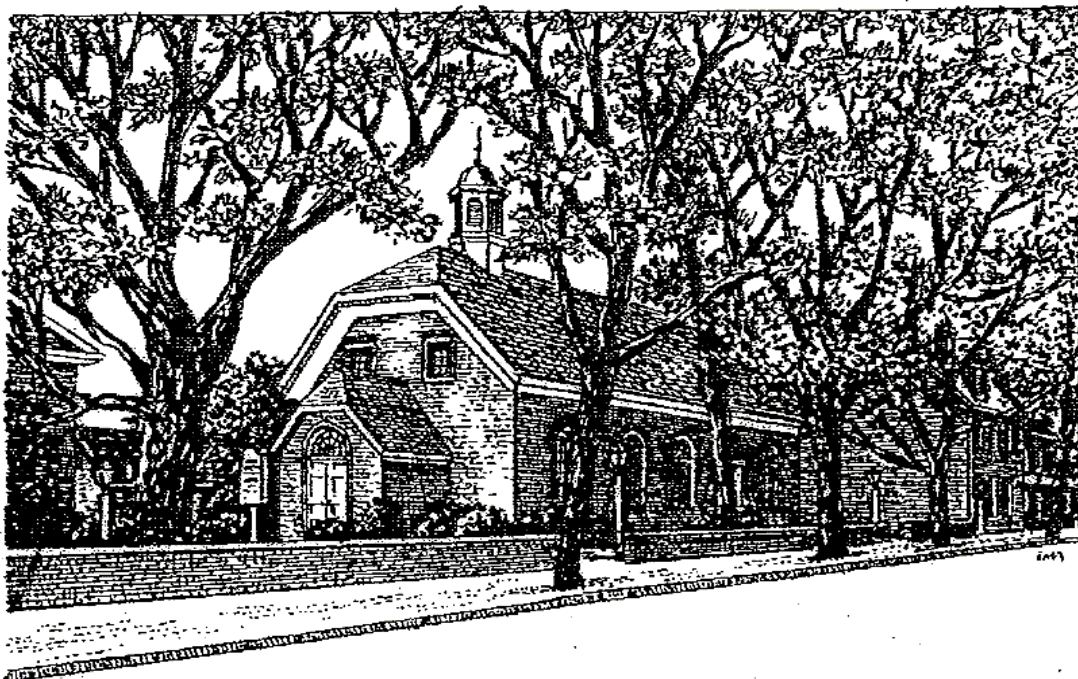


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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.

**At the end of worship**, please join us for sidewalk fellowship on 2nd 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  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 27, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

I Must Tell Jesus  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

**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**

We gather as the body of Christ.

**We are many individuals, but together we are one.**

Let us not be conformed to this age but be transformed by the renewing  
of our minds.

**Let us seek the will of God – what is good and acceptable and  
perfect.**

Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role,


**But together we worship Jesus Christ the Messiah!**

**\*Hymn #104**


**O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**




1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?  
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.  
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,  
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, our station more than we trust in you.**

**But you, O Lord, have not forsaken us. Our help is in your name, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Forgive us for conforming to this world. Return us and restore us to your way of justice and mercy... *(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**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**O God, you have claimed us as your beloved children, clothing us with your grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give us dreams and visions of your holy realm, where all are reconciled to live in peace and truth. Amen.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## Welcome into Membership

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Prayer

Words of Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to this congregation. May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!**

## Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Affirmations by the Parents and Sponsors

Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ciaran by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be his faithful disciple? **We do.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith – 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.**

Prayer

Act of Baptism

Hymn #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Words of Welcome

**Ciaran, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church! May you always know that you are held in God’s hands and in the hearts of your church family. Amen.**

**Scripture Conversation with Children**

**Sermon**

*The Church Key Sign-Out List*

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

The Lord is My Light

music C Walker

Michael Alexander – Soloist

arr Michael Larkin

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**

**Holy God, through baptism, you save us from sin and evil and deliver us from death. Restore in us the hope of your resurrection and train us for your service that we may help to set others free. May these offerings witness to Jesus Christ, our way, our truth, and our life. 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 #766**

## **The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound**



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by  
2 True faith will o - pen up the door and  
3 True love will not sit i - dly by when  
4 If what we have we free - ly share to  
5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and  
step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek  
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the  
meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the  
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.  
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.  
love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005

MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940  
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## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

**Postlude**

To God Be the Glory  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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: Carol Mayhew      Counters: Connie Reese/Gail Seitz  
Ushers: Karen Dobson & Julia Spock

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***C. Richard Valiant***  
***1940-1973***

***Judith A. Wolfe***  
***1952-2012***



## **SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP**

We are in need of **ushers** and **worship leaders** in the coming months. Take a moment [to sign up](#) today!

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM – TODAY**

This morning, we welcome into membership Kristin Campbell, Stephanie Foltz, and Jean Norvell. We welcome Ciaran Campbell Ryan into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. Come and meet our newest siblings in Christ!

## **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

Children are welcome to remain in the Meeting House during worship.

(Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.)

If families need to step out during worship, a "pray ground" and livestream are available in the Fellowship Hall.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY TRAINING – TODAY



Sunday School and Nursery care will resume on September 10, 2023. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

For Sunday School: Melissa Boris & Stephanie Foltz

For Nursery: Molly Shaw. **There will be a recommended training**

**for Sunday School and Nursery volunteers following worship today!**

## CLOTHING DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER

September marks our popular annual clothing drive for Friendship House. Refresh your life (and your closets!) by donating your new or gently used, clean clothing and school uniforms to Friendship House.

Donations can be brought to the church and 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, September 22 through Sunday, September 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. Cabins and nearby hotels are available for personal reservation too! RSVP ASAP by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/ywMXhBo9fqeDnvH97>.



## MENTORING THIS FALL – A CHILD NEEDS YOU

Our mentoring program with local schools was put on hold during the pandemic, but we're gearing up to get started again this fall. 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](mailto: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/>



## MAUI ASSISTANCE

Our Church has made a donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Fund (PDA) in response to the fires in Hawaii. PDA is disbursing funds to address emergency needs (food, water, shelter, medicine) and will continue to be present through the long-term recovery phase. If you would like to make an individual donation designate your gift to DR000165 and send to:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Presbyterian Church (USA) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
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## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com)

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

### ***Joan Smith***

Kentmere Rehab & HC  
1900 Lovering Avenue  
Wilmington, DE 19806

### ***Rod Denison***

Cadia Rehab Capitol  
1225 Walker Road  
Room 132A Holly Unit  
Dover, DE 19904

## ***At Home:***

### ***Kathy Griffin-Graham***

323 Oregon Avenue  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 324-9944

### ***Anita Johnson***

Cokesbury  
HealthCare Rm 2006  
726 Loveville Road,  
Hockessin, DE 19707

### ***Janet Reed***

106 Colesbery Drive  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-6749

### ***Mary Duncan***

1323 Richard's Alley  
Wilmington, DE 19806  
(302) 888-0282

### ***Linda Twyford***

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

### ***Judy Hentkowski***

128 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-8266

### ***Robert Lindfors***

202 Brylgon Ave.  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-5369

## ***On Assignment with the Coast Guard:***

### ***George Spock***

USCGC Scheuerman  
PSC 851 P.O. Box 11620  
FPO AE, 09834

## ***On Assignment with the Air Force:***

### ***James Boyle***

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54  
JBPHH, HI 96860

## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>08/27</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Training – Counting / Live Streaming</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; New Members</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sunday School/Nursery Training</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>08/30</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Resource Development Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>09/02</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>09/03</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Coffee Hour</b>

*Pastor Miriam will be out of the office on Friday, September 1.*

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**Rev. Miriam Foltz, Pastor**

**Kris Krawczyk, Admin. Assistant**

**Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music**

**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

*Session meets the 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

*Deacons meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

## TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	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)*

