

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!

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
handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

Celebration No. 1

Michael R. Keller

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

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst, **And drink the water of life.**

Come now, all who hunger, **And be filled with good things.**

Come now, all who seek, **And be warmed by the fire of love.**

***Hymn #749**

Come! Live in the Light!

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One: at times when we hear the bad news of the world, it is as though we've been in the middle of a bad dream, and then we turn over and go back to sleep, ignoring the plight of your children. It is hard to see tragedy and suffering. It is hard to admit whatever responsibility we might have in the plagues of the world. It is hard to work for the good when the good seems so far off. So help us, dear Lord. Give us courage to see clearly. Give us strength to do our part. Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves. And give us faith to follow you. This is our prayer, offered in the name of Christ...

(Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

...So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace.

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

Choral Anthem I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light arr Benjamin Harlan
Bethany Faiz - Piano

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

Page: OT 866

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

Page: NT 4

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Sermon

Familiar Favorites

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #172

Blest Are They

Gsus Leader or All *G D C*



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7



ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G



Yours is the king - dom of God!

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** arr. Sondra Tucker

***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**

Gracious God, our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Communion and Prayers of the People

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

Words of Institution

Partaking


Prayer After Communion

Abundant God, we thank you once again for this meal, this day, this gift of resurrection. Send us out into your world to be the presence of love and hope to all who despair and fear, that all may have life, and life abundant. Alleluia, alleluia, amen.

***Hymn #300**

GO IN GOD'S NAME
We Are One in the Spirit

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm




1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm



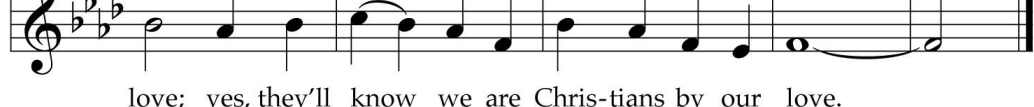
and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) Db (Em) Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) Bbm (Em) Fm (Am) Bbm (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (Am/E) Bbm/F (Em) Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

***Charge & Benediction**
Choral 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. Join us after worship for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Nancy Kersey

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Communion: **Janet Spring***, Scott Matthews, C.J. Seitz and Gina Kouma

Ushers: Scott Matthews

Counters: Jen Dunham/Mary Fontinha

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Connie Reese

Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Laura C. Matthews
1923 - 1974

Ralph R. Johnson, Jr.
1924 - 2006



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

JANUARY ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – RESCHEDULED TODAY

Join us today for a Valentine's Day Card-Writing project led by the Christian Education and Congregational Life Committees; design or write a card to send to members of our church family.

YOUNG(ISH) WOMEN'S

After Coffee Hour today, we'll head over for lunch fellowship at a local New Castle restaurant!

MASSANETTA CONFIRMATION RETREAT – POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 20-22

Due to Virginia's inclement weather, our five youth (Annabelle, Joey, Oliver, Ryan, and Wyatt) and three chaperones (Pastor Miriam, Amy, and Peter) didn't make it to Massanetta Springs this weekend, but we will head there in March for our Confirmation retreat!

NEW IMPROV GATHERING

Feeling the winter blues? Join Nan Wallace and New Castle Neighbors at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in NCPC's Fellowship Hall for improv games. No experience required!

UNDIES SUNDAY FOR WINTER SANCTUARY – FEBRUARY 8

Mission and Outreach is again having an Undie Sunday on Sun., Feb. 8th. Help support The Clothing Bank of De and the Winter Sanctuary by donating new underwear and socks. Shop at <https://tinyurl.com/44p48zvd> or scan QR code to the left. Men's and women's underwear, bras and socks are greatly needed! Donations can be dropped off in the CE Building.



LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship on February 18 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House.

Sign up today to bring soup for our Lenten Dinner on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Devotionals for *Tell Me Something Good* will be available mid-February in the CE Building entryway.

ALL-AGES GAME NIGHT – FEBRUARY 21

Congregational Life is planning an All-Ages Game Night in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday,

February 21 from 6-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game; we'll order some pizzas!

RSVPs to Gina Kouma (ina.kouma@gmail.com) or sign up in the Fellowship Hall by February 18.

WELCOME TO PASTOR ADENA MOULTON

Rev Adena Moulton is a chaplain at Christiana Care hospital in Newark Delaware where she provides spiritual care to patients and their loved ones. She graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School in 2023. She loves spending her time with friends and family, doing embroidery and cross stitch, and cuddling with her two cats, Aspen and Willow.

This Week's Schedule

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| SUNDAY | 02/01 | 10:30am | In-Person & Live Stream Worship |
| | | | & Communion / Guest Preacher Adena Moulton |
| | | 11:30am | Coffee Hour / Valentine Card Making |
| | | 12:00am | Young(ish) Women's Gathering |
| Monday | 02/02 | 1:30pm | Grief Group |
| | | 2:00-5:00pm | Private Counseling – Library |
| Tuesday | 02/03 | 12:00pm | People Who Like to Lunch @ The Mercury |
| | | 7:00pm | Promises of AA Meeting |
| Wednesday | 02/04 | 2:00-5:00pm | Private Counseling – Library |
| | | 3:00pm | Bible Study |
| | | 7:30pm | Choir |
| Thursday | 02/05 | 7:00pm | Celebration Ringers |
| Saturday | 02/07 | 8:00am | Tai Chi |
| SUNDAY | 02/08 | 10:30am | In-Person & Live Stream Worship |
| | | 11:30am | Coffee Hour |
| | | 11:30am | Youth Group |
| | | 12:00pm | Deacon's Meeting |

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