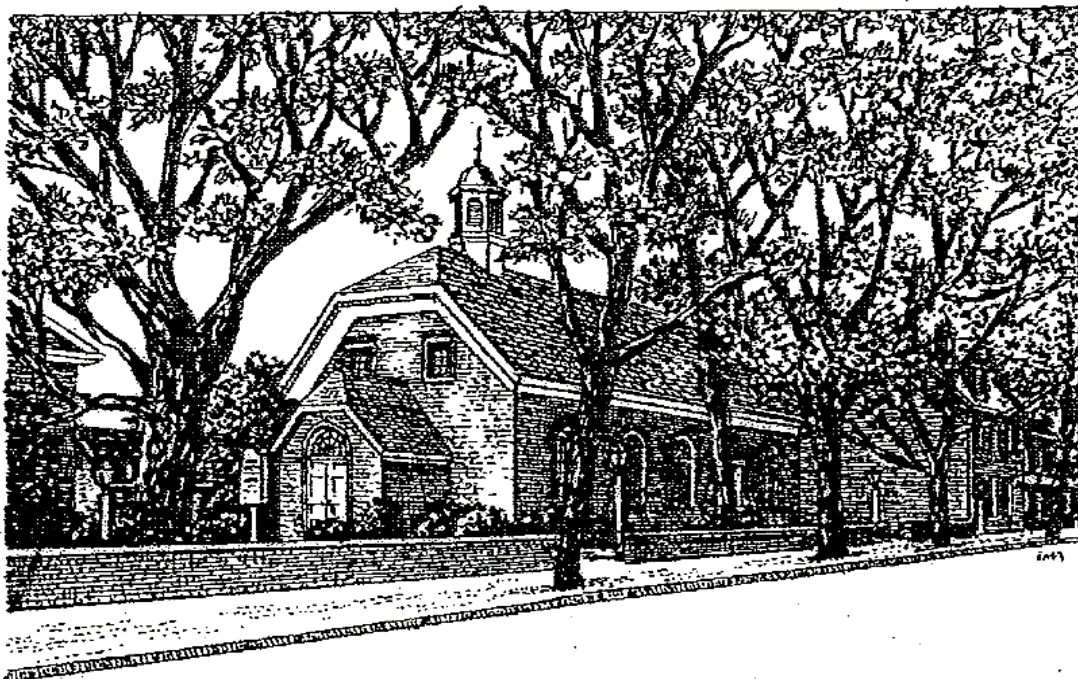


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation arr. Cindy Berry
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

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north.

We gather to celebrate the God of peace.

We share in the Spirit who consoles us and encourages us.

**We share in the Spirit who instructs us and calls us together as the
body of Christ.**

The God for whom we have waited is among us.

The God of our ancestors is here. Let us worship the Great I Am!

***Hymn #340**

This is My Song

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess to you that we are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others with the same grace that we extend to ourselves. We have put our needs before others.

Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us as we embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, that we might serve each other as you served us and reflect your glory in this 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 #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

Celtic Communion

arr. Mark Hayes

Amy Shimmin – Flute, Bethany Faiz - Piano

Bread of the World in mercy broken, Wine of the Soul in mercy shed, by Whom the words of life were spoken, and in Whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken; Look on the tears by sinners shed; And be Your feast to us the token that by Your grace our souls are fed! Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, One in Three; Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ within me, Three in One. Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

The Disorderly Peace of Christ

Words of Institution
Partaking
Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #765 May the God of Hope Go with Us (sung twice)**

***Charge and Benediction
Choral Benediction**

Steeple Bell

**Postlude There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood arr. Marianne Kim
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: Ray Snyder

Communion: Amy & Scott Selheimer, Connie Reese and Cindy Beam

Counters: Melissa Boris/Gary Graham

Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman

Coffee Hour: Sandra Wilson/ Susan Fogarty

Nursery: Mary Fontinha/Julie Barry

Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***Bertha Seaman
1894-1974***

***Sarah J. Reeves
1910-2012***



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> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY

Session has called a special meeting following worship to elect Miranda Matthews as a Deacon, Class of 2024.

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING – TODAY

World Communion Sunday recognizes our oneness in Christ with our siblings around the world. Our Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Learn more about this offering here: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our weekly Bible Study will be 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.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE – FINAL CALL

The Friendship House van will come on Thursday, October 5, at 11 a.m. to collect our clothing donations. Contact Candy Dunson if you're available to help load the van.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 4

On Wednesday, October 4th (St. Francis of Assisi Day) at 6pm, we will have a Blessing of the Animals event outside of the CE Building. Creatures of all shapes and sizes are welcome. If your pet doesn't travel well or play well with others, bring their picture or one of their accessories to be blessed. And feel free to invite one of your pet's friends as everyone would benefit from a blessing!

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

We are looking for a few additional volunteers to deliver meals regularly and on a substitute basis. 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION – SAT., OCT. 28

Help us celebrate All Saints Day (Nov. 1) by caring for our church cemetery. Join the NCPC Trustees from 10am to 12pm at 2 Umbrella Road. Bring gloves and a trowel; wear sturdy shoes. We will pick up trash and plant bulbs around the perimeter. Contact Gary Graham if you have any questions.

PUMPKIN PARTY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Put on your costumes and join us October 29th for our Pumpkin Party! Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m.; children of all ages will head over to the Fellowship Hall around 10:50 a.m. for story and craft time with our Christian Education volunteers. During coffee hour, parents and children can play games, and ALL church members will be invited to participate in our mini Halloween parade. The Pumpkin Party will be held alongside our Chili Cook-off, so lunch will be provided for all ages (we will have some non-chili options as well). Guests are invited to bring toiletries and peanut butter and jelly to donate through our Gifts of Love program. Please RSVP here: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/pumpkin-party>

FALL CHILI FEST – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Chili fest is back again on October 29th during coffee hour! Come one, come all and bring your favorite crockpot of chili to share with everyone. A sign-up sheet is located on the rolling bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all for some fall fun!

COVENANT CONVERSATION – NOV 11

Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we welcome, affirm and support LGBTQIA+ members.

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/>



Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
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Wilmington, DE 19806

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
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Wilmington, DE 19808

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Anita Johnson

Cokesbury
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On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock

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FPO AE, 09834

On Assignment with the Air Force:

James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	10/01	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Special Called Congregational Meeting
		11:45am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday	10/03	6:00pm	Resource Development Meeting
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10/4	2:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Blessing of the Animals
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/5	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	10/07	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	10/08	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Bible Presentation
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		11:45am	Bible Discovery Class
		12:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
		3:00-5:00pm	Minute Review of Session Minutes at Elsmere PC

Prayer of Dedication: adapted from "A Non-Traditional Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox

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Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

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)

