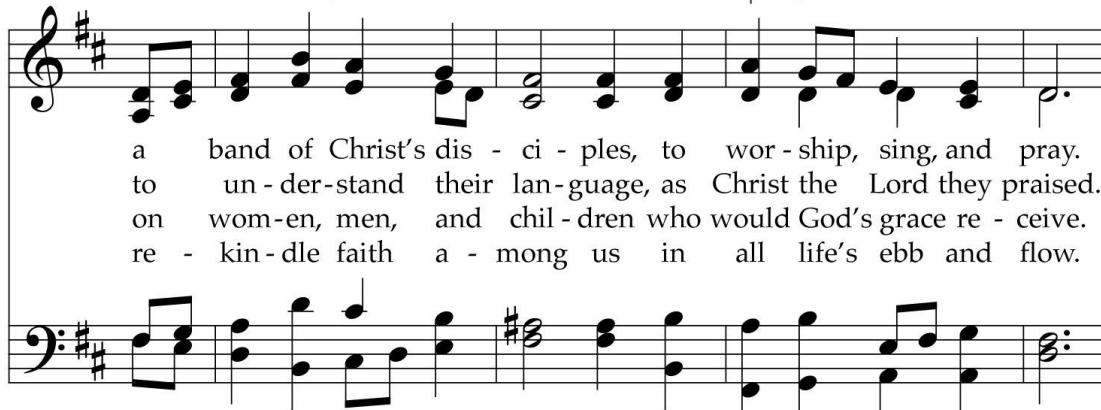
Happy Birthday, Church!

*Hymn #289

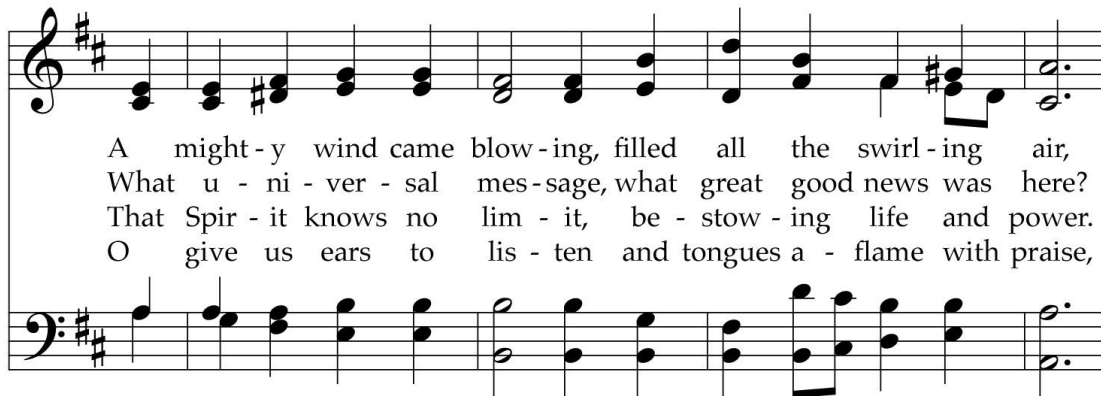
On Pentecost They Gathered



1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill your people around the world with your presence. You are doing a new thing, moving over creation. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other.

Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue.

Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written.

Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire.

Fill us with your passion. Send us out to follow your Spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people... *(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

Anthem

Hear Your People Singing

by Pepper Choplin

Bethany Faiz – Piano

As we gather now together in this blessed holy hour, hear your people singing, "We thank You." We celebrate Your Spirit and the coming of Your power. Hear your people singing, "We thank You." You send the mighty power of the Holy Spirit's fire. Hear your people singing, "We thank You." You blow Your wind among us 'til Your will is our desire. Hear your people singing, "We thank You."

As we go away rekindled by the fire You light within, hear your people singing, "We thank You." May we walk in grace and power 'til we gather here again. Hear your people singing, "We thank You."

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, your presence brings assurance and hope to our anxious lives. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and receiving your Word we may know the way to live in thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Page: NT 119

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Bewildered and Amazed”

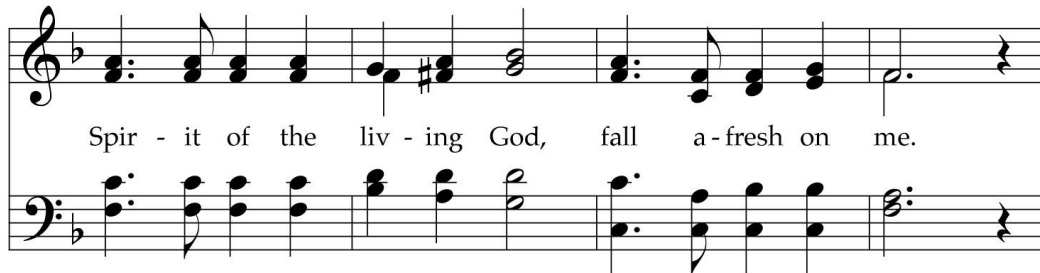
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #288**

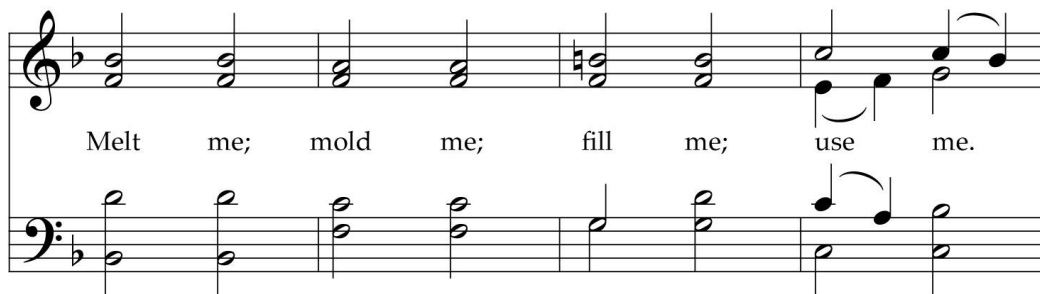
Spirit of the Living God (*sung twice*)



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory

Dona Nobis Pacem

arr. Margaret K Tucker

Celebration Ringers

directed by Kim Beebe

***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, in earth's many languages, your gospel proclaims your love to all nations. Pour out your Spirit on us that we may be witnesses of Jesus Christ. Bless our offerings that, through the power of your Spirit, your good news would fill the world. Unite us as your church, a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 #66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

Fine

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

to Refrain

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Lloyd Larson

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: Jane Fouracre

Counters: Gary Graham/Peter McCurdy

Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Nursery: Julie Barry/ Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Melissa Boris

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

David Harry Fries

Charles S. Smith

1946-1988

1936-2019



PENTECOST OFFERING

As we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit, today's Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage young people and address the needs of at-risk children. Use the envelope in your bulletin or go online to donate and learn more: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

NURSERY - UPCOMING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday School continues through June 9, but Nursery care will continue through the summer. We are planning a May orientation for new and returning volunteers. If you're interested, please contact Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com.

MEN'S GROUP HIKE - JUNE 1

The NCPC Men's Group will meet up for a hike at Lums Pond State Park on the morning of Saturday, June 1. Gather at the Boat Rentals area at 8:00 am. There are several route options and we should be done within 3 hours. (*A three hour tour – dub the Gilligan's Island music!*)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our slate of Deacons and Trustees is coming together! However, we are still looking for Elders. Terms are for three years and begin in September. Session meets on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m.; committee meetings are flexible. Reach out to co-chairs Melissa Boris or Peter McCurdy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING – JUNE 5

Put on Love is our VBS for Pre-K through 12 on Sunday, July 14 from 4-7 p.m. We'll hear Paul's words to the Colossians to wear Christ-like compassion, kindness, and love. We need a range of volunteers to help teach, lead music/ games/ crafts, help serve food, and clean-up. Please join us at our first planning meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be hybrid, with folks gathering in the Fellowship Hall, as well as via Zoom. Let Pastor Miriam know if you'd like the zoom link!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING + CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 9

Join us following worship on Sunday, June 9 in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2027 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation. After our business concludes, we'll gather for our annual picnic to mark the end of Sunday School and Choir for this programming year.

NCPC Elders will fire up the grills to cook hamburgers and hotdogs, and we'll have cake to celebrate all who had milestone birthdays this past year. Come and celebrate God's goodness!

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

This May and June, we have the opportunity to donate to one of Friendship House's greatest needs: School uniforms. Many schools in Delaware require them, putting a burden on students and their families. In 2023, the Clothing Bank was able to provide over 10,000 uniform items to 18 public schools in Delaware.

Donations can be made online through the Friendship Clothing Bank website at:

<https://www.friendshiphousede.org/delaware-homeless/our-programs/clothing-bank/school-uniform-initiative/>

Go to the right side of the page and select from three different donation registries (Target, Amazon, and French Toast). Clothing items will then be delivered directly to the Clothing Bank. Thank you for assisting with this great cause. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Selheimer at selheime@udel.edu or 302-368-8639.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE WALK – JUNE 8

You are invited to join fellow New Castle Presbyterian Church members as we take part in the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on the morning of Saturday, June 8 at Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront. All of the proceeds from the event go directly to local non-profits, including Friendship House. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with the walk set to begin at 9 a.m. We have formed a team "New Castle Presbyterian" and would love to have you join us, either by walking together, virtually walking with us from wherever you are, or supporting us with a donation. Please go to the following website to register or donate:

<https://shorturl.at/pqOS2>

HABITAT WORK DAY – JUNE 22

Limited volunteer spaces are available to join with New Castle Presbytery churches for a Habitat Eastside Wilmington Work Day. Details are located in the May Newsletter. Must be 16 years of age, complimentary lunch will be provided by Concord PC, and work clothes required to participate in the build. Although the registration deadline is 6/17/24, we intend to have the ten-person volunteer slots filled quickly, so register today!

Prayer List:

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

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
505 Greenbank Rd., Room C7
Wilmington, DE 19808

Linda Twyford

New Castle Nursing & Rehab
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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-2580

David Lioi

Shipley Living
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Healthcare Ctr Rm. 505
Wilmington, DE 19808

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Mary Duncan

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Judy Hentkowski

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On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock

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On Assignment with the Air Force:

James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

Funeral Announcement

Pam Rutherford's funeral will be held in Lewes, DE, on May 20 at 10 a.m. (A livestream will be available.) Pam's full obituary is available here. (Pam was Shirley Knox's sister.)

<https://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Pamela-Rutherford/#!/Obituary>

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/19		PENTECOST SUNDAY
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacons Meeting
Monday	05/20		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
		6:30pm	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday	05/22		<i>No Bible Study this week</i>
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/23	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	05/25	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	05/26	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

*Pastor Miriam will be out of the office May 20-26.
Please contact the Church office for any Pastoral needs.*

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha
Gary Graham	Mike Smith	Gail Seitz
Barbara Whisman		

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

