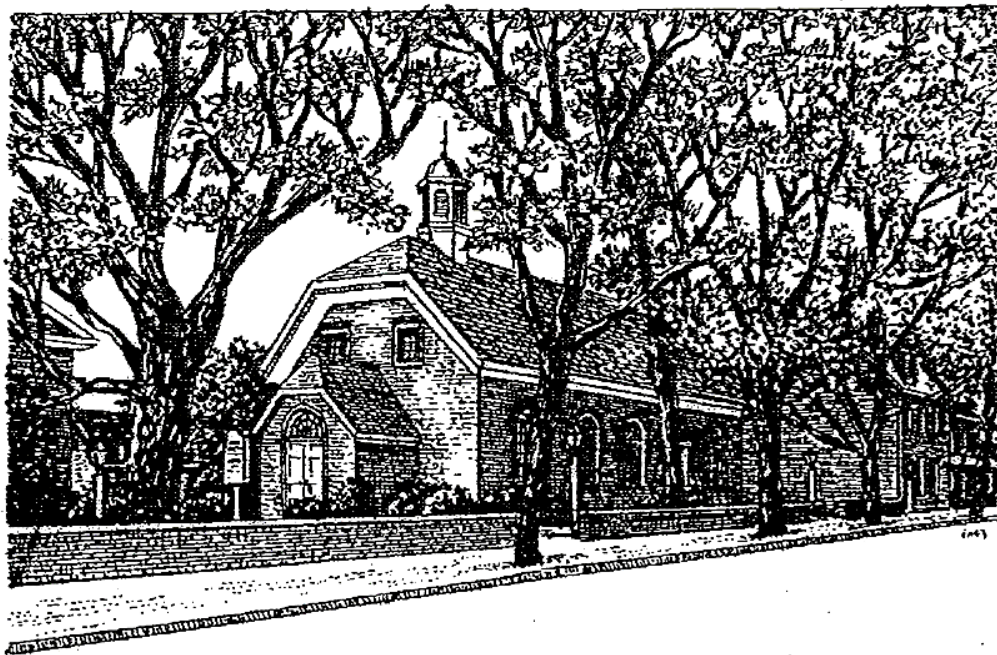


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

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 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
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. John Carter

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

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 84*)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God, most gracious host.

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the household of God.

Even the sparrow finds a home at your table of grace.

Even the swallow finds a safe nest for her young.

Happy are those who live in your house and sing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, God of hosts.

You are our sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor.

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you! Hear our
songs of praise this day!**

*Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Emmanuel, God with us, you desire for us to abide in you as you abide in us. But we are restless and turn back from following you. The way of wisdom and sacrifice, the way of gratitude and interdependence is more difficult than we expected.

Draw near to us in our brokenness and love us into wholeness. By your mercy, meet us where we are and invite us to your table of grace. more Forgive us, we pray, in the name of the One who sets the table for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend...

(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 our strength, you have brought us into your holy place.

In Christ, you give us the words of eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit to breathe energy into our witness of your peace and welcome. May we receive, treasure, and live out your gospel this day. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 6:56-69

Page: NT 98

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.

⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

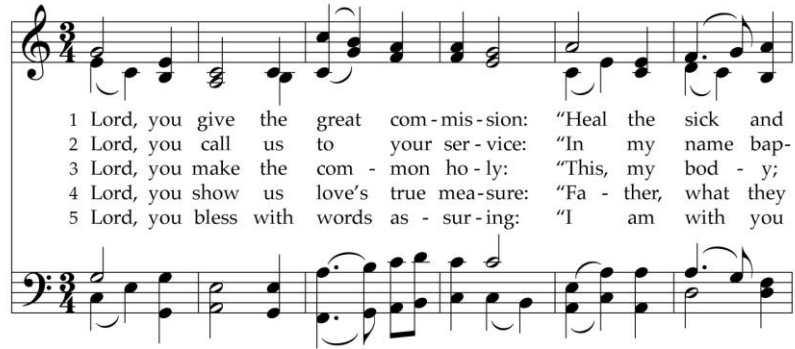
Sermon

A State of Neighbors

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



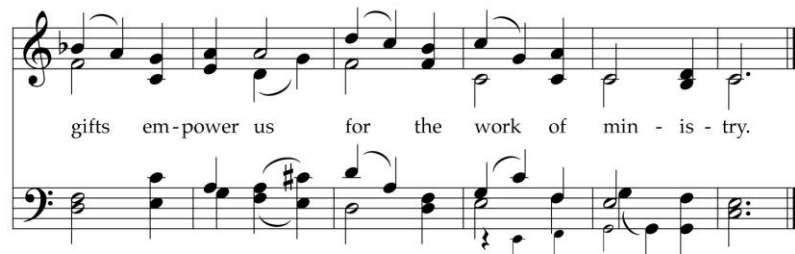
preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure all that
to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-vor,
lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that



pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:
draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:
round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty: with the Spir-it's
lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:
claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty:



gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

At the River

arr. Aaron Copland

Come Away to the Skies

arr. Michael Larkin

Michael Alexander – Vocal Soloist

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**

Holy God, Three in One, your giving knows no ending. From your rich and endless store, you give us the gift of water to ease our thirst and the gift of good food to nourish our bodies. From your very self, you give us the gift of Jesus Christ to fill us, body and soul, with your love. Disturb us from the comfort of our modern lives, and direct our daily labor so that we do not strive for ourselves alone. Open our hands in sharing to heal, to teach, and to serve you by loving all. 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 #761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-rs strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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BEECHER

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(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

***Charge and Benediction**
Steeple Bell

Special Congregational Meeting

Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Chris Fagles/Gail Seitz

Ushers: Barb & Jim Whisman

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Mallory Mackie

Coffee Hour: Sidewalk Fellowship

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Rose W. Montgomery
1869-1943

Donald M. Warren
1925-1989



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in September.

Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP SESSIONS

Join us at 11:30 for these fall orientations:

TODAY - Nursery/ Sunday School Orientation (Upstairs in the CE Building) +
Usher Orientation (in the Meeting House)

September 1 - Communion Server + Worship Leader orientation

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, following worship, for the purpose of electing Julie Barry and Sarah McCann as Elders, Class of 2027.

NCPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB – AUGUST 28

Join us on Wednesday at 3pm in the Read House Garden to discuss Anne Lamott's *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*. Copies are available for \$20, or through your favorite book supplier. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated by today.

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 1

Join us for one more Messy Church this summer – *Jesus Feeds a Crowd!* We'll celebrate the Sacrament of Communion, ordain and install Officers, and celebrate God's abundant love in Jesus Christ.

FALL KICK-OFF – SEPTEMBER 8

Our Fall season kicks off on Sunday, September 8; our Fall Flyers are out in the mail now. Regular Sunday School and Nursery care returns, so please fill out fresh registration forms for our youngest members. NCPC Choir and Celebration Ringers resume rehearsals in September.

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – THIRD SUNDAYS

On September 15, we'll present Bibles to all Sunday School-aged children. Then after worship, we'll gather for our first All-Ages Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall! There won't be regular coffee hour... but if you stay for Sunday School, there will be lunch, fellowship, and interactive learning!

YOUTH GROUP – THIRD SUNDAYS

Our middle and high school youth group will meet from 12-2 on September 15. Each month, our gatherings will focus on fellowship, service, and learning. Interested or know an interested youth? Reach out to Pastor Miriam today!

M&O CLOTHING DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER

September marks our popular annual clothing drive for Friendship House. Refresh your life (and your closets!) by donating your new or gently used, clean clothing and school uniforms to Friendship House. Donations can be brought to the church and left in the second room on the right on the second floor of the CE building, or if that's difficult, in the entryway. We'll collect them all through the month of September. Let's see those bags pile up!

ADDITIONAL MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Epiphany House: Interested in preparing and sharing dinner with Epiphany House residents on Thursday, September 12? Reach out to Scott Selheimer to volunteer!

LGBTQ+ Task Force: We welcome Guest Preacher Shannon Kearns on September 22. An award-winning author and ordained minister, Shannon is visiting New Castle Presbytery to share about the latest LGBTQ+ inclusion efforts within the broader church and ongoing Biblical scholarship, especially through the lens of queer theology. Drawing from his years of work with QueerTheology.com and his passion for storytelling, Shannon's preaching will inspire us all to see how the Holy Spirit still moves through the Body of Christ!

Guatemalan Partnership: Join us during Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 29, to hear an update from the partnership leadership, including an opportunity to travel to Guatemala in January 2025!

YOUNG(ISH) WOMENS THIS FALL

This fall, we'll start meeting on the first Sunday of each month! If you're in town on September 1, let Pastor Miriam know, but definitely mark your calendars for October 6 from 12-2! This fellowship group is for women between the ages of 20ish and 50ish; let Pastor Miriam know if you need childcare.

SYMPATHY - MACEWEN

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Lynn MacEwen who died last Sunday, August 18 less than two weeks after her husband, Dean, died. At this time, the MacEwens are planning a joint service for Lynn and Dean on Saturday, October 19, at 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, with Pastor Miriam officiating.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 <mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com> or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 <mailto:silverfran@aol.com>

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	08/25	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Nursery/Sunday School Orientation + Usher Orientation
		11:30am	Sidewalk Fellowship
Tuesday	08/27	11:00am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	08/28	3:00pm	Summer Book at Read House
		6:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Saturday	08/31	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	09/01	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Worship Leader & Communion Orientation
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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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)

