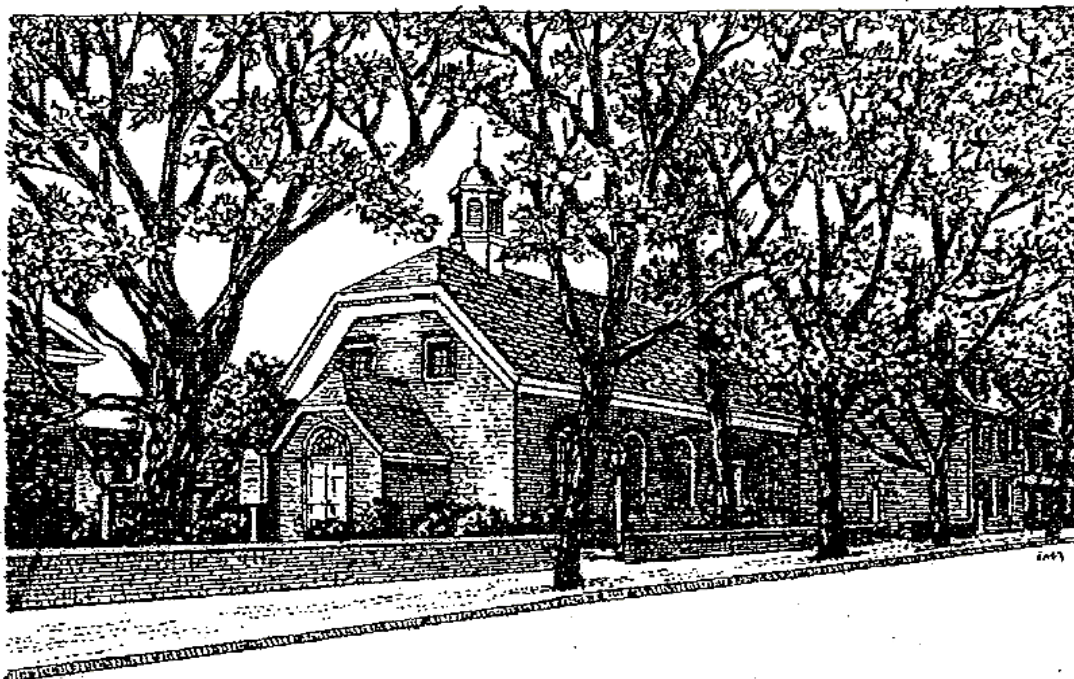


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 10, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

**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

Where two or three are gathered together,

God is in their midst.

We gather to proclaim the promises and to retell the stories.

God is in our midst.

Let us remember who we are and whose we are.

Let us worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

***Hymn #26**

Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing

snow - storm!
cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
work - ers!
mem - bers!

mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

This lively text was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor.

But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless inaction. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will... (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

Anthem

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Temple/Holstein

Bethany Faiz - Piano

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have spoken to us and revealed yourself to us through the gift of your word. Help us to heed your voice, that we may follow you faithfully and honor your glorious name, through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children: Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:1-2; 9–21

Page: NT 161

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Sermon

“Lunch Box Notes”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Statement on Ordained Service from I Corinthians 12:4-6

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

And there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

And there are varieties of activities,

But it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

***Affirmation of Faith: The 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.

Presentation of Candidates

Questions to Candidates & Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Lindy and Liz as Deacons and Cindy, Peter, and Walt as Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (We do.)

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? (We do.)

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration and Welcome

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee arr. Vicki Collinsworth
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 God, author and giver of all things, plant in our hearts the love of your name. Increase in us deep faithfulness, and nourish us with all goodness. May these offerings bring forth in your world the fruit of the Spirit, that love, joy, and peace would abide. 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 #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

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MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

*Charge and Benediction Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

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.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Melissa Boris

Counters: Mike Smith & Marshall Freund

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Jane Fouracre

Nursery: Mariellen Edinburg/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Laura C. Matthews
1923-1974

Ruth B. McCullough
1928-2012



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks.

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

Coffee Hour fellowship resumes next Sunday, so we're in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY RESUME TODAY

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

For Sunday School: Melissa Boris & Stephanie Foltz

For Nursery: Molly Shaw.



GIFTS OF LOVE COLLECTION - TODAY

In Romans 12:13, Paul urges us to "share with God's people who are in need."

Our quarterly Gifts of Love collection supports the ministry of the St. Vincent dePaul Society at St. Peter's. Together, we assist our neighbors in need to pay for overdue utility bills, oil deliveries, rent, and mortgage payments. Make a gift through our white envelopes today to share with God's people who are in need.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our weekly Bible Study resumes this Wednesday at 2 p.m., in person in the Fellowship Hall. This fall, we'll be studying the lectionary passage for the upcoming Sunday. Reach out to Pastor Miriam if you have any questions!

CLOTHING DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER

Refresh your life (and your closets!) by donating your new or gently used, clean clothing and school uniforms to Friendship House. Donations can be 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!



FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH - FALL RETREAT 2023

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at [Pecometh Camp](#) from Friday, Sept. 22 through Sunday, Sept. 24. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!) Congregational Life has reserved space for tent camping, a pavilion for group meals, and worship space for Sunday morning. RSVP ASAP by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/ywMXhBo9fqeDnvH97>.

MENTORING THIS FALL – A CHILD NEEDS YOU

Creative Mentoring provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills. This is not tutoring, it's more of an opportunity for a child to connect with a caring adult. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email Candy Dunson - ddunson2@aol.com.

COVENANT CONVERSATION – NOV 11

Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" event to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we seek to become more authentic and creative in our welcome, affirmation and support of LGBTQIA+ people. The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. Let Pastor Miriam know if you plan to attend and sign up today:



<https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-new-castle-presbytery/>

MEALS ON WHEELS

In Matthew 25, Christ calls us to feed the hungry and visit the sick, and through Meals on Wheels, we get to do Christ's work of feeding and visiting our homebound neighbors. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers' service! We are looking for a few additional volunteers to deliver meals regularly and on a substitute basis. Please give this volunteer opportunity your thoughtful and prayerful consideration. It means so much to those being served. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me at 302-328-7346 or email me at suzieflook@hotmail.com. Thank you! Susan Flook, Meals on Wheels Coord.

Prayer List:

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

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Wilmington, DE 19806

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/10	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Backpack Blessing, Installation of Officers
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:45am	Deacons Meeting
Tuesday	09/12	6:00pm	Resource Development Meeting
Wednesday	09/13	2:00pm	Bible Study with the Pastor
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	09/14	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	09/16	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	09/17	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Young-ish Women Gathering

Kris will be out of the office on Friday, September 15.

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Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	Walt Sparrow-Hood
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)

