

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.

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 Sidewalk Fellowship.

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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New Castle Presbyterian Church
Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

Celebration No. 4

Michael R. Keller

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 8*)

O God, how majestic is your name above all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your hands, who am I?

When I look at the moon and the stars that you have established,

Who are humans that you are mindful of them?

Yet, you call your creation good. **You call humans good.**

And you surround us with the works of your hands –

Sheep and oxen, birds of the air and fish of the sea.

O Lord, our Sovereign, **How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*Hymn #1

Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant



4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



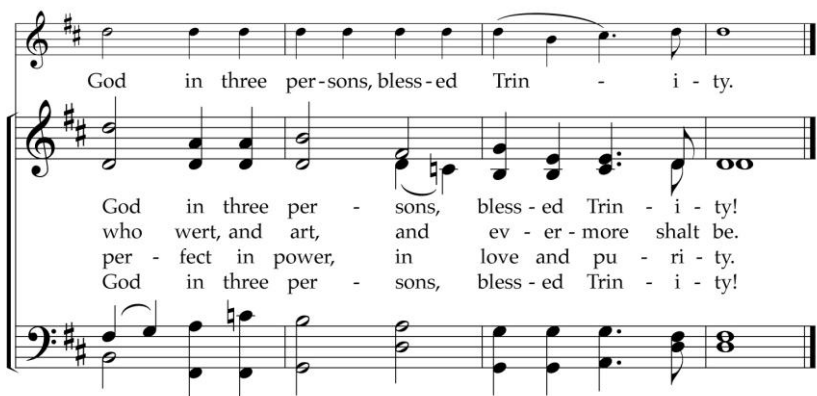
ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Majestic God, you create us in your image and call us good, but too often our actions blur that image and reflect evil into this world. When we seek out and relish conflict and hatred, have mercy on us. Call us to live in peace and show us how to work together. Forgive us and show us a better way to be your children, your people, your church. (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

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Choral Setting

Bethany Faiz - Piano

by Jane Holstein

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Welcome of New Members and Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ashley Immediato, Brian Siemeisnki, and Camryn Siemeisnki

Presentation and Affirmations by the Parents & Sponsors

Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ashley and Camryn by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them 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

**Ashley, Brian, and Camryn, 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

**Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life
you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:3

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When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the

earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #288**

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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LIVING GOD
 Irregular

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
“Arise” Traditional American

arr. Dan R. Edwards

***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 unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. Bless these gifts to your work of mercy and compassion, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. 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.

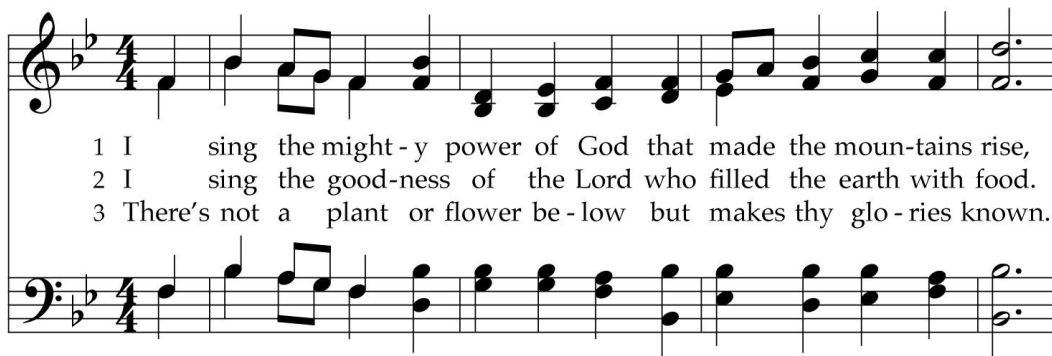
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

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.

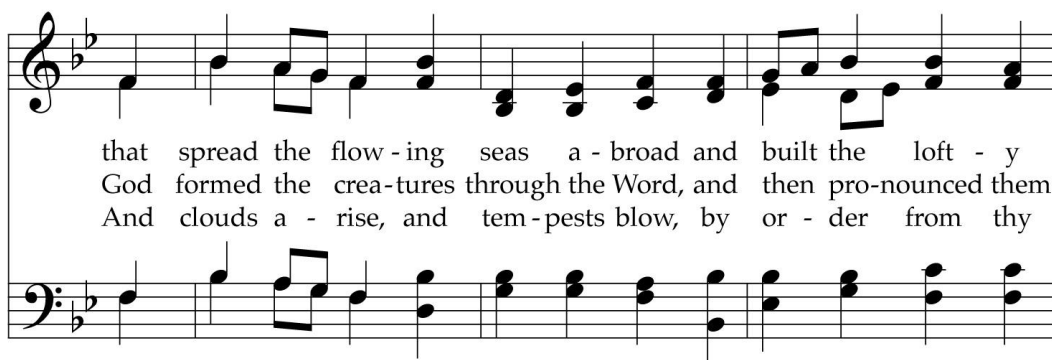
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #32

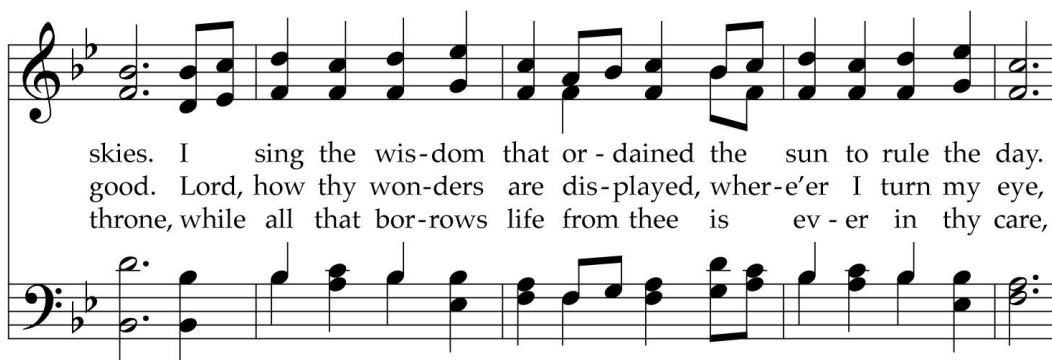
I Sing the Mighty Power of God



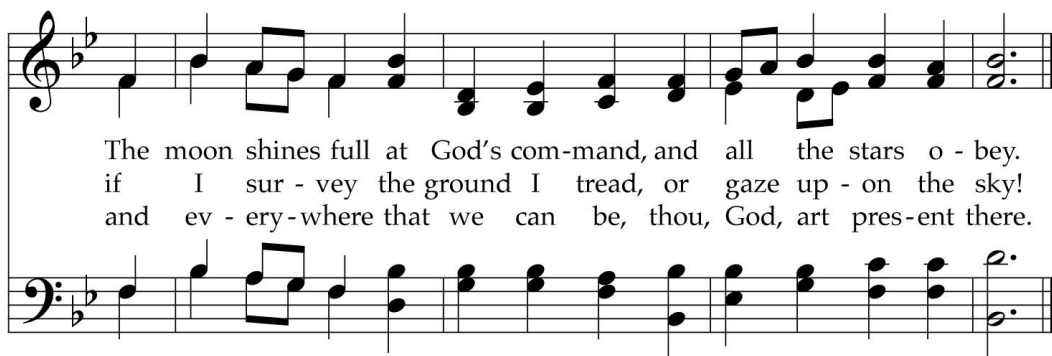
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Wonderful Words of Life

arr. Cindy Berry

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

Coffee Hour: Potluck

Ushers: George & Julia Spock

Counters: Cindy Beam/Mike Smith

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Chris Fagles

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

James A. Adair, III

John W. Hopkins

1924 - 1980

1936 - 2012



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

COFFEE HOUR

Join us for a potluck Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Deacons will provide coffee; come even if you forgot to bring something. It's a loaves and fishes potluck; by Christ's grace, there will be enough!

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS – LAST CALL

Final call for graduation announcements for our June newsletter! If you or a loved one recently graduated, send Kris (office@newcastlepreschurch.org) a 3-4 sentence paragraph to share the good news with NCPC.

LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE

To kick off the month of Pride, check out the market on the Green today from 12-5 p.m. (Due to personal circumstances, NCPC won't have a table this round, but we'll be back at the next market!) Check out the newsletter for the upcoming Interfaith Pride Service on June 27 and More Light Sunday on June 28.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 7

Join us following worship in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2029 and elect the Trustees of the Corporation; check out nominees' bios in our June newsletter. We'll gather for our annual picnic (bring a side!) to mark the end of this programming year.

NCPC BLUE ROCKS NIGHT

Join NCPC on Friday, June 19 at 6:35 for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game and fireworks! We have 20 tickets in a block section; contact Jen Dunham to purchase tickets - \$13 each!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 2

Mark your calendars for VBS on August 2 from 3-7 p.m.! We're still looking for a few more adult volunteers for VBS; if you're interested, please reach out to Julie Barry. Our next planning meeting will be Sunday, June 21 following worship. *See June Newsletter for info about Immanuel Episcopal VBS during week of June 15.*

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/31	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship New Members & Baptism
		11:30am	Coffee Hour - Potluck
		12:00-5:00pm	Pride Market
Monday	06/01	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
Tuesday	06/02	7:00pm	Session Meeting
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	06/03	2:00-5:00pm	Private Counseling – Library
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	06/04	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	06/05	10-12pm	Youth Group Service Outing
SUNDAY	06/07	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Annual Congregational Meeting
		11:30am	Church Picnic

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