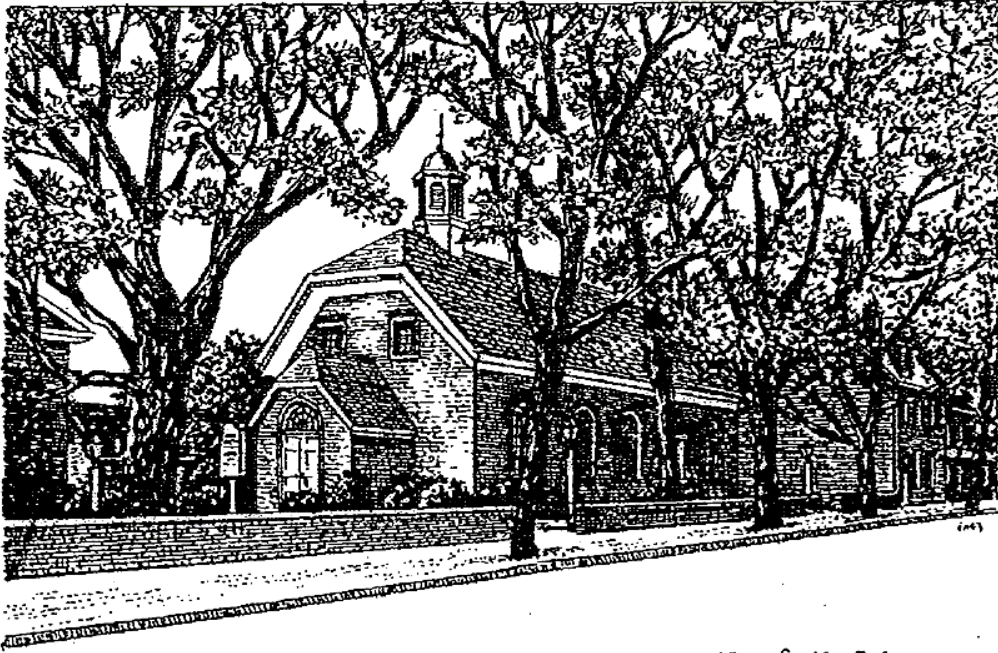


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 23, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

**The Lark in the Clear Air** Traditional Irish tune  
Mary Anne Brundage - Harp

**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**

The God who first heard the morning stars sing  
never forgets the cry of the afflicted.

**You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

The God who set the limits of the seas  
remains a stronghold for the oppressed.

**You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Come, let us thank God for all Gods mighty works.

**Come, let us sing of God's steadfast love.**

\*Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:  
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
cho - sen band:  
take your part:

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.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Pharoah and the immigrant, you call us by name to worship you and not the works of our hands. God of the widow and the orphan, you call us by name to hear the cries of our neighbors and relieve the burdens of others.**

**Forgive us for the times when we believe that we can deliver ourselves. Forgive us for the times when we have closed our eyes and ears to the needs of your children.**

**Forgive us and free us to live as your forgiven and forgiving people. *(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 of our salvation, you are our source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people; you continue to heal and save. Speak your story of hope for us today. Amen.**

#### Scripture Lesson

**Exodus 1:8-22**

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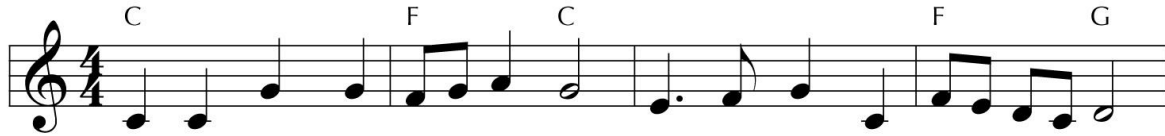
<sup>8</sup>Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" <sup>19</sup>The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup>So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

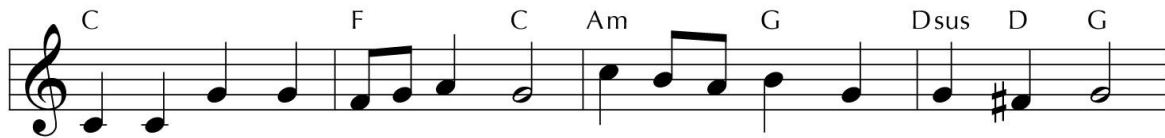
**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**\*Hymn #19**

**God of Great and God of Small**

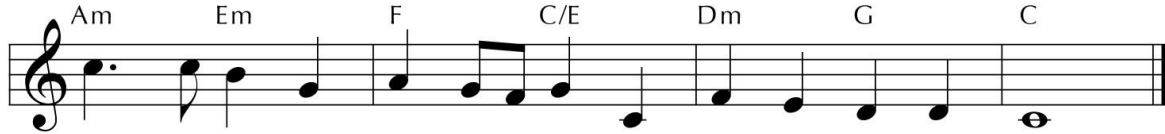


1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

*Refrain*



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

7.7.7.7 with refrain

**Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

**Lullaby**

**L. McKennitt**

**Mary Anne Brundage - Harp**

**\*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**

**Almighty God, you still the waters and answer from whirlwinds.**

**Though you hold all power and glory, you do not use them to uphold the powerful but to uplift those brought low by oppression, trouble, and sorrow. Bless these offerings that your steadfast love would transform your creation. Bless our lives that we would live as blessings to others. In Christ we pray, 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 #733

## We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Steeple Bell Postlude

**Blessing**  
Bethany Faiz – Piano

arr. Katie Moran Bart  
(based on an Irish poem)

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.  
As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

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### Thank you for serving today:

*Worship Leader:* Janet Spring      *Counters:* Greg Fogarty/Barbara Whisman  
*Ushers:* Julia & George Spock      *Coffee Hour:* Sidewalk Fellowship  
*Nursery:* Jane Fouracre/Stephanie Foltz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Samuel M. Couper*      *Forest T. Hamilton*  
*1804-1886*      *1907-1988*



## SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in June. **Please sign up today:**

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – SUMMER UPDATES

Sunday School is on hiatus, but Nursery care will continue through the summer. If you're interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer, please contact Molly Shaw - [mollypaige1@aol.com](mailto:mollypaige1@aol.com). Children are welcome in worship; children's worship materials are available in the entryway to the Meeting House.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SIGN-UP & PLANNING**

*Put on Love* is our VBS for Pre-K through 12 on Sunday, July 14 from 4-7 p.m. We'll hear Paul's words to the Colossians to wear Christ-like compassion, kindness, and love. **Register by July 7:**

**<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/vacation-bible-school>**

We have a great group of volunteers to help teach, lead music/ games/ crafts, help serve food, and clean-up. We are still looking for a couple more volunteers, especially to help shepherd the children. **Our next planning meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m.; email Pastor Miriam for the link!**

We are looking for some donated supplies to make the evening super fun! This week's ask: do you have some quirky shirts or coats/ ponchos that could help us "put on love"? Let Pastor Miriam know by email or text.

## **SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION – DAVID LIOI**

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of David Lioi who died to this life at the age of 81 on June 7 at Christiana Care. David regularly shared his wisdom with the Wednesday Bible Study, and in leading our shift to electronic candles and seasonal silk flower arrangements, David brought light and color to our worship of God. We pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort the Lioi family, especially Joan, and we give thanks to God that David now rests in Christ's peace. David's funeral will be held in the NCPC Meeting House at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, with a reception to follow. David's obituary will be available online soon; we will share it as it's available.

## **PRIDE WEEKEND IN NEW CASTLE – JUNE 29**

Mark your Calendars for some exciting events to celebrate Pride Month in New Castle! NCPC will host a creative event of spoken-word, visual art and music featuring artist Phoenix from Riverfront Ministries and pianist-extraordinaire Michael Hunter at 3pm. This will be followed by a reception in the CE Building. We are asking the congregation to donate either finger foods or set-up/clean-up time for the 4pm reception. We'd like to keep it simple; similar to things that are served for coffee hour. Please sign up if you can help; there will be a sign-up sheet in the CE building. Please see either Diana Reilly or Phee Price with questions. If you'd like to be a part of planning these events, contact Phee Price at [pheeprice@gmail.com](mailto:pheeprice@gmail.com)

## **FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS**

This May and June, we have the opportunity to donate to one of Friendship House's greatest needs: School uniforms. Many schools in Delaware require them, putting a burden on students and their families. In 2023, the Clothing Bank was able to provide over 10,000 uniform items to 18 public schools in Delaware. 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](mailto:selheime@udel.edu) or 302-368-8639.

## **LET FREEDOM RING – JULY 4**

The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bell Ringing Ceremony in Historic New Castle will be at 1:30pm. It will be held at Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green. Please be seated inside no later than 1:25pm. For more information email Kim Burdick at [haleybryneshouse@aol.com](mailto:haleybryneshouse@aol.com) or call Noel Kuhrt at (302) 655-2096.

## **BATTERY PARK CONCERT – WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 @ 6:30 pm**

Bring your lawn chair, a cold beverage and your sense of community as we gather together for one of the Summer Concerts; this one featuring the Acoustic Rock group FINN.

## **BLUE ROCKS – AUGUST 10**

GOOD NEWS: We've reserved 20 tickets to a Blue Rocks Baseball Game. GREAT NEWS: Our seats are behind third base AND in the shade AND stacked in 4 rows of 5!!! Tickets are \$13 each. Please reach out to our resident Ticketmaster Jen Dunham for tickets

## **NCPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

Join us on August 28th at 3 p.m. in the Read House Garden for our NCPC summer read: Anne Lamott's *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*. Copies will be available for purchase through the church office soon, or copies are available through the library or your favorite book supplier. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated.

## **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>

## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

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Wilmington, DE 19808

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### ***James Boyle***

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JBPHH, HI 96860

## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>06/23</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Fellowship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>06/25</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>VBS Planning Zoom meeting</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>06/29</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Funeral Service for David Lioi</b>
		<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Pride Event at Meeting House</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>06/30</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Fellowship</b>

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)*

