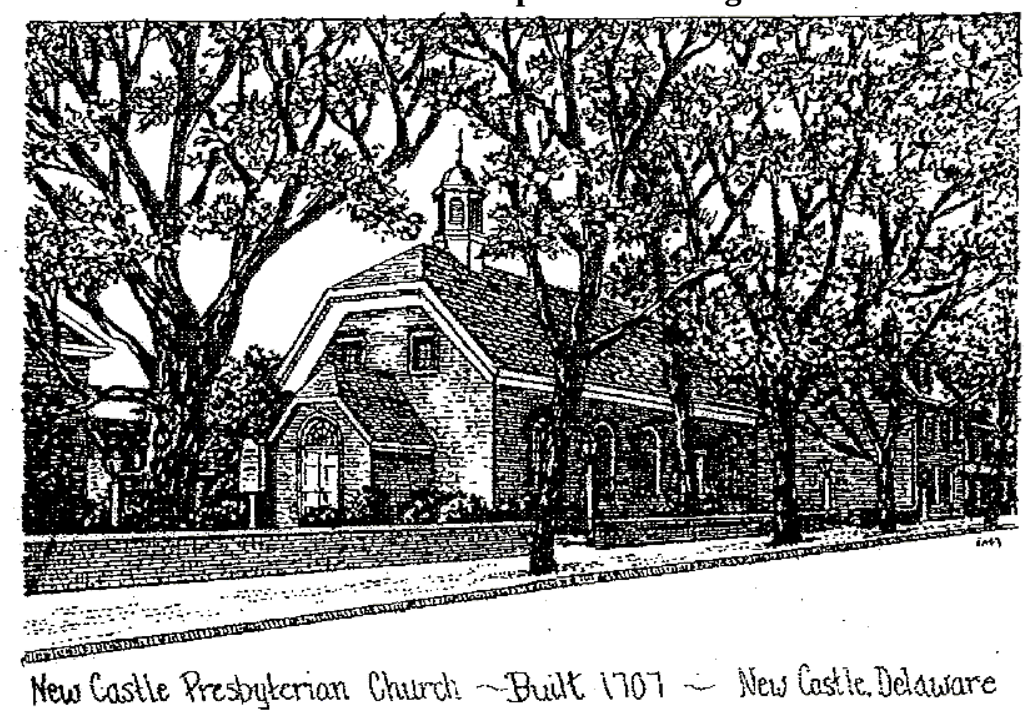
New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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
Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 2026 10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude **We Gather Together** Stan Pethel
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 95)*

O come, let us sing to the Lord!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and songs of praise.
For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.
God made the sea, and his hands formed the dry land.
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.

*Hymn #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you claim us in the waters of baptism, yet we often forget your claim upon us. You call us to work for a world where all are fed and cared for, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. Forgive us, O Lord. By the power of your Spirit, may we walk in the way of Christ, our Lord and Savior. (*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

Choral Anthem **O Jesus, King Most Wonderful** arr. by David Hogan

Bethany Faiz - Organ

O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned! O Source of peace ineffable, in whom all joys are found. O Jesus, light of all below, the fount of life and fire. Surpassing all the joys we know, all that we can desire.
When once you visit darkened hearts, then truth begins to shine. Then earthly vanity departs, then kindles love divine.
You may our tongues forever bless; you may we love alone. And ever in our lives express the image of your own! May ev'ry heart confess your name, forever you adore. And, seeking you, itself in flame to seek you more and more.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism: Sophia Baselice

Presentation and Affirmations by the Parents & Sponsors

Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Sophia by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be his faithful disciple? **We do.**

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer & Act of Baptism
Hymn #486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Words of Welcome

Sophia, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church! May you always know that you are held in God's hands and in the hearts of your church family. Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination
Everlasting God, your Spirit gives wisdom and revelation. You reign in grace and mercy, always slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Open the eyes of our hearts this morning. Teach us to know the hope to which you have called us, that we may seek your kingdom of peace. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, **33** and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, **35** for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' **37** Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? **38** And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? **39** And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' **40** And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, **42** for I was hungry and you gave me

no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' **44** Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' **45** Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' **46** And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life." *This is the Word of the Lord.* ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon *Taking Stock*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #370 This Is My Father's World**



When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 TERRA BEATA
MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt. SMD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory **Jesus Shall Reign** arr. Cindy Berry

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**

God of the risen Christ, we offer you our praise. All things come from your hand: life, love, family, hope, the air we breathe, our hard-earned money – all things. Bless these gifts and our lives to your service, as we seek to show your great love to a love-starved world. Amen

Prayers of the People with 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 #37**

Let All Things Now Living



Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th cent.
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***Charge & Benediction**
Choral Benediction
Steeple Bell
Postlude **Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above** 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.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew
Ushers: Nan Wallace/Gina Kouma
Nursery: Mariellen Edinburg/Julie Barry
Coffee Hour: All Ages Sunday School
Counters: Cynthia Beam/Rob Barry
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Melissa Boris

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Mary Pratt ***1924 - 2022***
Barbara Beaumont ***1930 - 2018***



ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY
What could possibly top October's Genesis Family Fun Sing-Along Show!? Well, join us during coffee hour today for our next All-Ages Sunday School event - *All Good Gifts: NCPC's Hidden Talents Show!*

HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS: TODAY
New NCPC ornaments are available for purchase during coffee hour today. They are just $10 each (cash or check). Grab them while you can. Contact Gina Kouma with any questions. 717-781-3435

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: NOVEMBER 23
Mission and Outreach is again giving 30 Thanksgiving Baskets to three local elementary schools for families in need. Help us assemble the baskets on Monday, November 23 at 9:30 AM in the CE Building.

BAGELS AND BLESSINGS: NOVEMBER 26
Before the day gets crazy, stop by the Fellowship Hall from 8-9 AM for fellowship and breakfast. ALL are welcome. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many bagels to buy, but last minute friends are always welcome. Contact Gina with any questions: 717-781-3435

ADVENT
The first Sunday of Advent is next Sunday! Printed copies of our seasonal devotional "Do Not Be Afraid!" are available in the Narthex.

HELP US SHINE! CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
Help us put our best foot forward for Spirit of Christmas! Join the Trustees on **Saturday, December 5, at 9am** as we give our historic Meeting House a little extra sparkle ahead of the holiday concerts and festivities. This year, our focus will be on **sprucing up the interior of the Meeting House**, (though there may be some light yard work to tackle as well). Bring your work gloves, basic cleaning supplies if you have them, and a willingness to pitch in wherever an extra set of hands is needed! Whether you can spare an hour or the whole morning, every helping hand makes a difference. **And yes, coffee and donuts will be provided!** Questions? Reach out to any of the Trustees. We hope to see you there!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
The CE Building will be open from 10-3 with soups and breads for sale, as well as free refreshments. All NCPC proceeds go to support Friendship House! We'll offer three (free!) concerts in the Meeting House. We need volunteers to serve as Meeting House ushers, folks to bake bread/ fix soups/ bake

cookies, as well as folks to sell the yummy goodies and restock the refreshments table. All sign-up forms, with more information, are posted in the Fellowship Hall. *If you can help with Spirit of Christmas (especially decorators and day-of volunteers), NCPC SoC organizers will hold an in-person meeting on December 5 at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

Our **Longest Night Service** will be at 7:00pm on Wed., December 16th in the Meeting House. Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan will offer her special musical gifts, and in the light of the Advent wreath, we will light candles for all in need of Christ's grace. Come rest in the presence of Emmanuel, God with Us.
Christmas Caroling will be on Sun., Dec 20 at 6:00p.m. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall, stroll and sing through the streets of New Castle, & end with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm
Our Christmas Eve Services are a Family Service at 5 p.m. and a Traditional Service at 7:30pm.

FIRST & CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington is now open each Saturday from 6:00 - 10:00 am to people experiencing homelessness. Here is the link to sign up.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849ADA829A7FD0-51684439-winter#/
Questions? Please reach out to Amy Selheimer (302-584-0982) Donations needed: shampoo, deodorant, toiletries; new underwear and socks; gently used sweats, pants, t-shirts, shoes, and sneakers.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Interested in ushering? Sign up online here: https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups
If you haven't ushered before, do not fear! Reach out to Elders Jen Dunham or Sarah McCann to learn more.

2027 STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Still need to return your pledge card? Mail it or place it in the labeled basket in the Church Office.

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	**11/22**	**10:30am**	**In-Person & Live Stream Worship** **- Baptism of Sophia Baselice**
		12:00pm	**All Ages Sunday School: All Good Gifts**
Monday	**11/23**		**Meals on Wheels**
		9:00am-4:30pm	**Private Counseling - in the library**
		9:30am	**Making Thanksgiving Baskets**
Tuesday	**11/24**		**Meals on Wheels**
		5:30pm-6:45pm	**Homeschool/Community Band**
		7:00pm	**Promises of AA Meeting**
Wednesday	**11/25**		**Meals on Wheels**
		11:00am-2:00pm	**Private Counseling - in the library**
Thursday	**11/26**	**8:00am**	**Bagels and Blessings** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** **OFFICE CLOSED**
Friday	**11/27**		**OFFICE CLOSED**
SUNDAY	**11/29**	**10:30am**	**First Sunday of Advent: In-Person & Live Stream Worship**
		11:30am	**Coffee Hour Potluck**

Miriam is on vacation Monday, November 23 – Friday, November 27. If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to the Church Office or a Deacon.

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