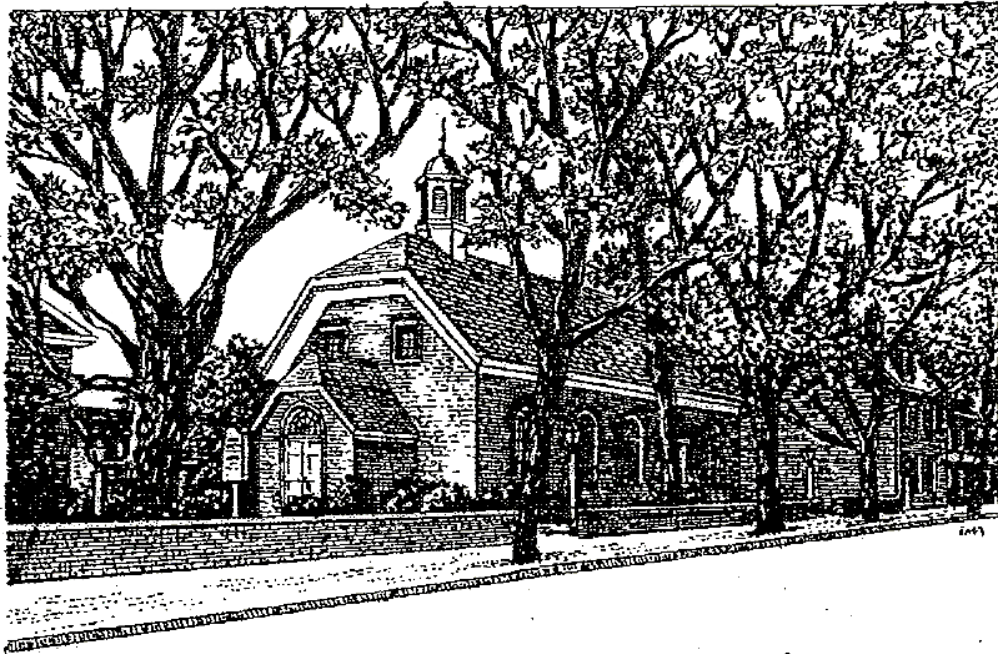


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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!

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
accessible parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday



Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. John Carter

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

The Lord is good!

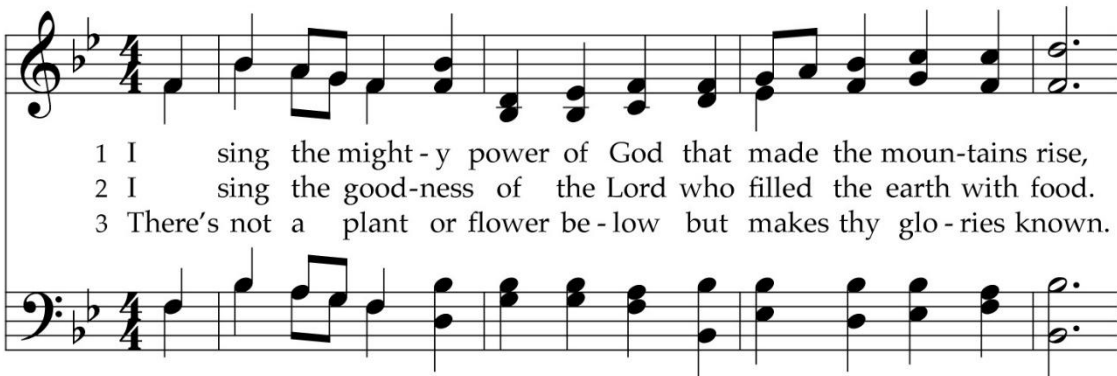
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of all life.

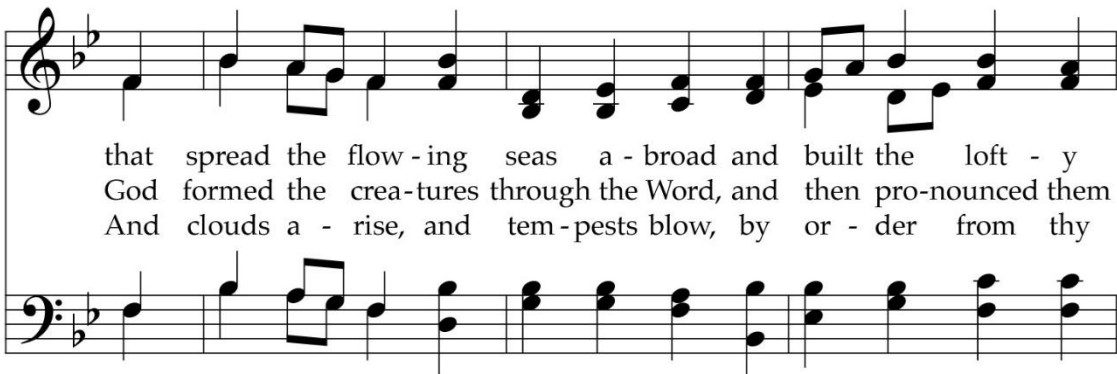
Amen! Praise the Lord!

*Hymn #32

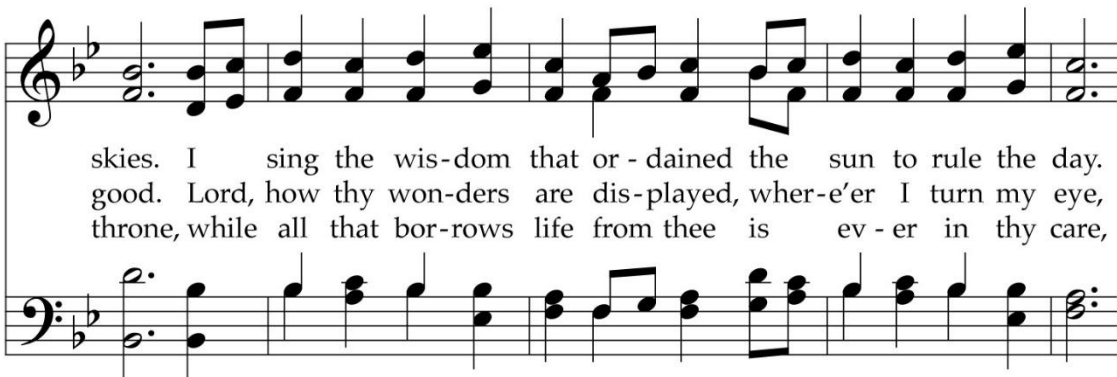
I Sing the Mighty Power of God



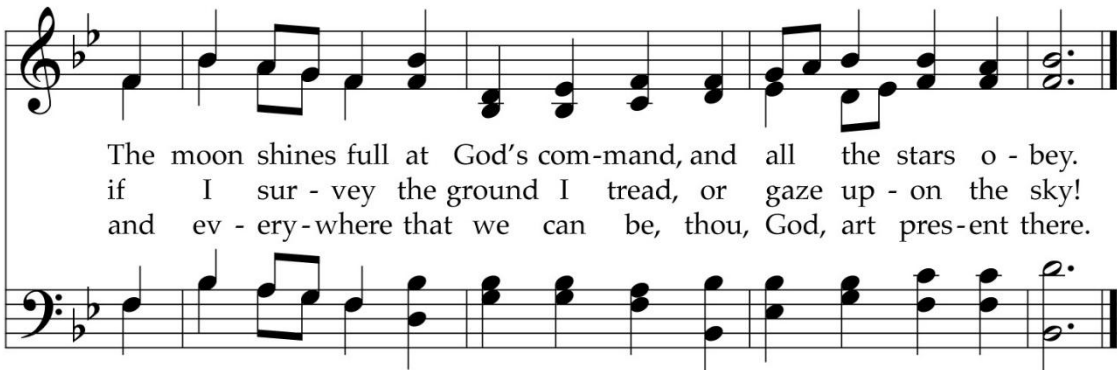
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are the creator of all that exists and the power of the universe. Yet our trust in you is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause -- an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making -- the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, forgive us and renew us, through Christ our Lord. Amen. ... (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

Gentle Shepherd

Molly Ijames

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Gentle Shepherd, lead us onward: we have need of nothing more; by still waters, through green pastures, You our weary souls restore. Gentle Shepherd, for your glory, guide us safely to our home, with Your staff to draw us closer when our hearts begin to roam. Gentle Shepherd, when we wander through the valley of despair and the darkness overwhelms us, You are ever watching there. Gentle Shepherd, Voice of comfort, calling through the night and cold, with Your rod of sweet correction, turn Your sheep back to the fold. Gentle Shepherd oh what mercy! You became the sacrifice, laid Your life down in submission when no lamb could pay the price. Gentle Shepherd, interceding, leading us through righteous ways, till we reach the upper pasture, where we'll live for endless days.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding, to your glory and for the care of your world. Amen.

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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

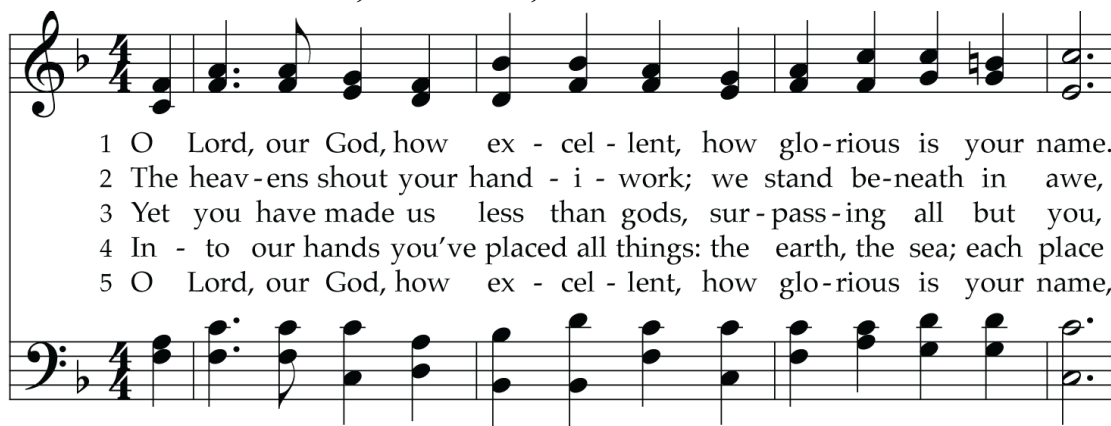
Sermon

Showing Up

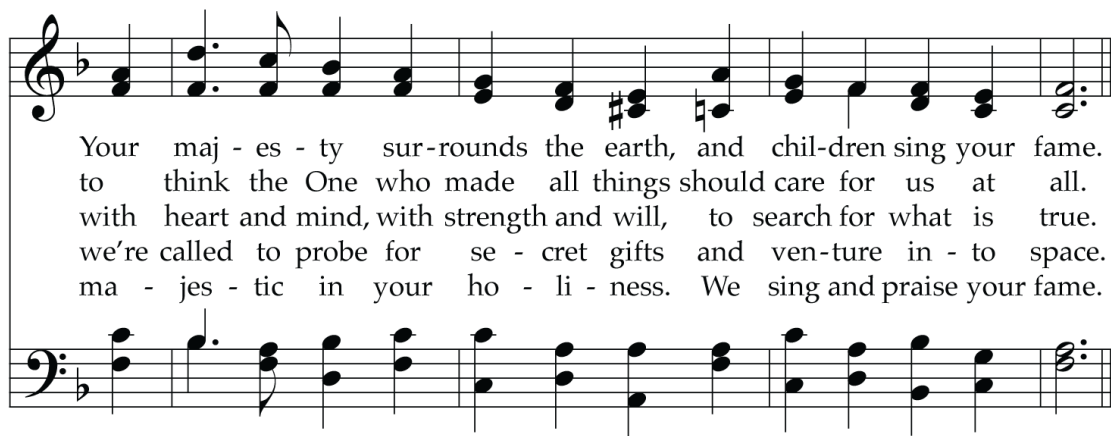
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #25

O Lord, our God, How Excellent



1 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name.
2 The heav - ens shout your hand - i - work; we stand be - neath in awe,
3 Yet you have made us less than gods, sur - pass - ing all but you,
4 In - to our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place
5 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name,



Your maj - es - ty sur - rounds the earth, and chil - dren sing your fame.
to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.
with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.
we're called to probe for se - cret gifts and ven - ture in - to space.
ma - jes - tic in your ho - li - ness. We sing and praise your fame.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory **Children of the Heavenly Father** arr. Anna Laura Page
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**

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, for we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. 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 #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The melody is characterized by frequent three-note units, as noted in the text.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Redeemed

arr. Cindy Berry

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: Valerie Leary

Coffee Hour: Session

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Counters: Amy Selheimer/Marshall Freund

Nursery: Molly Shaw/Chris Fagles

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Emily V. Fleming
1895 - 1988

Robert L. Briggs
1946 - 2016



WELCOME TO GUEST PREACHER THE REV. DR. WILLIAM HATHAWAY

Bill Hathaway (The Rev. Dr.) retired in 2018 after 42 years of serving PCUSA congregations in Buffalo NY, Lockport NY and Annapolis MD. Married to Alison Halsey (The Rev. Dr.), they live in Wilmington with their new puppy, Sofie. Marking the passage of time, their oldest grandchild, Brianna, started at U.D. this semester! Bill and Alison are active with the Winter Sanctuary (with the homeless) at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington and appreciate the support of many at NCPC.

DIRECTORY UPDATES – ASAP

In mid-October, Church Admin Kris prints off new paper directories. If you have a change in contact information (address, phone, or email), please email her your changes ASAP at office@newcastlepreschurch.org. Thank you!

NCPC YOUTH GROUP - FALL HAPPENINGS

NCPC's Youth Group is for 5th-12th graders and meets this month on Sunday, October 18 to discuss: what do Presbyterians believe about death!?

We'll visit NCPC's Memorial Garden and Cemetery, then grab lunch on the way to Mealey Funeral Home.

CHILI COOK-OFF & ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 25! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crock-pot of chili for our Cook-Off competition! We'll have Pumpkin Party activities for children during Coffee Hour, folks of all ages will enjoy delicious chili, AND we'll have a creative presentation of Abraham and Sarah's family tree from Genesis 12 to 50... Costumes are encouraged!

MISSION & OUTREACH WITH A SEAMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

Thanks to the very generous VBS collection, there are only a few items that we need before dropping off our donations to the Seamen's Center in early November.

We still need: socks (for cold weather), cough drops and hand lotion.

Grab a reminder in the CE building during coffee hour. The deadline for returning items is Sunday, November 1.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We need ushers for almost every Sunday this fall! Sign up online here:

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

If you haven't ushered before, do not fear! When you arrive at 10 a.m., a handy-dandy checklist takes you through the steps of preparing our space to welcome folks to worship God. Reach out to Elders Jen Dunham or Sarah McCann to learn more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Interested in helping our children learn God's Good News? Reach out to Molly Shaw at 302-743-6588, Mallory Mackie at 302-690-5665, or any member of the CE committee (Melissa, Stephanie, Lynn, Chris)!

<i><u>This Week's Schedule</u></i>			
SUNDAY	10/11	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship - Guest Preacher Bill Hathaway
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	10/12	9:00am-4:30pm	Private Counseling - in the library
Tuesday	10/13	7:00pm	Session Meeting
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
Wednesday	10/14	11:00am-2:00pm	Private Counseling - in the library
		3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	10/15	6:00pm	Young Adult Gatherings for the Presbytery
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	10/17	10:00am	Private Event in the Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY	10/18	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm-2:00pm	Youth Group
		5:30pm	Community Open Mic Night

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office from October 5 through October 11.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to Deacon Teisha Fooks at (302)883-7167.

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2027	2028	2029
Julie Barry	Jennifer Dunham	Cindy Beam
Sarah McCann	Chris Fagles	Melissa Boris
Amy Selheimer	Gina Kouma	Peter McCurdy
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2027	2028	2029
Julia Spock	Mary Anne Brundage	Mariellen Edinburg
Beverly Stoudt	Teisha Fooks	Heather Raezer
	Nan Wallace	Connie Reese

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2027	2028	2029
Gary Graham	Marshall Freund	Rob Barry
Kelly McCurdy	Mike Smith	Brendan Mackie

Trustees meet the 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

