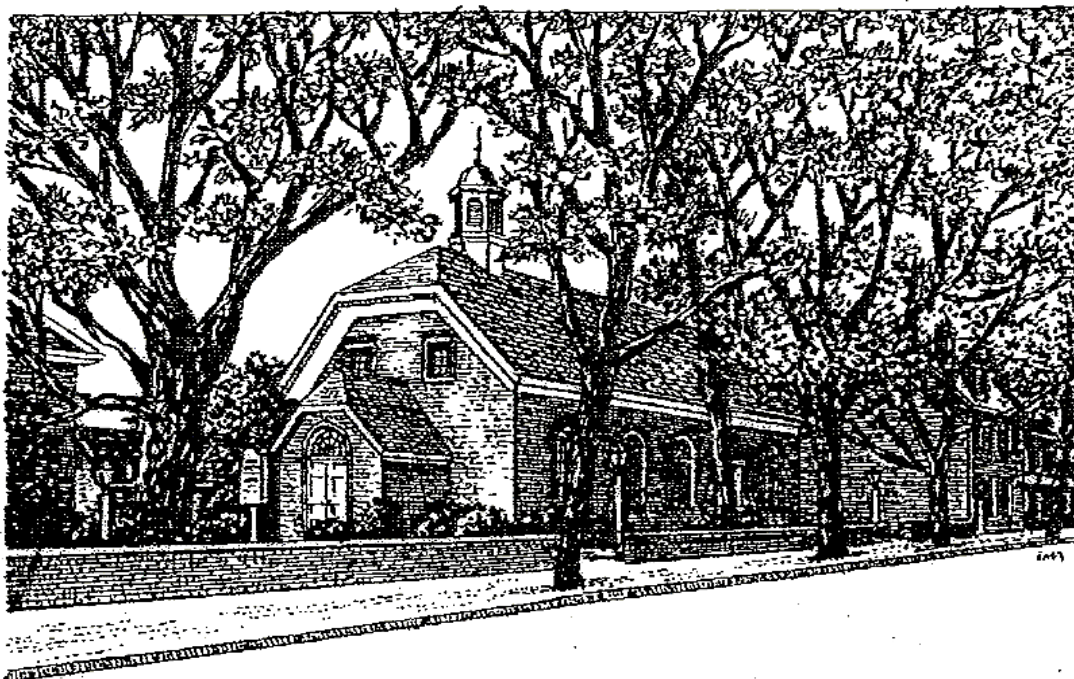


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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.

**At the end of worship**, please join us for sidewalk fellowship on 2nd 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  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 20, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

God Leads Us Along  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Patti Drennan

**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 (from Psalm 67)**

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**May God's face shine upon us.**

Make your way known upon earth, O Lord.

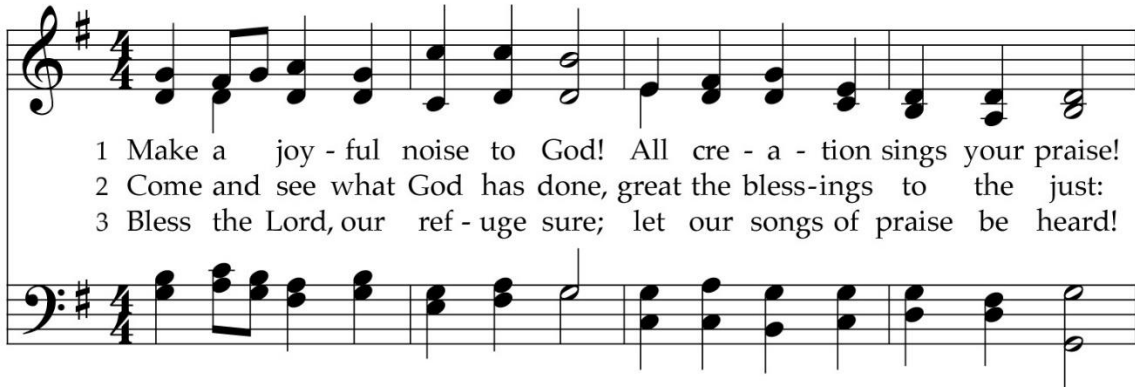
**May your saving power be known among all nations.**

You judge the peoples with equity and have blessed us with many gifts.

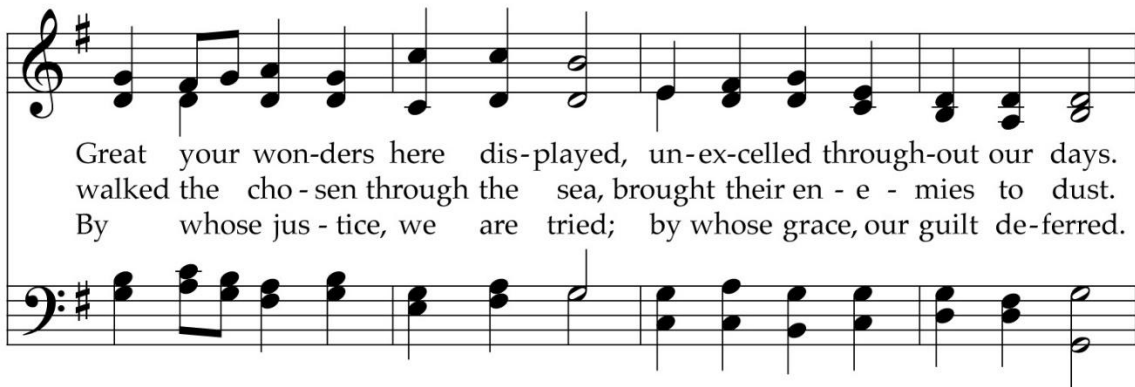
**Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you!**

**\*Hymn #54**

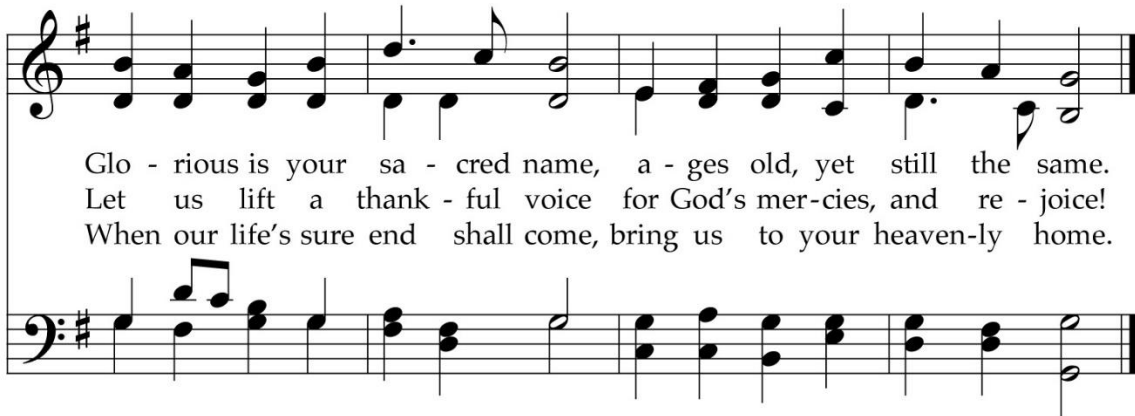
**Make a Joyful Noise to God!**



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!  
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:  
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.  
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.  
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.  
Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!  
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heav - en - ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good – on the love, the compassion, the care – and ignore the bad – the greed, the envy, the cruelty.**

**But before you, God, we must face it. Lead us in honesty to return to your way. Forgive us for when we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us to face our own temptations, and empower us to live a Christlike life... *(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

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**O God, you have claimed us as your beloved children, clothing us with your grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give us dreams and visions of your holy realm, where all are reconciled to live in peace and truth. Amen.**

### **Scripture Lesson**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

Page: NT 17

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

### **Scripture Conversation with Children**

#### **Sermon**

*"Great Faith"*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #710

## We Lift Our Voices

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clef, time signature, notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines: F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, F, C, F, C, C, F, G7, Em7, Asus A, Dm7, F, G, Esus E, Am, F, C, Bb, Dm, F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, C, Dm7, C.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

## **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory                      Fairest Lord Jesus      arr by Douglas E Wagner  
Minerva Lermond & Ellie Gerhart – Handbell Duet  
Eileen Larkin - Keyboard

### **\*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 have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Dedicate these gifts of our time, our talent, and our treasure to your service, that all your children would be blessed to new life in Christ. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 #300

## We Are One in the Spirit

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm 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) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m 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) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m 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) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

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

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F 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 and Benediction Steeple Bell

### Postlude

Love Lifted Me  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Patti Drennan

*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: Amy Selheimer      Counters: Scott Selheimer/Gary Graham  
Ushers: Gail & C.J. Seitz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***William Knowles***  
***1913-1973***

***William T. Knox***  
***1931-2012***



### **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

Nursery Care and Sunday School are on hiatus over the summer. Children are welcome to remain in the Meeting House during worship. (Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.)

If families need to step out during worship, a "pray ground" and livestream are available in the Fellowship Hall.



### **SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP**

We are in need of **ushers** and **worship leaders** in the coming months. Take a moment [to sign up](#) today!

### **COMMUNION WORKSHOP - TODAY**

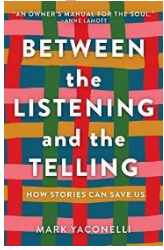
Attention Communion Servers for 2023-2024:

Today, right after church, Pastor Miriam and Amy Selheimer will lead a refresher on Communion directions for set up, serving and cleaning up. The meeting will be quick - hope you can join us!



## NCPC SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Help us wrap up this past year's theme of storytelling and dive into deeper discussion of what evangelism (sharing of the good news) looks like today! Check out Yaconelli's Between the Listening and the Telling\* this summer, and join Pastor Miriam for discussion and lunch at noon on Thursday, August 24, at Connie Reese's house. All are welcome even if you haven't had a chance to read the book! Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam TODAY. \*Copies are available through the library.



## KITCHEN DEEP CLEAN – THIS SATURDAY

On August 26th, the Board of Deacons will be doing a "deep clean" in the Christian Education Building kitchen. Besides the cleaning, there will be some reorganization of cabinets and drawers to better suit the needs of communion, coffee hours, and special events. New labeling will also be provided. If you are interested in helping the Deacons, please contact Sandy Wilson, Lindy Ballance or Janet Spring. We do realize the kitchen is a small work area so we may be assigning "work time" opportunities for those interested.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM – AUGUST 27

Next Sunday, we will welcome new members during worship and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Come and meet our newest siblings in Christ.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY TRAINING – AUGUST 27



Sunday School and Nursery care will resume on September 10, 2023. We are in need of volunteers so we can continue to offer this programming! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

For Sunday School: Melissa Boris & Stephanie Foltz

For Nursery: Molly Shaw

**There will be a recommended training for Sunday School and Nursery volunteers following worship, August 27.**

## **CLOTHING DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER**

Annual Friendship House Clothing Drive coming back! September marks our popular annual clothing drive for Friendship House. Refresh your life (and your closets!) by donating your new or gently used, clean clothing and school uniforms to Friendship House. Donations can be brought to the church and left in the second room on the right on the second floor of the CE building, or if that's difficult, in the entryway. We'll collect them all through the month of September. Let's see those bags pile up!



## **FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH - FALL RETREAT 2023**

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at [Pecometh Camp](#) from Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!) Congregational Life has reserved space for tent camping, a pavilion for group meals, and worship space for Sunday morning. Cabins and nearby hotels are available for personal reservation too!

RSVP ASAP by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/ywMXhBo9fqeDnvH97>.

## **MENTORING THIS FALL – A CHILD NEEDS YOU**

Our mentoring program with local schools was put on hold during the pandemic, but we're gearing up to get started again this fall. Creative Mentoring provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills. This is not tutoring, it's more of an opportunity for a child to connect with a caring adult.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email Candy Dunson - [ddunson2@aol.com](mailto:ddunson2@aol.com).

## LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE

While June is formally the month of Pride, our call to love all of God's children is year-long! Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" event to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we seek to become more authentic and creative in our welcome, affirmation and support of LGBTQIA+ people. The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. If you are interested in being a part of planning for the event or wish to learn more about participating, please contact the [office](#).



## **Prayer List:**

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

## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

### ***Joan Smith***

Kentmere Rehab & HC  
1900 Lovering Avenue  
Wilmington, DE 19806

### ***Rod Denison***

Cadia Rehab Capitol  
1225 Walker Road  
Room 132A Holly Unit  
Dover, DE 19904

## ***At Home:***

### ***Kathy Griffin-Graham***

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New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 324-9944

### ***Anita Johnson***

Cokesbury  
HealthCare Rm 2006  
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### ***Mary Duncan***

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Wilmington, DE 19806  
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### ***Robert Lindfors***

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## ***On Assignment with the Coast Guard:***

### ***George Spock***

USCGC Scheuerman  
PSC 851 P.O. Box 11620  
FPO AE, 09834

## ***On Assignment with the Air Force:***

### ***James Boyle***

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54  
JBPHH, HI 96860

## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>08/20</b>		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Communion Server Training</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>08/21</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>08/22</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>08/23</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Congregational Life &amp; Membership Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>08/24</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Summer Book Study at Connie Reese's house</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>08/25</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08/26</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi Deep Clean Kitchen</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>08/27</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Training – Counting / Live Streaming</b>
		<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; New Members</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sunday School/Nursery Training</b>

*Kris will be on vacation, Thursday, August 24-Friday, August 25*

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**Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music**

**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

## TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	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)*

