

Joy

LET ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE
IN YOU BE GLAD;
LET THEM EVER SING FOR JOY.

PSALM 5:11 (NIV)



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.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children are invited to begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery; children ages five through eleven may go to Sunday School. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions.

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
Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

December 11, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

Savior of the Nations Come

arr. Cathy Moglebust

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

NCPC Sunday School

Children Sing: He Came Down That We May Have Hope

First candle is lit

God's light of hope shines!

Amen! Glory to God!

Children Sing: He Came Down That We May Have Peace

Second candle is lit

God's light of peace shines!

Amen! Glory to God!

Children Sing: He Came Down That We May Have Joy

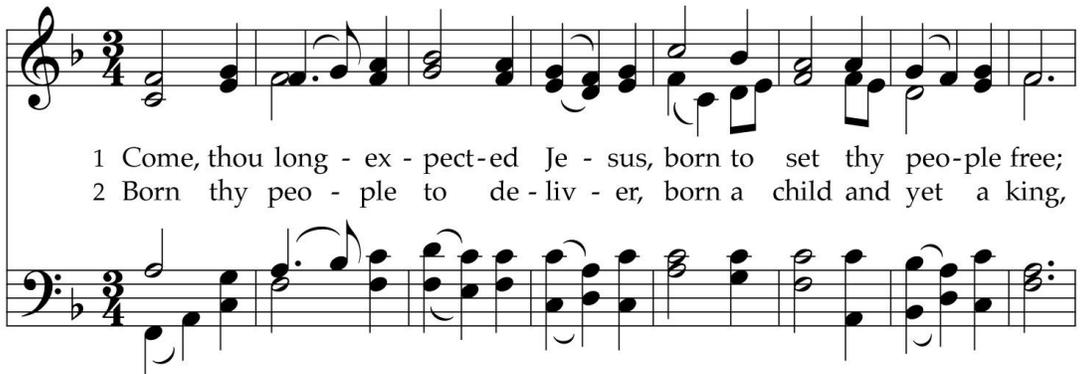
Third candle is lit

God's light of joy shines!

Amen! Glory to God!

***Hymn #82**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



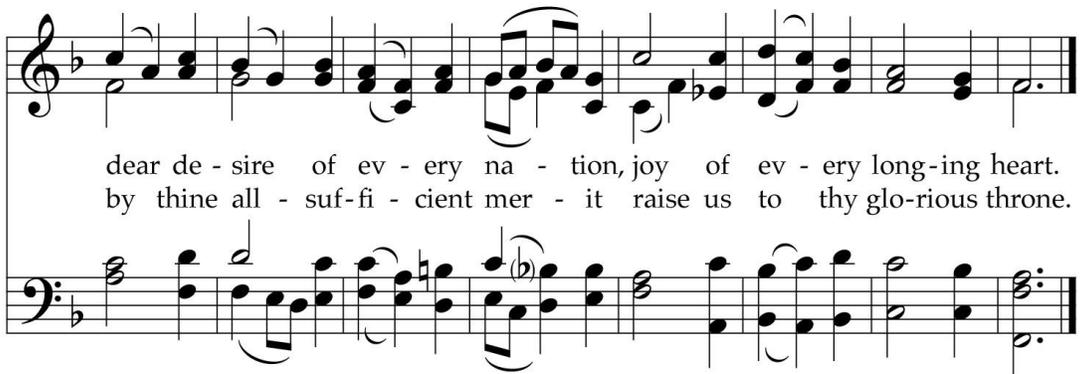
1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, source of all joy, we confess that sometimes we ignore our neighbors who need connection and companionship. We forget to call older folks who are alone. We assume children and teenagers are fine instead of asking questions and listening carefully.

We push down our own needs for friendship and communication.

Forgive us, God, and call us into fellowship often, so our joy may grow and our sorrows may be carried together... (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

Advent Jubilate!

Parker and Shackley

Bethany Faiz - Piano

What a day is coming, what a day is near, when our burdens are lifted and our hearts fill with cheer. For the time is approaching when our eyes see his face, and with joy we will greet him in his beauty and grace! Christ is coming, Jubilate! Christ is coming, Hallelujah! Sing glory to God, Jubilate Deo! Christ is coming, Jubilate! Christ is coming, Hallelujah! Sing glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God! Jubilate Deo!

What a grand celebration, what a day there will be, when our merciful Savior in love sets us free. Every girl, every woman, every boy, every man, will be gathered together at his gracious command! Christ is coming, Jubilate! Christ is coming, Hallelujah! Sing glory to God, Jubilate Deo! Christ is coming, Jubilate! Christ is coming, Hallelujah! Sing glory to God! Glory to God! Jubilate Deo! Christ is coming! Jubilate Deo!

Prayer for Illumination

Word of God made flesh, we open our hearts to the good news of Advent – a baby is to be born! As we wait in joyful expectation, we listen for what you have to say to us today. Speak to our community and transform our weariness into gladness. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Page: NT 58

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

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

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

Self, Feel Joy!

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory Do You Hear What I Hear? arr. Douglas Wagner

***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**

Emmanuel, God with us, cheerfully and humbly, we bring our gifts and offerings to be used for worship, for helping ministries, and for all the other wonderful ways you create goodness around us. We wait with anticipation to see what you will do with these gifts, knowing your gift to us was the greatest gift of all. 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 #100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



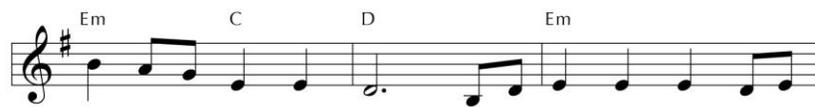
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King
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.*

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre

Counters: Rob Barry/Dan Dunson

Ushers: Scott & Amy Selheimer

Coffee Hour: Session

Nursery: Mariellen Edinburgh/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Diana Reilly/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Marian B. Sullivan
1897-1979

Whitney Scofield
1919-2002



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks.

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

No Sunday School and Nursery on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; we will resume on Sunday, January 8. Volunteers are needed throughout the Spring. Please contact:

For Sunday School: Diana Kenis-Reilly – dckr0680@gmail.com

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – mollypaige1@aol.com

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - DECEMBER 18

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 18, for the purpose of reviewing the 2023 Budget as approved by Session at

their December meeting and to vote on the pastor's terms of call for next year. The meeting will begin at the conclusion of worship; copies of the docket and budget will be available.

CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS

For our Christmas Eve service, the Meeting House will be decorated with poinsettias. Donate a poinsettia for \$15 in memory or in honor of a loved one by returning the order form to the Church Office by **Monday, Dec. 12.**



CAROLING IN NEW CASTLE – FRI, DECEMBER 16

Join us at 7pm for caroling outside around Old New Castle; we'll begin our walk from the CE Building. Sheet music provided, but please bring a flashlight. Christmas lights and festive attire is encouraged! Refreshments will follow at Carol & Gene Mayhew's home (17 E. 5th Street). Even if you cannot walk for the caroling, join us at the Mayhews for fellowship & refreshments.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – DEC 21

Join us on the longest night of the year for a 6:30 p.m. service in the Meeting House. This thirty-minute candlelight service will be space to dwell in the Good News of Immanuel: God with us.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us on Christmas Eve (December 24) at 5 p.m. for our Family Service and at 7:30 p.m. for our Traditional Service in the Meeting House. The Traditional Service will be livestreamed.

Join us on Christmas Day (December 25) at 10:30 a.m. for a service of Lessons and Carols and Coffee Hour to follow. Christmas sweaters of good taste and great tackiness are encouraged.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS - MANY THANKS

Thank you to all the folks who made soup, baked, welcomed, cheered on, sang, rang, and volunteered at yesterday's event in support of Friendship House! We especially applaud the efforts of the SoC committee in coordinating the many details of the day, including communication with other New Castle organizations. We rejoice that this day brought joy to all our visitors and will bring joy to our neighbors at Friendship House.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Thanks to everyone who gave a Gift of Love this year! Our goal was to provide \$3,600 in emergency financial assistance to our neighbors in need, and we have exceeded that goal for 2022, giving just over \$4000 to St Vincent De Paul at St Peter's Church! We pray that our neighbors' days will be merry and bright this Christmas season.

COOKIE DECORATING FOR EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Thank you to all our cookie decorators last Sunday! Check out pictures of NCPC's creativity in the CE Building entryway display.



JANUARY 15 BOOK DISCUSSION

Kate Bowler has a recent book called [*No Cure for Being Human \(and Other Truths I Need to Hear\)*](#). Start reading now and join us after worship on January 15 for a time of conversation and resource sharing as we all acknowledge - there's no cure for being human, but in life and in death, we belong to God!

LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE

Every June during Pride month we decorate the walkway with the rainbow flags as an outward sign of our support and love for the broader LGBTQIA+ community, but there is still so much more we can do throughout the year! We would love for you to join us in creating new events, reaching out to our friends in the community; and becoming a part of this fun, yet important ministry!

If you are interested in being a part of the LGBTQIA+ Task Force please contact Salina Brett or Diana Reilly.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	12/11		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:45am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacons Meeting
Monday	12/12	4:00pm	Spanish Class in CE Building
Tuesday	12/13	5:30pm	Three Board Dinner
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	12/14	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	12/15	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	12/16	7:00pm	Caroling in New Castle
Saturday	12/17	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	12/18		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:45am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Special Congregational Meeting
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

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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 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)

