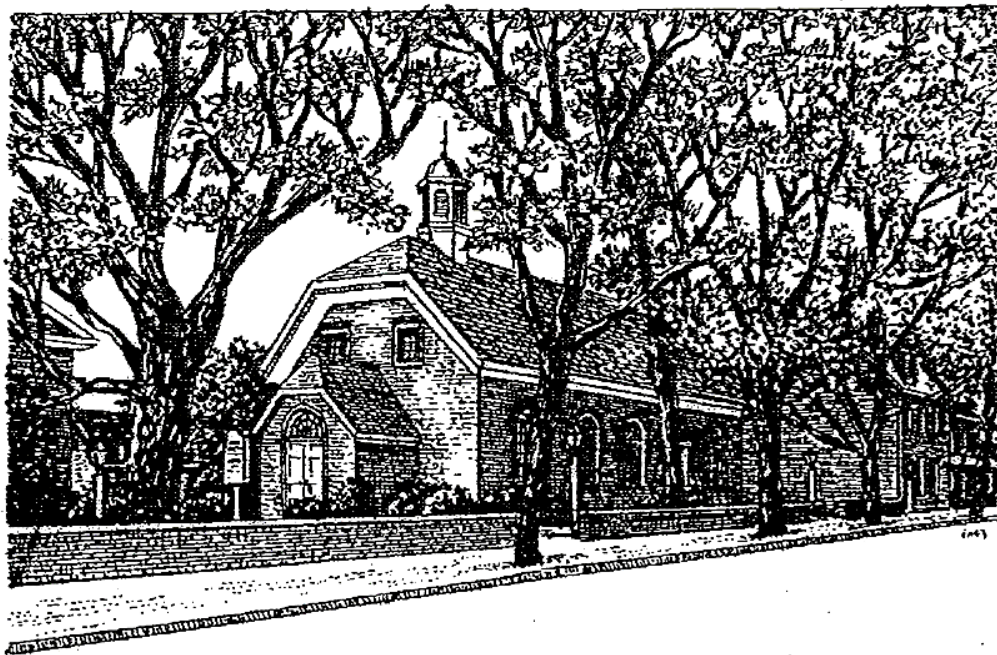


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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. Nursery care will be available following the Scripture Conversation.

**At the end of worship**, please join us for Sidewalk Fellowship on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

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**

**Call to Worship**

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;  
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

**For there are angels among us.**

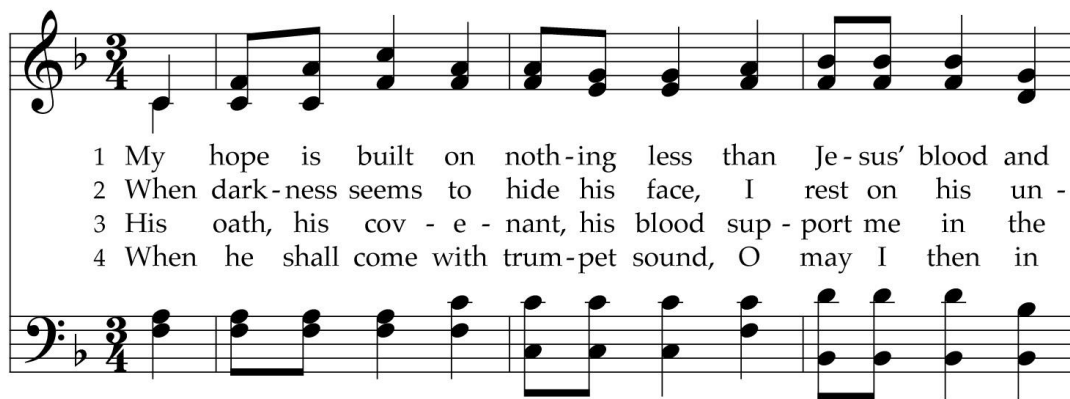
Loving God, you call us to give you glory  
in the compassion we show to one another.

**To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.**

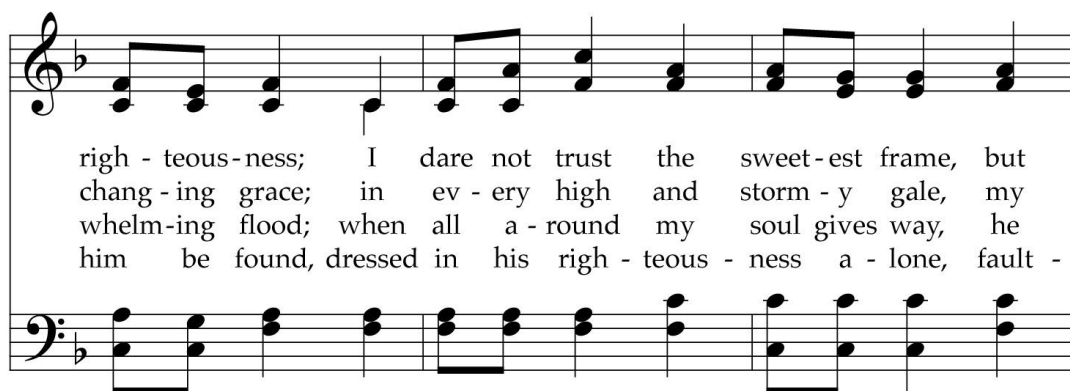
We gather as one Body,  
seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

**We gather as one Body,  
to worship the one who is Love.**

# \*Hymn #353    My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

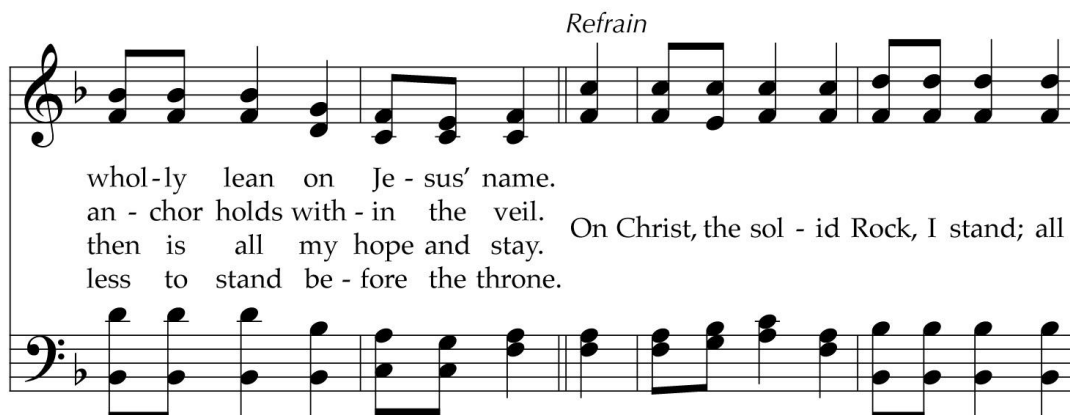


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.**

**Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.....** *(Time for silent prayer.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or anything do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God. Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **\*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

### **Scripture Conversation with Children**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 14:1-24**

**Page: NT 77**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. <sup>2</sup> There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. <sup>3</sup> Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" <sup>4</sup> But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

<sup>5</sup> Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" <sup>6</sup> And they had nothing to say.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup> "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

#### **The Parable of the Great Banquet**

<sup>15</sup> When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. <sup>17</sup> At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ <sup>18</sup> “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ <sup>19</sup> “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ <sup>20</sup> “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come’ <sup>21</sup> “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ <sup>22</sup> ““Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ <sup>23</sup> “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. <sup>24</sup> I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

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

## Sermon

### *“A Place at the Table”*

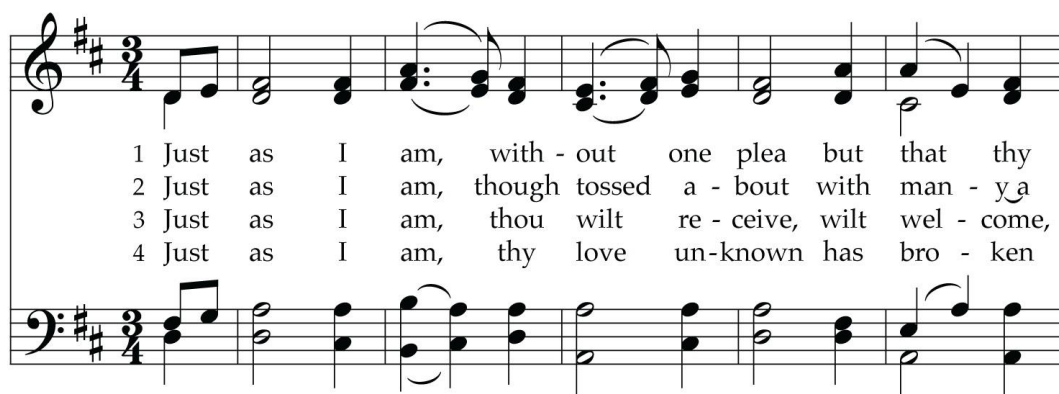
**And the Table Will Be Wide** by Jan Richardson

And the table will be wide.  
And the welcome will be wide.  
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.  
And our hearts will open wide to receive.  
And we will come as children who trust there is enough.  
And we will come unhindered and free.  
And our aching will be met with bread.  
And our sorrow will be met with wine.  
And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.  
And we will turn toward each other without fear.  
And we will give up our appetite for despair.  
And we will taste and know of delight.  
And we will become bread for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink for those who thirst.  
And the blessed will become the blessing.  
And everywhere will be the feast.

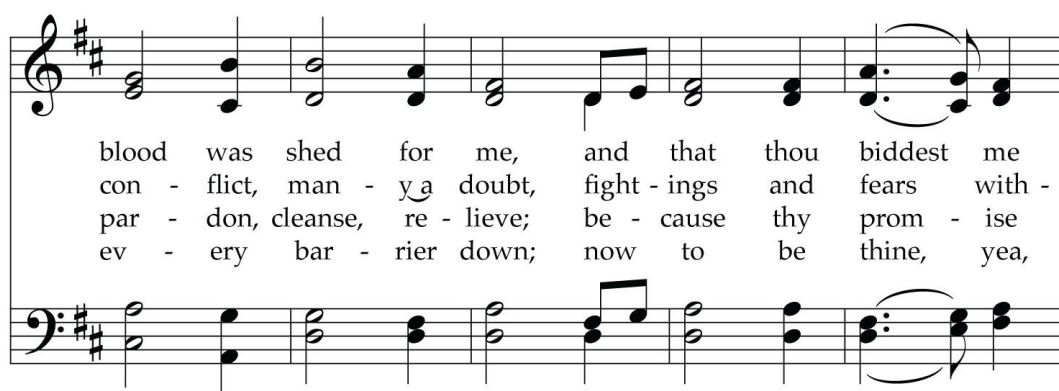
# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #442

Just as I am, Without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,  
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -  
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise  
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,  
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!  
 I be - lieve, thine a - lone,

## SPANISH

1 *Tal como soy de pecador,  
 sin más confianza que tu amor;  
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,  
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

## KOREAN

1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해  
 주보-혈 흘려주시고  
 또-나를 오-라 하시니-  
 주께로 거-저 갑니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.



## **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

arr. John Ferguson

Kellie Tetrack - Vocalist

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, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us.**

**Teach us how to love each other, that we may have life and have it abundantly. Triune God, all our blessings are gifts from you, and may our offerings this day give glory to your 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 #307

## God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a double bar line and then continues. The fourth system includes a double bar line and then continues. The piano accompaniment is written in a simple, harmonic style, often using chords and moving lines in the left hand.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell Postlude**

**Speak, O Lord**  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Molly Ijames

*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 Sidewalk Fellowship.*

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### **Thank you for serving today:**

*Worship Leader:* Carol Mayhew    *Counters:* Cynthia Beam/Mike Smith  
*Ushers:* Jim & Barbara Whisman    *Coffee Hour:* Sidewalk Fellowship  
*Nursery:* Mariellen Edinburg/Mallory Mackie

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Esther M. Rothrock*    *Freda Hanson*  
*1872-1925*    *1902-1989*



## **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in August.

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

## **BROWNIE BAKERS**

Brownies are due into the kitchen by August 6.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – SUMMER UPDATES**

Sunday School is on hiatus, but Nursery care will continue through the summer. If you're interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer, please contact Molly Shaw - [mollypaige1@aol.com](mailto:mollypaige1@aol.com). Children are welcome in worship; children's worship materials are available in the entryway to the Meeting House.

## **FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS**

Our *Put on Love*: Vacation Bible School mission project collected monetary donations for Friendship House's greatest needs - school uniforms and raised \$520.

Donations can be made online through the Friendship Clothing Bank website at: <https://www.friendshiphousedel.org/delaware-homeless/our-programs/clothing-bank/school-uniform-initiative/>

Go to the right side of the page and select from three different donation registries (Target, Amazon, and French Toast). Clothing items will then be delivered directly to the Clothing Bank. Thank you for assisting with this great cause. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Selheimer at [selheime@udel.edu](mailto:selheime@udel.edu) or 302-368-8639.

### **YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S GATHERING - AUGUST 4**

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather next on Sunday, August 4 from 12-2pm. Childcare can be available!

Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings.

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 6**

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, come find NCPC's table at the Battery Park National Night Out Event! We'll have games and activities for all ages. The event is sponsored by the New Castle Police Department, Good Will Fire Company, and other service agencies. Free food and drinks will be provided.

### **BLUE ROCKS – AUGUST 10**

GOOD NEWS: We've reserved 20 tickets to a Blue Rocks Baseball Game. GREAT NEWS: Our seats are behind third base AND in the shade AND stacked in 4 rows of 5!!! Tickets are \$13 each. Please reach out to our resident Ticketmaster Jen Dunham for tickets

### **NCPC MEN'S GROUP - AUGUST 19**

The group's next planned activity will be a gathering at The Legend Restaurant & Bakery on August 19 @ 7:00pm. Please contact [Steven Foltz](#) to share ideas and get involved. All ages are invited to attend.

### **NCPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

Join us on August 28th at 3 p.m. in the Read House Garden for our NCPC summer read: Anne Lamott's *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*. Copies are available for purchase for \$20 through the church office, or through the library or your favorite book supplier. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated.

## **Prayer List:**

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

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## ***This Week's Schedule***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>07/28</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
			<b>Guest Preacher Chelsea Spyres</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Fellowship</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08/03</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>08/04</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (Trustees)</b>
		<b>12:00pm-2:00pm</b>	<b>Young-ish Women Gathering</b>

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### **WELCOME AGAIN – PASTOR CHELSEA SPYRES**

Rev. Chelsea Spyres is a United Methodist Pastor serving as Pastor & Executive Director of Riverfront Ministries, one of our PCUSA New Worshipping Communities. Chelsea grew up in Newark, DE, graduating with a degree in social work from the University of Delaware, before moving to Detroit, MI to serve as a caseworker at a non-profit working with individuals experiencing homelessness. Chelsea graduated from Wesley Seminary, in Washington, DC, with her Master's in Divinity. Chelsea enjoys creating spaces of worship and creativity in and outside the local church, bringing people together for community support and transformation. Chelsea began with Riverfront Ministries in January 2020, and since then has launched the Wilmington Kitchen Collective, a shared kitchen space for culinary entrepreneurs to experience community and support while trying to launch their small businesses. Chelsea loves hiking and live music, and can often be found throughout the city of Wilmington at community events or here in New Castle walking along Battery Park where she lives with her husband Ryan.

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

## SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
Scott Selheimer		

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

## DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		

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

## TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
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)*

