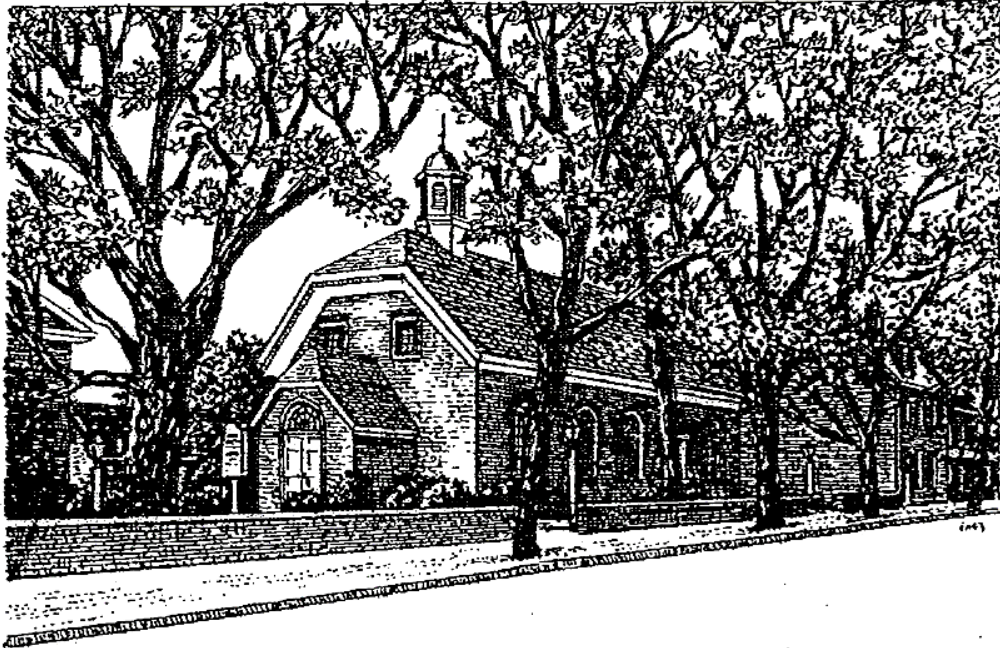


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Chorale

by Gordon Young

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 98*)

Sing to the Lord a new song; God has done marvelous things!

We worship God with our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

Let the sea and everything in it roar!

Let the rivers clap their hands.

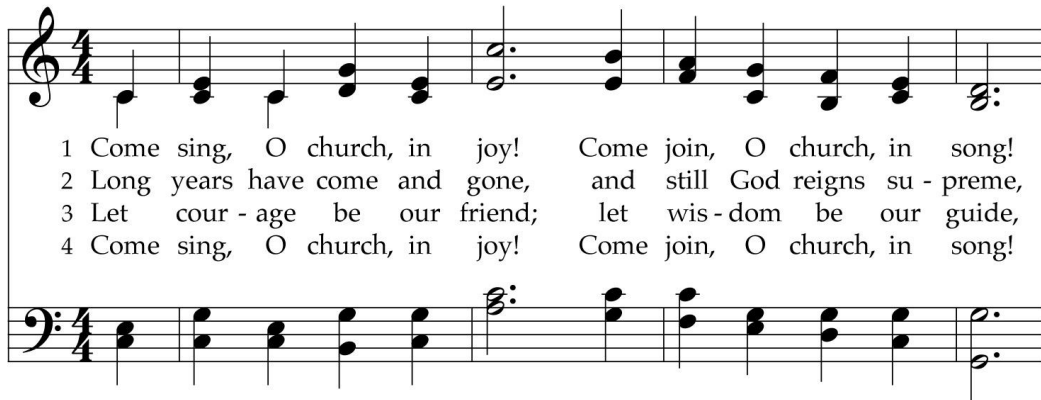
Let the mountains rejoice together.

Because God is coming to establish justice on the earth.

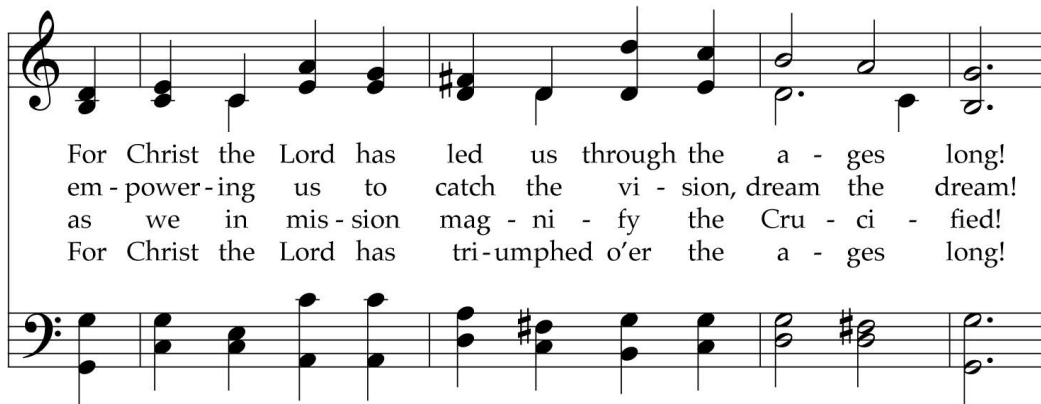
God is good. Let us sing God's praises!

***Hymn #305**

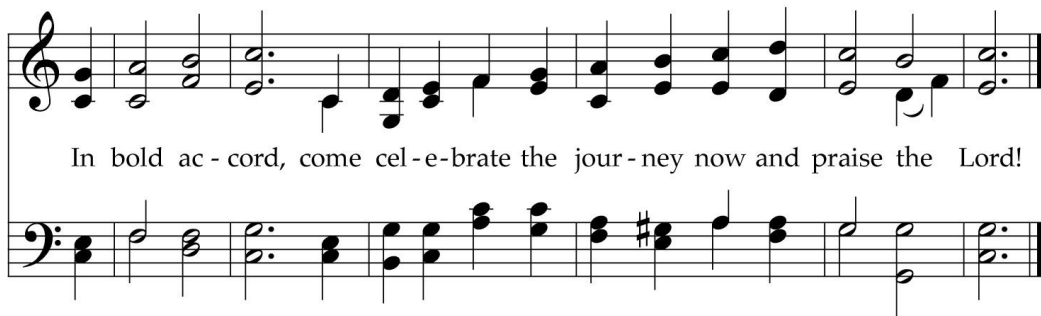
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness.

When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent.

When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate.

Forgive us, risen Christ, for all the ways we fall short, and teach us to live as your children in the world.

(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:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Spirit Of God

by Nancy Price/Don Besig

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Spirit of God, Spirit of God, come live within our hearts; and help us to feel the joy and the peace that only you can give. Spirit of God, Spirit of God, come touch us with your love. Help us to show to all the world the way you teach us to live. Holy Spirit, Love divine, let your light upon us shine. Chase the shades of night away, turn our darkness into day. Spirit of God, Spirit of God, come dwell among us now, and help us to share the truth of your Word through all we say and do. Spirit of God, Spirit of God, come fill us with your fire. Help us to use the strength you give to all who trust in you.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

O Christ, you show us love's true measure. You break bread and pour wine, that we would know God's grace. In your body broken and risen for us, you seal us in your way of peace. Complete us with your joy, O Christ, as we hear your crucified and risen love proclaimed this day. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 15:9-17

Page: NT 109

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

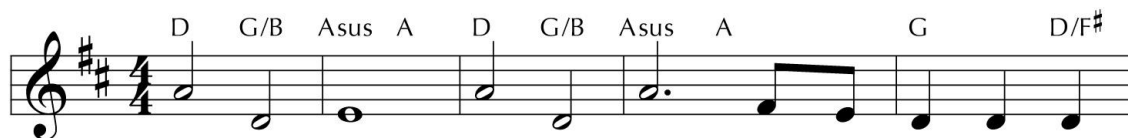
Sermon

"Charging Station Locations"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #501

Feed Us, Lord



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13-35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Have Faith in God, My Heart

arr. Melody Bober

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 Christ who died for us, lives for us, and prays for us, you teach us that all that we have is a gift from you. We give you thanks that you have redeemed us from despair and showed us how to love as you have loved us. Bless the gifts of our lives to your service. Bless all our offerings to the fulfillment of your reign of peace. Amen.

Communion and Prayers of the People

Invitation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

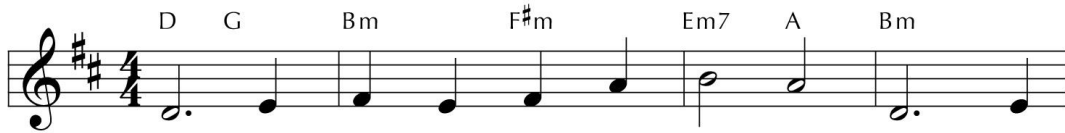
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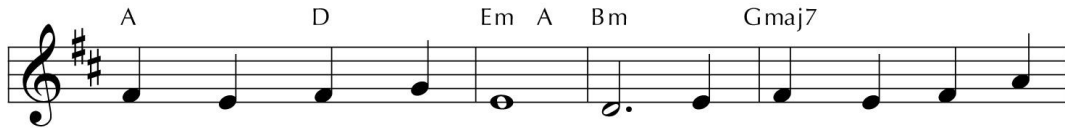
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #536

Rise, O Church Like Christ Arisen



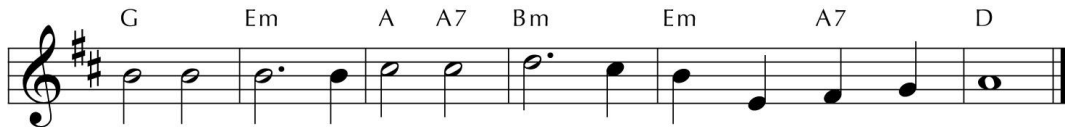
1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

He Keeps Me Singing
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

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: Melissa Boris *Counters:* Jenn Dunham/Barbara Whisman

Communion: Lyn Briggs*, Steve Handy, Bruce Raker & Scott Selheimer

Ushers: Connie Reese & Marshall Freund *Coffee Hour:* Scott & Amy Selheimer

Nursery: Chris Fagles/Molly Shaw *Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Kim Beebe

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ida Y. Rausch
1890-1986

Donald A. Reese
1947-2019



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in May and June. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

NURSERY - UPCOMING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday School continues through June 9, but Nursery care will continue through the summer. We are planning a May orientation for new and returning volunteers. If you're interested, please contact: [Molly Shaw](#)

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

We'll gather on Wednesday, May 8 at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. No need to RSVP; come and join the conversation!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our slate of Deacons and Trustees is coming together! However, we are still looking for Elders. Terms are for three years and begin in September. Session meets on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m.; committee meetings are flexible. Reach out to co-chairs Melissa Boris or Peter McCurdy.

BELL RINGING AT NOON - TODAY

On May 5, bells across the nation will ring in honor of firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2023. Join us outside the Meeting House for a short ceremony at Noon. <https://weekend.firehero.org/events/memorial-weekend/bells-across-america/>

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S GATHERING – TODAY

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather next on Sunday, May 5 from 12-2pm. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings.

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING – MAY 11

Anyone considering joining NCPC - or- liking what they observe and wanting to learn more is encouraged to meet other newbies on Saturday, May 11 from 3 to 5. Join members of the Congregational Life committee at the Fogarty's house on 2nd Street; contact Greg Fogarty to RSVP - gregorymfogarty@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR ON MAY 12 - READ HOUSE

After worship on Sunday, May 12, everyone is invited over to the Read House for a special Mother's Day Coffee "Hour". From 10:30 to 1, they're inviting all the congregations around New Castle to gather in their garden for coffee hour refreshments; the rain plan is inside the Read House. All are welcome; there's no charge. Chairs and restrooms will be available.

DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE - MAY 18

The Meeting House will be open from 10-4. If you'd like to serve as a docent, sign up for a two-hour shift using the form in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Lynn Smith.

Join us from 10-12 for outdoor activities, including sidewalk chalk and bubbles, set up for the young and young at heart. Come by for some fun in the sun and information about more of our upcoming events, including Vacation Bible School.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

NCPC's Mission & Outreach Committee works closely with Friendship House and the Clothing Bank each year. Thanks to our generous congregation, hundreds of clothing donations are made each year to the Clothing Bank through our Fall Clothing Drive and Undie Sunday underwear drive in February. This May and June, we have the opportunity to donate to one of the greatest needs: School uniforms.

There are few resources for school uniform items like polo shirts and khaki/navy pants when families can't afford to buy them, but many schools in Delaware require them. This can place a burden on students and families as they strive to excel academically. In 2023, the Clothing Bank was able to provide over 10,000 uniform items to 18 public schools in Delaware. Their plan is to expand their reach incrementally until they are eventually serving the entire state.

NCPC can be a part of this effort, and it's so easy, you don't even have to leave your computer. We are asking NCPC members to make online donations during the months of May and June to help this worthwhile cause.

Donations can be made online through the Friendship Clothing Bank website at: <https://www.friendshipousede.org/delaware-homeless/our-programs/clothing-bank/school-uniform-initiative/>

Go to the right side of the page and select from three different donation registries (Target, Amazon, and French Toast). Clothing items will then be delivered directly to the Clothing Bank. Thank you for assisting with this great cause.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Selheimer at selheime@udel.edu or 302-368-8639.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

Please consider giving a Mother's Day gift to a local mom in need. Chester County supports young moms and families who have immigrated here from Guatemala. These young moms need support to help them stabilize here in the States. Please see Amy Selheimer during coffee hour. She'll have more information on giving.

Thank you for supporting these women!



Prayer List:

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

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
505 Greenbank Rd., Room C7
Wilmington, DE 19808

Linda Twyford

New Castle Nursing & Rehab
32 Buena Vista Dr,
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-2580

David Lioi

ShIPLEY Living
2723 Shipley Road
Healthcare Ctr Rm. 505
Wilmington, DE 19808

At Home:

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Cokesbury
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George Spock

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James Boyle

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	05/05	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00-2:00pm	Young-ish Women's Gathering
Monday	05/06		Brownies Due
Tuesday	05/07	9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
		6:00pm	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	05/08	3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	05/09	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	05/11	8:00am	Tai Chi
		3:00-5:00pm	New Member Gathering @ the Fogarty's
SUNDAY	05/12	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Read House Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting

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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)

