



Hosanna!

BLESSED
IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD!

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 handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian Church

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Palm Processional

Processional

Margaret R. Tucker

Join us across 2nd Street as the handbell choir leads us into the Meeting House

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Kevin McChesney

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

Hosanna!

Victor C. Johnson

Minerva Lermond and Ellie Gerhart – Handbells

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord has answered our prayer and become our salvation.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Let us worship the one worthy to be praised.

*Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives don't reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real. Have mercy on our wandering hearts. Ride into our lives with healing grace. Forgive what we have done. Direct who we shall be. Hosanna! Lord, save us... (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 #215 (verse 1)

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Ride On, Redeemer King! Gene Grier/Greg Gilpin
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Hosanna, hosanna, ride on, Redeemer King; the children all surround you, their sweet hosannas sing. Hosanna, hosanna, their praise and prayers they bring; Hosanna, hosanna, ride on, Redeemer King. The angels in the highest heaven sing praises from on high, as people lift their voices and sing a loud reply; Hosanna, hosanna, with palms and garments strow. Hosanna, hosanna, as onward now You go. All glory, laud and honor, to Thee Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring; Thou art the king of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. Hosanna, hosanna, O King and Blessed One. Hosanna, hosanna, your battle has begun. Hosanna, hosanna, to You, God's only Son; Hosanna, hosanna, the victory is won! Hosanna, hosanna!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of grace, your Word is like a song. It is the melody that we long to sing, the refrain that we pray will get stuck in our heads. As we turn to scripture, we pray that you would allow us to sink into this song. Allow us to hear the truth in between the words. Allow the cries of the crowd's "hosannas" to feel like our own. With open hearts and open ears we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson The Triumphal Entry: Luke 19:28-40 Page: NT 83

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Making Room in our Neighborhood

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Oh, Holy Jesus

Douglas Wagner

***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**

Triune God, you have shown us the sacrifice you desire. Now use these gifts and use our lives to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, to welcome the poor, and to unite the human family. We pray in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

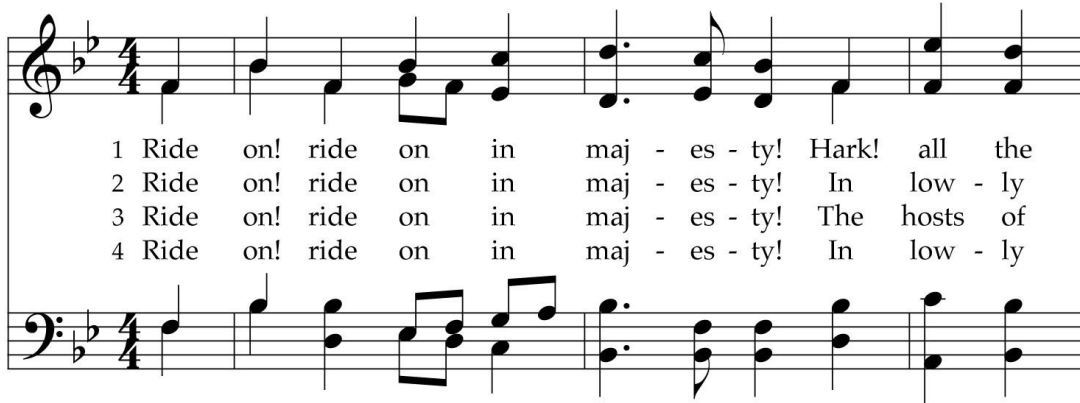
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

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 #198

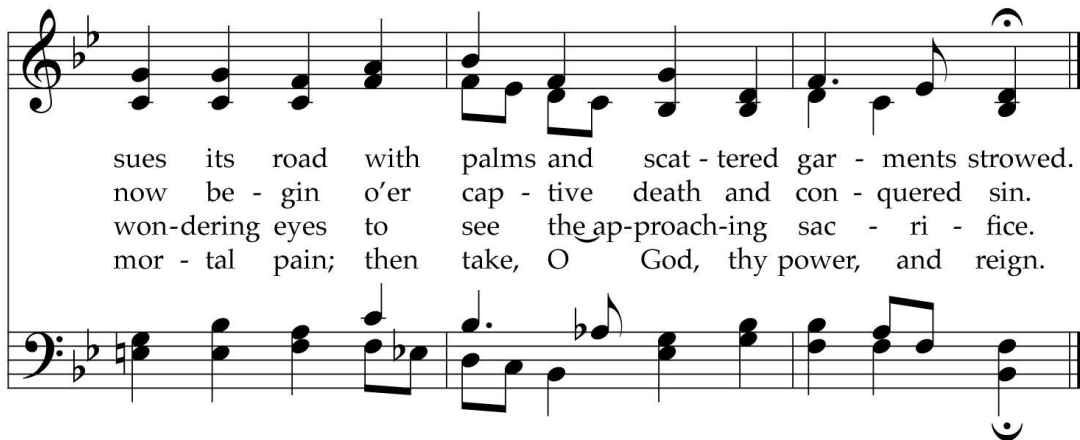
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to



sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction **Surely, He Has Borne Our Grievs** Michael Larkin
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Steeple Bell

Postlude **The Old Rugged Cross** 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: Nancy Kersey *Counters:* Jen Dunham/Gary Graham
Ushers: Julia & George Spock *Fellowship Hour:* Session
Nursery: Lynn Smith/Chris Fagles *Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Teisha Fooks

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Marie M. Smith *Erica Wallstab*
1897-1983 *1997*



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	4/13		PALM SUNDAY
		10:25am	Processional on 2nd Street
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:30am	Youth Group
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
Tuesday	4/15	6:30pm	Christian Education Committee Mtg
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	4/16	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	4/17		MAUNDY THURSDAY
		7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service –Fellowship Hall
Friday	4/18		GOOD FRIDAY
			All day open meditation - Meeting House
Saturday	4/19	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	4/20		EASTER SUNDAY
		6:30pm	Sunrise Service Battery Pier
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Easter Fair

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

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

FISH BANKS / ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Next Sunday, we'll collect our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Each gift supports Presbyterian ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online at: <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>

HOUSING RESOURCES – FINAL CALL

Attack Addiction provides resources for individuals and seeks to remove the stigma of addiction. One of their recovery residences for women is a working farm in Seaford. There, the ladies care for animals and maintain gardens. If you have any tools, pots, soil, or other garden supplies that you can donate, please contact Phee Price at 305.490.5930 or just drop off what you have on the porch at 17 East 2nd Street, Historic New Castle. Deadline is today. Thank you!

WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

On Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 AM, we will walk here in Old New Castle in Battery Park. Sign up for a Friendship House team or make a donation here.

www.walkforahealthycommunity.org Please let Amy Selheimer know if you'll be walking with us this year! amysel63@gmail.com or text me: 302-584-0982



EGGS FOR THE EASTER FAIR

Pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs in the CE building and fill them with various goodies (candy, stickers, etc.) for our Easter Fair Egg Hunt. **Return eggs by Today** Pro-tip: tape the eggs shut! Interested in volunteering at the Easter Fair (setting up, hiding eggs, cleaning up, etc.). contact Melissa Boris at borism1010@gmail.com



EASTER FAIR REGISTRATION – RSVP BY TOMORROW

Join us during on Sunday, April 20, for our annual Easter Fair from 10:30-12. We are looking forward to the younger members of the church participating in Easter activities, songs, and stories...as well as everyone's favorite Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour! Register by April 14 at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/easterfair>

EASTER FLOWERS FORM

On Easter Sunday, the Meeting House is decorated with spring flowers to help us celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. If you would like to donate a flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, please return the form by today.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 17

Join us for Bluegrass Worship with Communion at 7p.m. this Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. We'll worship around tables together, as Christ gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper, and refreshments will be offered, including wine and cheese.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18

The Meeting House will be open all day with copies of our Good Friday Devotional available for personal meditation. Copies of the devotional will also be shared by email with the congregation.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20

Join us for our 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier.

Our (indoor) 10:30 a.m. Worship will be in the Meeting House, along with the Easter Fair.

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