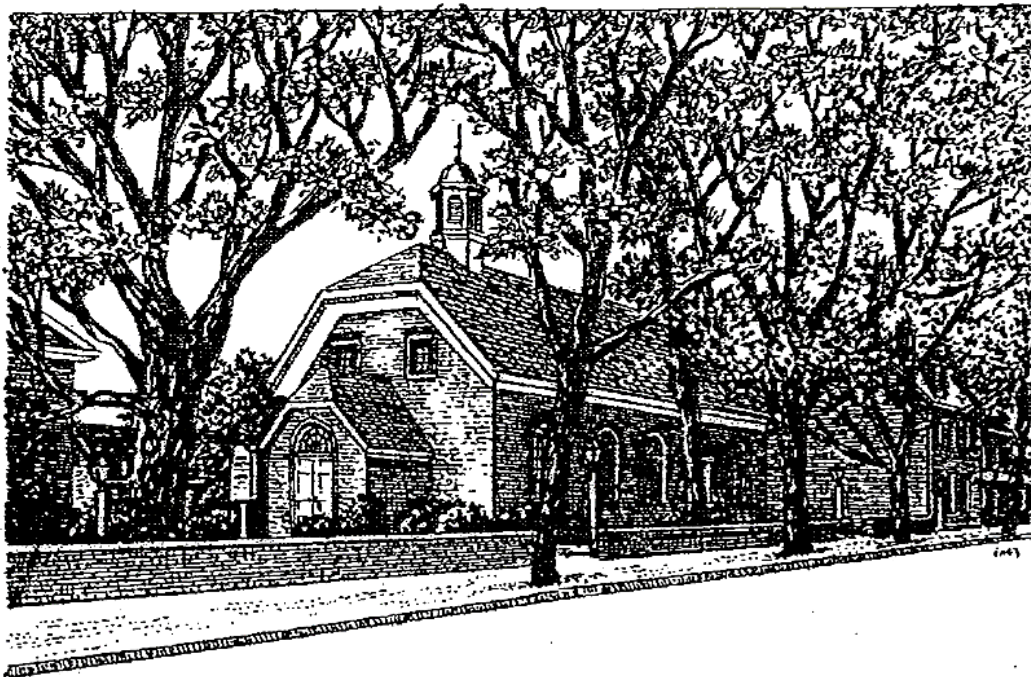


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

March 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

I Surrender All
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Sandra Eithun

**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

On our worst days, God is good.

On our best days, God is good.

When life is consistent, God is good

When life turns on its head, God is good.

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

God is good. God is here. God is love.


Hold tight to that good news.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn #450


Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, “This should not happen!” We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands.

Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts, we pray... *(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

God So Loved The World

John Stainer

Bethany Faiz - Piano

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Celebration of New Members – Mackie Family

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to this congregation. May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Listening God, if we could attach ourselves to you, we would. We would scribe your scripture onto our tender hearts. We would weave your good news into the fiber of our being. We would bind ourselves to you, but instead, we wander. Instead of attaching ourselves to you, we find ourselves swept up in the business of the day. Like a seesaw of faithfulness, we move up and down, constantly trying to find you in the midst of it all. So speak clearly to us now. Quiet our minds and the distractions around us. We are listening. We are hungry. We are hopeful. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Page: OT 559

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble
³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

¹⁷Some were sick through their sinful ways and because of their iniquities endured affliction; ¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; ²⁰ he sent out his word and healed them and delivered them from destruction.

²¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

²² And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

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

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:21-23

Page: NT 18

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

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

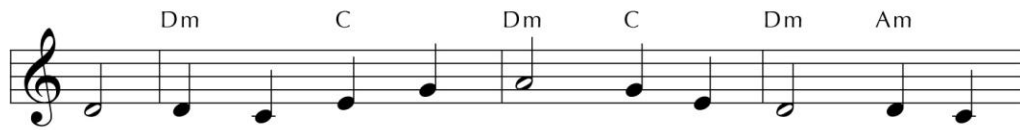
Sermon



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #215

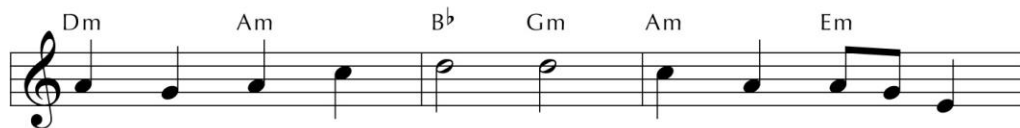
What Wondrous Love is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
God and to the Lamb who is the great I
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
on; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Tom Fettke

Bethany Faiz - Piano

***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**

Triune God, we make plans, fill calendar pages, and etch things into stone. And then the world turns upside down. A pandemic comes. Love falls apart, or back together. Test results come in, and plans go out the window. Remind us that you hold the world in your hands. So, help us to release our grip on control, and if we are fixed to anything, let us be fixed to you. With open hands and open hearts, we lift up these offerings to you. 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

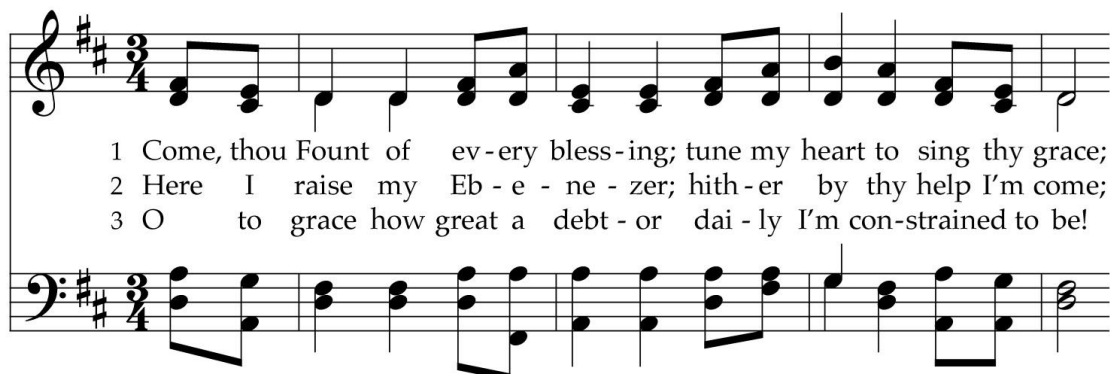
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and

the glory, forever. Amen.

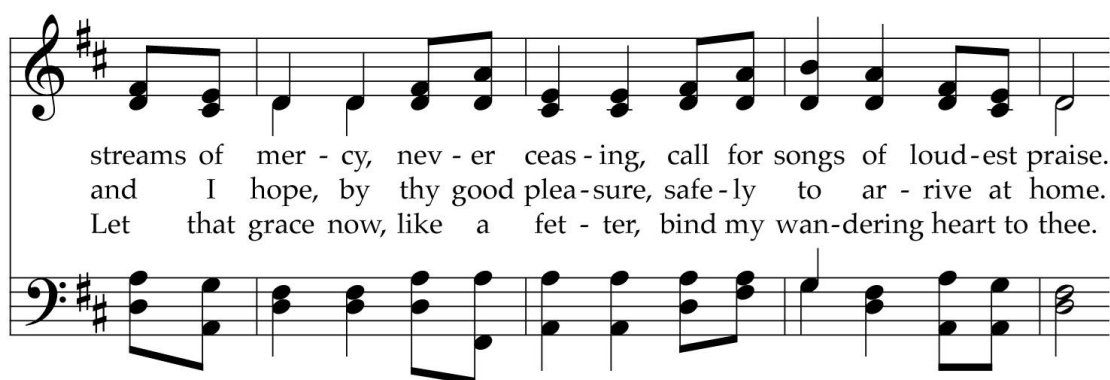
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #475

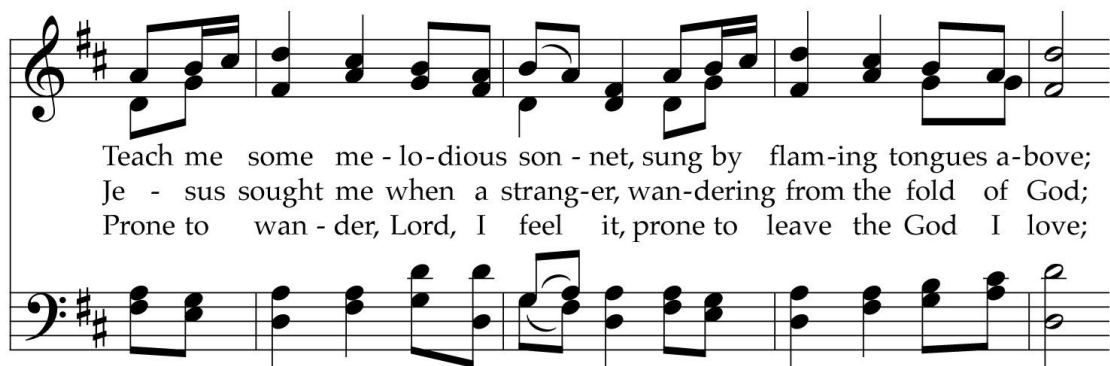
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



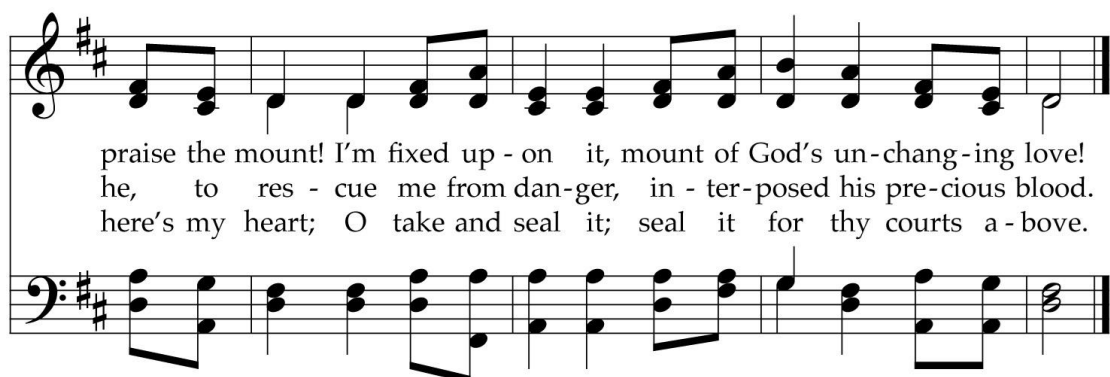
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

*Charge and Benediction Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 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.*

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre Counters: Cindy Beam/Mary Fontinha
Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance Coffee Hour: Rob Barry
Nursery: Chris Fagles/Jane Fouracre
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Stephanie Foltz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Willie M. Davis
1985

Robert S. Appleby
1932-2018



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders. Please sign up today:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up is in the Fellowship Hall.

EGGS FOR THE EASTER FAIR

Pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs in the CE building and fill them with various goodies (candy, stickers, etc.) for our Easter Fair Egg Hunt. **All eggs are to be returned by March 24.** Pro-tip: tape the eggs shut! Interested in volunteering at the Easter Fair (setting up, hiding eggs, cleaning up, etc.). contact Melissa Boris at borism1010@gmail.com



EASTER FAIR REGISTRATION – MARCH 31

Join us during Sunday School on Sunday, March 31, for our annual Easter Fair. 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 24 at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/easterfair>

EASTER FLOWERS FORM

On Easter Sunday (March 31), 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 March 24.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS – BIBLE STUDY

In the CE Building, pick up our Sanctified Art devotional - *Wandering Heart* - as we journey with Simon Peter through this season of preparation for Easter. Join us on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm for Lenten Bible Study with the Pastor in the Fellowship Hall

3/13 LENTEN ECUMENICAL DINNER – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Feasting on the Word Ecumenical Lenten Suppers continues on Wednesday, March 13, at St. Peter the Apostle at 6 p.m.

HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

Palm Sunday (3/24) - Palms Processional begins across 2nd Street at 10:25

Maundy Thursday (3/28) - 7 p.m. Worship with Communion in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday (3/29) - Individual meditation all day in the Meeting House

Easter Sunday (3/31) – 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier, 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Meeting House, Easter Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

FISH BANKS / ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online today

at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>



SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION – JANET REED

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Janet Reed who died to this life at the age of 90, on March 2. We pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort the Reed family, especially Earl, Janet's husband of 70 years, and their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We give thanks to God that Janet now rests in Christ's peace. Janet's funeral will be held at NCPC on Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. More details and her obituary are available here:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/janet-reed-obituary?id=54533179>

CHASE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY...

By cheering on the Blue Coats! Join NCPC folks at the March 16th Blue Coats basketball game at the Chase Fieldhouse. The Delaware Blue Coats play the Birmingham Squadron; the game starts at 6:00 pm.



We have 16 premium seats reserved together in Section 7. Tickets are \$21 each. Please contact Greg Fogarty cell (302) 437-4731 for tickets.

GIFTS OF LOVE UPDATE

So far in 2024, we have contributed \$2,400.00 to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Peter's church in support of our mutual efforts to assist our New Castle neighbors in need. This donation will go a long way to help relieve the staggering need that is expressed almost daily. We get calls from people having to choose whether to pay the rent or medical bills or car repairs or utility bills. If you can pay yours without having to choose, you are very blessed. Your contributions will absolutely bless others. We also donate food items for the St Peter's food pantry. The pantry is experiencing an abundance of tuna, peanut butter and dry cereals but not so much mayonnaise, jelly, and powdered milk. So, while all items are appreciated, mayonnaise, jelly and powdered milk are really needed at this time.

Thank you NCPC for being such good neighbors. To God be the glory!

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS – MARCH 10

Clergy for Choice of Planned Parenthood of Delaware will host an ecumenical service today from 2pm to 3:30pm at Congregation Beth Emeth. The service centers on reproductive rights and access to health care, especially giving thanks for the medical caregivers providing care during this time.

SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE – MARCH 17

Join us for the second Acoustic Open Mic Night on Sunday, March 17, from 6:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The \$3 admission goes to support Friendship House; for more information, check out our newsletter.

Prayer List:

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

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	03/10		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday	03/12	6:00pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
Wednesday	03/13	2:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper – St. Peter the Apostle
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	03/14	5:30pm	Evening with Friendship House
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	03/16	8:00am	Tai Chi
		2:00pm	Memorial Service for Janet Reed
		6:30pm	Blue Coats Game
SUNDAY	03/17	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		6:30pm	Community Open Mic Night

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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)

