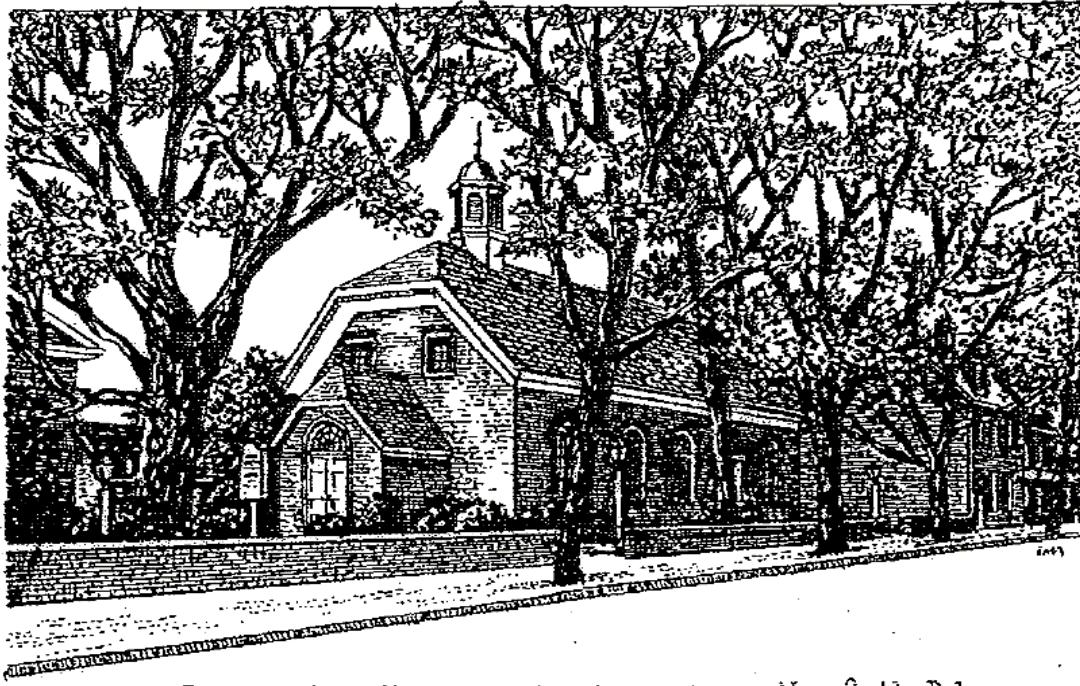


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags are available for children 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 available in the Fellowship Hall

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
16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. Sandra Eithun

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 (from Psalm 23, The Message)

O God, my shepherd, I don't need a thing.

True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction

Even when the way goes through Death Valley,

I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.

Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

*Hymn #623

I've Got Peace Like a River

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef and common time (indicated by a '4'). The middle staff uses a bass clef and common time. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics (measures 1-3) is:

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun - tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

The second section of lyrics (measures 4-6) begins with a repeat sign and a new section of lyrics:

1 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun - tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

The third section of lyrics (measures 7-9) begins with a key change to B-flat major (indicated by a 'B-flat 8') and a repeat sign, followed by lyrics:

2 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of “peace like a river” is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God’s will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians’ baptismal identity.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

The world tells us to want more, to demand more, until our wants prevent us from appreciating your many blessings. Invite us again to appreciate your green pastures and still waters that restore our souls.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

The world tells us to fear, to fear our neighbors, to fear strangers, until our hearts become blocked by fear. Prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies, and remind us how your generous love overflows.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into 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

Loving God, create in me a clean heart. Give me energy to love when life is hard. When I am afraid, help me remember that you are with me. Send your Holy Spirit to fill me up with joy! Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23

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1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

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

Reflection –

Love by Matt De La Pena

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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

God of green pastures and death valleys, you have created us for life together. In your son, Jesus, you show us that you love us and teach us how to love one another. May these offerings help to spread your love throughout the world, that all your children would know your goodness and your mercy. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please join in this response: Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.

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 #658

God Is So Good

1 God is so good; God is so good;
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God's so good to me.
God is so good; God's so good to me.

The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.

***Charge and Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above 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/Melissa Boris/Will Nielsen

Counters: Peter McCurdy & Barbara Whisman

Ushers: Gail & C.J. Seitz

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Mabel E. Ransom
1903-1983

Elizabeth W. Reif
1906-1999



THIS MORNING AT NCPC

While there is no Nursery, Sunday School or choir today, there is coffee hour after worship. Please join us for fellowship then!

SEPTEMBER 25 – QUAKER MEETING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, September 25, there will be a celebration on the New Castle Green to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the first Quaker meeting in what is now Delaware. The meeting for worship will begin at 11 a.m. with a bag lunch to follow. Head on over after worship to join the celebration.

SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER OR WORSHIP LEADER

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders throughout this Fall.

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS

This is your chance to make sure coffee hour has all of your favorite items! The sign-up sheet for First Sundays is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Haven't hosted before? Sign up with a friend and learn how our fair-trade coffee gets made!



SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday School and Nursery care are back. We are in need of volunteers throughout the fall! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:
For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly - dckr0680@gmail.com
For Nursery: Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – OCTOBER 1

Join us on Saturday, October 1 at 10 a.m. for a short, outdoor service where the pets of NCPC may be blessed by Pastor Miriam. All



creatures are welcome, but if your pet doesn't travel well, bring a picture or an accessory to be blessed.

ANNUAL NEW CASTLE BEACH CLEAN UP – OCT. 1 FROM 9-12

Sign up with the New Castle Sailing Club to help pick up trash from the Battery Park beach area. A flyer with more information is posted in the Fellowship Hall.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE – CONCLUDES OCT. 2

This year, Friendship House is especially looking for men's fall and winter clothes, and they're also interested in new or used school uniforms: solid color polo shirts and khaki pants, new or used, any size! Throughout the month of September, donations can be left in the Mission/Outreach room of the Fellowship Hall (second room on the right at the top of the stairs).

DRIVE-UP CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 2

At noon next Sunday, we'll gather along 2nd Street to celebrate the 69th Wedding Anniversary for the Reeds! Earl & Janet will drive up in their vehicle, and we will congratulate them from the curb.



NEW MEMBERS EVENT - OCT 2

Want to connect with NCPC? Join Congregational Life on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 12:30 at the Manse. Following Coffee Hour, walk on down the sidewalk to 20 The Strand for some extended conversation and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Jennifer Dunham - hunterbear80@hotmail.com.

THURSDAY REFORMATION SERIES AT 1:00 p.m.

Our Thursday Bible Study group will zoom on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. to learn about the Reformation through the Yale Divinity Series. Email Pastor Miriam for the link.

EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER SIGN-UP

Epiphany House (722 N Union St.) is one of Friendship House's transitional homes for women. NCPC provides a dinner on the second Thursday each month. Two volunteers arrive with food at 5 p.m., enjoy the meal with the residents, and are on their way by 6. For meal inspiration and dates, the sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Scott Selheimer with any questions, and sign up today for Thursday, October 13.

MENTORING

Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child to listen, play games, or help with school work. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email [Candy Dunson](#) to learn more about training.



SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Carlo Viola ("Corky"), who died to this life at the age of 79 this morning, Wednesday, September 21, at Kutz Senior Living.

Corky and his wife, Jo, have been members of NCPC since 1970, and over his decades of service through NCPC, Corky served as Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. Corky was also active in the broader life of New Castle, serving as a Trustee of the Common and an avid supporter of New Castle Public Library.

We give thanks that for Corky, suffering has passed and that he now rests in Christ's peace. May the Holy Spirit comfort the Viola family, including Jo, sons Todd and Chad (NCPC member), as well as their grandchildren, including Olivia (NCPC member).

Corky's Celebration of Life and a Witness to the Resurrection will be on Sunday, October 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the NCPC meeting house. The service will be livestreamed and overflow seating will be available in the Christian Education Building. A reception will follow at Penn Farm, 807 Frenchtown Rd E, New Castle, DE 19720.

Prayer List:

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

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Joan Smith

Kentmere Rehab & HC
1900 Lovering Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19806

Barbara Quillen

Cokesbury
HealthCare Rm 2010
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

Mary Pratt

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Bev Denison

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Smyrna, DE 19977
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On Assignment with the Coast Guard:

George Spock
1346 Crocker St.
Coos Bay, OR 97420

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	09/25	Beside Still Waters: Fall Retreat 10:30am In-Person & Live Stream Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour
Wednesday	09/28	6:00pm Worship Committee Mtg 7:30pm Choir
Thursday	09/29	1:00pm Bible Study - Reformation Series via Zoom 7:30pm Celebration Ringers
Saturday	10/01	9am-12pm Beach Cleanup – Battery Park 10:00am Blessing of the Animals Outside in courtyard
SUNDAY	10/02	10:30am In-Person & Live Stream Worship 10:50am Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour 12:00pm 2nd Street Celebration 12:30pm New Member – Coffee & Chat at the Manse

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

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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	Salina Brett	Toni Marley
Liz Parziale	Susan Fogarty	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

Deacons meets the 2nd 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 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)



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