

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.

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, join us for sidewalk fellowship. Folks attending our All-Ages Field Trip to Friendship House's Clothing Bank will gather 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
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Rise Up and Serve the Lord arr Patricia Lou Harris
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 (from Jeremiah 17)

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose confidence is in God.

They will be like a tree planted by the water, sending out roots by the stream.

This tree does not fear when heat comes.

Its leaves are green; its fruit endures.

Come, let us place our trust in God!

Let us live in blessed faith together!

*Hymn #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison



1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad. light. y. cease: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! En - throned a - bove the The wil - der - ness can - A se - cret wrapped in Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sustaining God, you would have us deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow us in faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ...

(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

Take Root in My Heart

Frombach/Courtney

Amy Shimmin – Flute/ Mary Anne Brundage - Guitar

Steve Handy – Tambourine/ Bethany Faiz - Piano

Tis the season to be planting, your seed of love is sown. Become the fiber of my being. Take root in my heart, O God, take root in my heart. Tis the season for feeding, your word is how I am fed. Renew my body and my spirit. Take root in my heart, O God, take root in my heart. Become my life-blood flowing, the vine sustaining me. I am your branch still growing. Remain forever in me. Tis the season to nourish, reveal yourself to me. My soul awaits your holy presence. Take root in my heart, O God, take root in my heart. Become my lifeblood flowing, the vine sustaining me. I am your branch still growing. Remain forever in me. Take root in my heart.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God, our Delight, your word guides us in paths that are true. Watch over us, we pray, as we meditate on you day and night, and we will be happy. Come, Holy Spirit, raise us from death to life and fill our lives with joy through your Good News. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 6:17-26

Page: NT 64

He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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

Sermon

!Blind Summit!

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless-ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus-tains us; match-less are the gifts we share;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil-dren now re-claim;

by whose grace we find re - demp-tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark-ness, hope in con - flict, an-swering to our deep-est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.

Righ-teous-ness and rich com-pas-sion shall at-tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv-en: arms to lift when oth-ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un-der-stand-ing, brace our weak-ness by your might;

may God's prom-ise to be faith-ful ech-o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good-ness, faith-ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe - some hon-or, born in wis-dom; your great glo-ry, our de-light!

Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation

arr. John Purifoy

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**

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love. Bless these offerings as you continue to grow in us the gift of your grace. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord and Savior, 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 #372

O for a World



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

arr. Lani Smith

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Please remain seated through the Postlude.

Join us after worship for our All-Ages Field Trip to the Clothing Bank!

All printed music & performances are covered under: OneLicense #A-720755

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Scott Selheimer

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Nursery: Stephanie Foltz & Molly Shaw

Counters: Peter McCurdy/Mike Smith

No Coffee Hour

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Olive M. Hurlburt
1911-1982

David Holmberg
1911-1995



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	2/16		UNDIE SUNDAY
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	No Coffee Hour
		12-2:00pm	All Ages visit to Clothing Bank (Youth Group)
		6:00pm	Community Open Mic Night
Monday	2/17		OFFICE CLOSED – President's Day
Tuesday	2/18	6:00pm	Congregational Life & Membership Meeting
Wednesday	2/19	3:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	2/20	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	2/22	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	2/23	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	New Member Gathering

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP – TODAY

Once again this year, we will be headed to the Delaware Clothing Bank in Wilmington right after the service on Feb. 16 to volunteer our time, sorting and folding donated clothes and assisting the staff there. We had 10 people take part last year, including a few youth members (6+), and it was a great experience. Bring a bag lunch and we will carpool up to Wilmington around 12 noon. (No coffee hour that Sunday.)

NEW MEMBER GATHERING - FEBRUARY 23

Interested in finding out more about NCPC and what it means to be a member of our congregation? Please join the Congregational Life committee after worship on February 23rd. Grab some food at coffee hour and come upstairs to the library with your questions! RSVPs to Jen Dunham appreciated - hunterbear80@hotmail.com

atTAcK ADDICTION WALK/RUN 2025

March 1, 2025 Walk/Run here in New Castle to benefit atTAcK addiction. Phee Price and Ken Boos will walk/run in memory of their son Will, who died of an overdose in August of 2023. If you'd like to join Phee Price's team or to make a donation in support of their members, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Anytown/atTAcKAddiction5K> and search for "We Walk for Will." Thank you for helping make a difference!

FIELD TRIP TO HOCKESSIN COLORED SCHOOL - MARCH 2

Join Chief Justice Seitz and members of our church community to learn about and tour the Hockessin school – one of the schools at the center of the US Supreme Court's Brown v Board of Education decision. We'll meet at the School at 1:00 (25 minute drive from NCPC). RSVP to either Gail Seitz gailmseitz@gmail.com or Connie Reese 302-584-4512 if you wish to carpool.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Join us for a worship service at 7 pm in the Meeting House.

Next Sunday, printed copies of our Lenten Devotional will be available. Be sure to check out this incredible daily reflection from the Presbyterian Outlook. The theme is Grieving Change and Loss: The unpredictable, non-linear, faith-filled journey toward resurrection.

During Lent, our Ecumenical Supper Series will be on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crockpot of soup or stew for the first dinner at NCPC on Wednesday, March 12! (And check out the purple flyers for the order of churches.)

CODE PURPLE

First & Central Presbyterian welcomes Wilmington's unhoused neighbors into their social hall every Saturday until the end of March. Sign up at <https://shorturl.at/X6Vyd>

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