

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.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available 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 and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery care will be available following the Scripture Conversation.

At the end of worship, please join us for Sidewalk Fellowship on 2nd Street.

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
handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

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

Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Martha Mier

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

Call to Worship *(from Hebrews 11)*

We gather as God's own, beside believers and among apostles.

We gather as disciples, drawn together by our hope and doubts.

We are shoulder to shoulder with shepherds and saints.

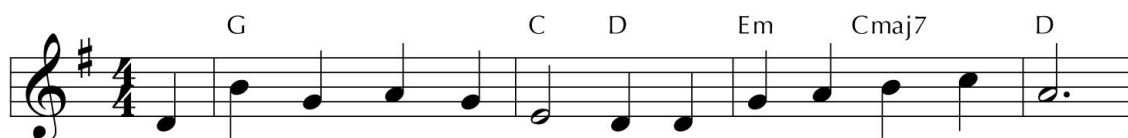
We are surrounded by a such a great cloud of witnesses!

Let us run with perseverance the race before us;

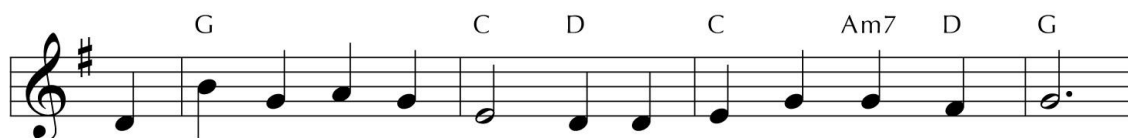
Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

*Hymn #402

How Lovely, Lord



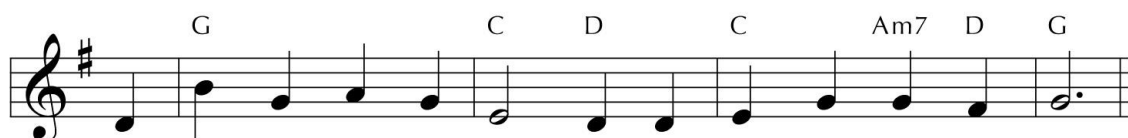
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



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

Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes. With a welder's fierce fire, you fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with faults.

In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us. Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us. Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship you rightly... *(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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of peace, help us to hear your Word and live in harmony with our neighbors. Give us eyes to recognize the signs of your coming reign. Renew our faith that we might follow you with wisdom and understanding. We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:22-34

Page: NT 74


He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***


GIVE THANKS TO GOD***Hymn #716****God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat




1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm




end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C




cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

David Bechtel - Soloist

***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, you brought creation into being through Christ,
and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the
world as your gift and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ. Bless
our offerings this day that your gospel would bring hope and peace
to all people. 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 #749

Come! Live in the Light!

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

***Charge and Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 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 Sidewalk Fellowship.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Nancy Kersey

Counters: Melissa Boris/Mary Fontinha

Ushers: Julia & George Spock

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Kim Beebe

Fellowship Hour: Sidewalk Fellowship

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

William E. Hill
1916 - 1968

Mary Ellen Shanton
1940 - 2000



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

YOUTH GROUP FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

To celebrate that summer is **not quite over**, NCPC's Youth Group will gather for a Pool Party today from 3-6 p.m. at Chris Fagles' house.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is back on September 7th, we can hardly wait for another year of learning, fellowship, and fun, as we help our younger members grow in their faith. If you feel a calling to work with our younger members in either Sunday School or Nursery, please reach out to Mallory Mackie (Sunday School) or Molly Shaw (Nursery) about upcoming training!

ALL-AGES SURVEY

Our "All Ages" Sunday School Survey for this upcoming year is available in the Narthex area. Please fill out and return the form to the labeled basket in the entryway. A digital version of this survey is also available in the Sunday email.

NCPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB

All are invited to our summer book club as we read Rachel Held Evans' *Inspired*. Copies available for purchase from the church office for \$10. We'll gather for a discussion at 3p.m. on Wed., August 20 at Connie Reese's house; please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by August 17.

CHECK OUT OUR AUGUST NEWSLETTER

This month's newsletter includes photos from Vacation Bible School and Presbyterian Youth Triennium, as well as our new Meeting House basement doors!

Mark your calendars for our Ice Cream Social and New Members Gathering (after worship on August 24), as well as our Fall Campfire and Cook-out (Saturday, September 27)!

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	08/10	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		3:00pm	Youth Group Pool Party
Monday	08/11	12:45-4:30pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	08/12	7:00pm	Officer Training – Session via Zoom
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
		8:00pm	Music Rehearsal in the Meeting House
Saturday	08/16	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	08/17	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
			- Messy Church
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
		12:00pm	Christian Education Meeting
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2025	2026	2027
Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry
Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann
Connie Reese	Ray Snyder	Amy Selheimer
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2025	2026	2027
Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock
Janet Spring	Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2025	2026	2027
Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Mike Smith	Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy

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

