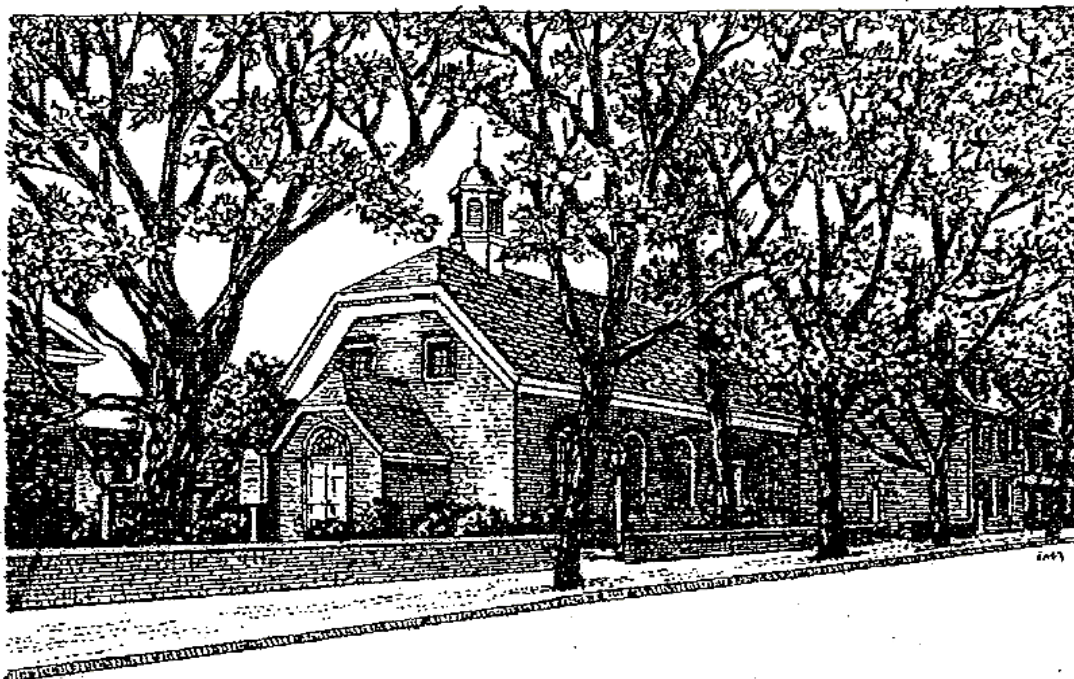


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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,

Please take basic COVID precautions with us. Masks are encouraged but not required in the Meeting House and Education building.

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 ages five through eleven 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.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

Worship "code": * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the basket 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 of Lent

March 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Tom Fettke

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

God calls us this day to a life of joy.

With God, joy cracks through the bonds of despair.

With God, joy bursts forth from moments of quiet pleasure.

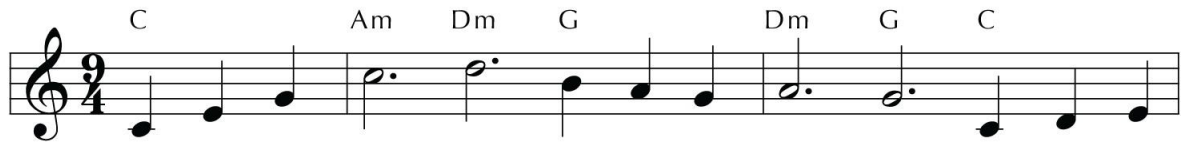
With God, joy gilds the edges of even ordinary days.

**This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad
in it.**

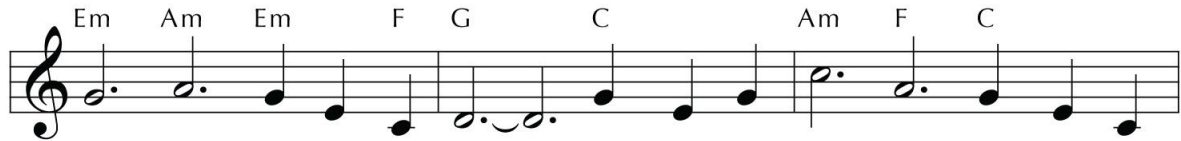
Let us worship God!

*Hymn #664

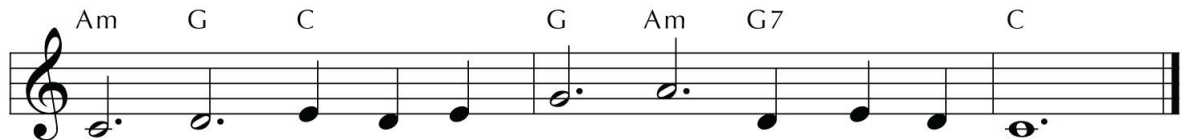
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

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MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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BUNESSAN
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*Act of Confession and Reconciliation

In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death and freed us from the bondage of guilt and judgment.

We come before God now, seeking grace freely given.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Forgive us our sins, we pray... (*Time for silent prayer.*)

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the God news of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Loved and held in God's arms we are made a new creation.

Everything old has passed away everything has become new. 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

When Jesus Wept arr. By Douglas E. Wagner

Bethany Faiz – Piano

When Jesus wept, the falling tear. In mercy flow'd beyond all bound. When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear. Seized all the guilty world around, around. O come, and mourn with me a while, and linger here beside. O come together, let us mourn. O Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

When Jesus wept, the falling tear. In mercy flow'd beyond all bound. When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear. Seized all the guilty world around. Our Lord is crucified.

Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Scripture Lesson

John 11:1-45

Page: NT 104

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." ⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." ¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles^[b] from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I

knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

“Not Dead Yet!”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Lloyd Larson

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**

Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. You can make all things new. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing offering for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. 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 #772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Lead Me to Calvary

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: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Connie Reese/Mike Smith

Ushers: Gary Graham/Sandra Wilson

Coffee Hour: Marshall Freund/Lyn Briggs

Nursery & Sunday School: Jane Fouracre / Rachel Handy-Hayes

Preacher: Rev. Alison Halsey

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Fred Krebs
1899-1969

Vera E. Coleman
1917-2005



EASTER FLOWERS!

Don't forget to order your Easter Flowers before Palm Sunday, April 2. Order forms are available in the Narthex of the Meeting House and the entrance to CE Building.

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>

Additionally, volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours are needed. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!



NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

As we head into Lent, volunteer to help our youngest members by contacting: For

Sunday School: Melissa Boris - borism1010@gmail.com

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – mollypaige1@aol.com

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online today at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

LENTEN SUPPERS

NCPC and churches around New Castle join together to host ecumenical dinners during the season of Lent. Immanuel Episcopal will host the fifth and final gathering on Wednesday, March 29, at 6 PM.

BROWNIES!

Open call for brownie bakers for Emmanuel Dining Room! Ten batches of brownies needed in the church's freezer by 4/6. Boxes of mix are available in the church kitchen. Thank you!



SPRING CAMPING ON THE LAWN/SUNDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP! NCPC is planning a Spring Camping event to be held on the Church lawn Saturday, April 29 – Sunday, April 30. Set up Saturday afternoon. We'll have a group meal Saturday evening, play games, have a fire pit, and sleep in tents on the lawn. Sunday April 30, breakfast/Coffee Hour is open to everyone and will be at 8:30 a.m. followed by an outdoor Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. We have tents and equipment to share. For more information and to sign-up for camping, please contact Mike Smith at mikesmithteam@gmail.com or 864.684.2563 by Sunday, April 16th. There's no cost.

CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30 (OUTDOORS) AT 9:30 a.m.

In conjunction with our Spring Camping Event, Coffee Hour/Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. before worship service. **Worship service will be outdoors at 9:30 a.m.** Bring a chair and/or blanket and let's enjoy fellowship and worship in God's creation.

Prayer List:

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

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Kentmere Rehab & HC
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Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2010
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

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James Boyle

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	03/26	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Nursery & Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	03/27	4:00pm	Spanish Class
Tuesday	03/28	7:00pm	Christian Ed Mtg via Zoom
Wednesday	03/29	6:00pm	Lenten Supper at Immanuel Episcopal
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	03/30	1:00pm	Lenten Bible Study via Zoom
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	04/01	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	04/02		PALM SUNDAY
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Mtg

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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 2nd 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 2nd Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)

TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	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)

