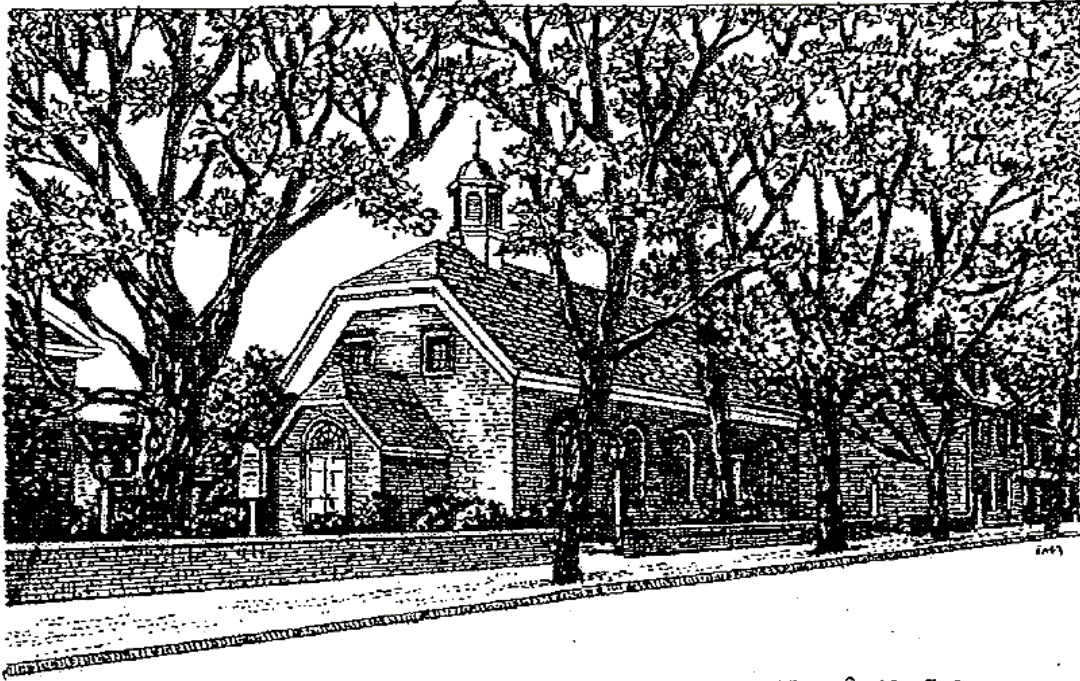


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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

Nursery Care for Children (0-4 yrs) is not available today; we will return next Sunday, June 5.

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
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

arr. Martha Mier

Bethany Faiz - Piano

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 *(from Psalm 97)*

The Lord rules over all the earth!

Let the many coastlands be glad.

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness,

And all the peoples behold his glory.

Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

And give thanks to God's holy name!

*Hymn #81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the Tenor and Bass parts.

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

AUSTRIAN HYMN
8.7.8.7.D

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious and hospitable. We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him, struggling to make his ways our ways. Our sins are real, and they are many. Forgive our failings and encourage us to start again...

(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 #240 (refrain, sung twice)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Let There Be Peace On Earth

arr. by Mark Hayes

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Prayer for Illumination

O God who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults, keep us near to you in the hours of each day. By the power of the prayer Jesus prays for us, may we drink of your living water. By the light of your Word, may we know true joy and serve you our whole lives long. Amen.

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“An Unfinished Planet”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

arr. Mark Hayes

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**

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and through our many gifts, may we live and serve as the one body of Christ. Sanctify these offerings of our time, our treasures, and our talents to your glory. In Christ's name, we pray, 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 #772

Live Into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God 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: Carol Mayhew

Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman

Counters: Lyn Briggs

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Margaret H. Kennady
1880-1963

William E. Dougherty
1919-1996



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders this summer. 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.

SUMMER BOOK STUDIES

Our weekly Bible Study group has concluded for the year as we prepare for our usual summer book discussions. Start reading and join us for these gatherings:

Thursday, June 2 at 1 p.m. - at Connie Reese's house - John Ortberg's [Everybody's Normal Till You Get To Know Them](#)

Thursday, August 11 at 1 p.m. - at Conchita Showell's house - Parker Palmer's [On The Brink of Everything](#)

Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by the Sunday before our gathering.

HIGHMARK WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Join NCPC on June 11th for the in-person Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community! This is an annual 5k walk that Highmark puts on for local non-profits so that they can receive 100% of the proceeds. Please join us for this 5k walk on the Riverfront and/or make a donation! If you're not available to join us in person, virtually walk with us from wherever you are and send in a picture! To join NCPC's walk team, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yknytsmb>

SEPARATION DAY PARADE - SATURDAY, JUNE 11 AT 12 PM

Our VBS theme - ReNew - invites us all to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. As we walk in the parade, we'll invite community members to attend VBS by handing out brochures and special treats. The Raker van will be decorated with our general garden theme, and all walkers are invited to wear either NCPC shirts or floral/ garden themed outfits. For more details and to sign up to walk, email Pastor Miriam - pastor@newcastlepreschurch.org

2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School: ReNew will be one night of fun - Sunday, July 17 from 4-7 p.m. Activities will be for children ages 4-10, and will include stories, crafts, games, music, and more! Cost is \$5 per child, or \$10 per family. Dinner included. In support of our theme, ReNew, we will welcome donations which will benefit a local "green" non-profit organization. Register today at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/vacation-bible-school>.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Join us following worship on Sunday, June 12 in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2025 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation. After our business concludes, we'll gather for a Coffee Hour provided by our Elders and celebrate the end of our programming year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WRAP-UP - SUNDAY, JUNE 12

During coffee hour on June 12, we'll wrap up the Sunday School year with storytime, bubble-themed activities, and general Pentecost celebrations. We'll gather in the church yard (weather permitting); all ages are welcome!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: CO-CHAIR NEEDED

Trusting in God and the vaccines, we are expecting to have a full *Spirit of Christmas* celebration on Saturday, December 10, 2022 with NCPC again taking a major role along with the City of New Castle and the New Castle Historical Society. *We are looking for a special volunteer to serve as co-organizer with Steve Martin, who worked on it last year.* If you want to know more about what may be involved, email Steve (martin@udel.edu) or call him at 302-354-4428.

NOW HIRING: PART-TIME CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTOR

Help us share the Good News of Christ with our youngest members! NCPC's Children and Youth Director position includes teaching Sunday School for children ages K-5, coordinating seasonal events for children of all ages, and planning activities for middle and high school-aged youth. Anticipated start on August 28, 2022. A full job description is available on our website.

FALL RETREAT: BESIDE STILL WATERS (SEPT 23 – 25)

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at Pocomoke State Park from Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!) RSVP ASAP by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/1pXvdU2zNcKYbyLt7>

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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726 Loveville Road
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Mary Pratt

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/29	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
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Monday	05/30		MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED
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Wednesday	06/01	1:30pm	Mission & Outreach Mtg
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Thursday	06/02	1:00pm	Summer Book Study @ Connie Reese's house
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SUNDAY	06/05	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Assemble VBS packs for Separation Day

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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

TRUSTEES

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)

