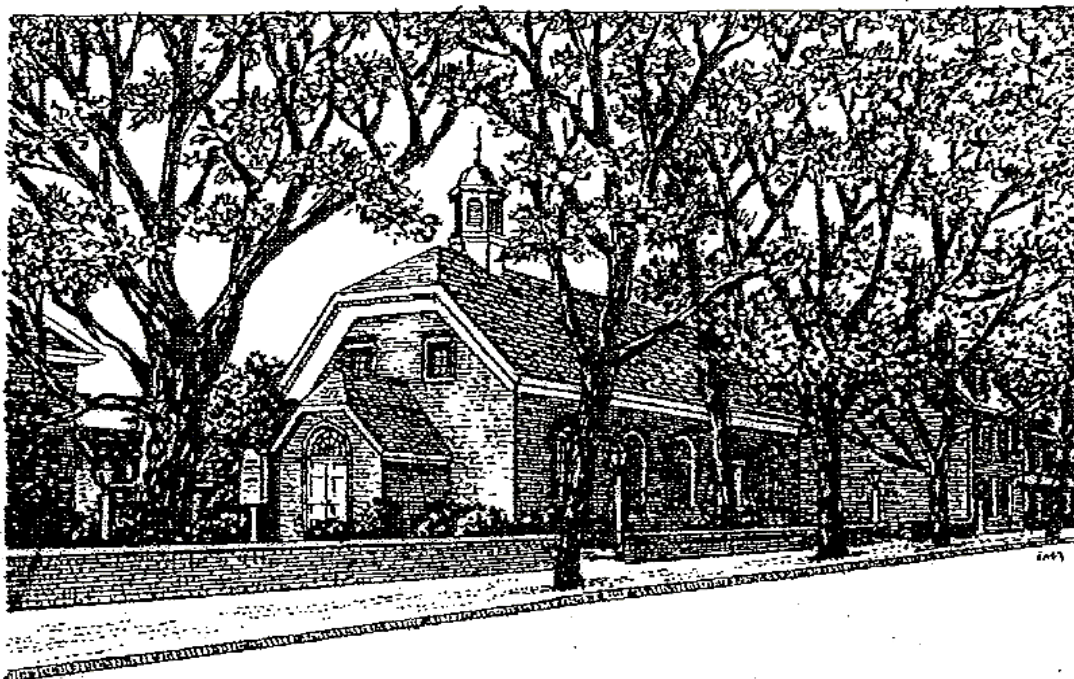


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

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 age Kindergarten through 5th grade 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. 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 Coffee Hour 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 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
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** arr. Joshua Evanovich
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 primordial waters, the Creator has formed life on earth.

**Water is essential and central to human life; it is inside us, we
drink it, and it is suspended in the air we breathe.**

It is fitting that water is used by God as a sign of ownership.

**Those who pass through the waters of baptism are claimed by their
loving creator, even though they have done nothing to deserve
God's claim.**

It is by the loving grace of God that we were created, it is by the same
grace that we are granted life eternal

**In gratitude, let us worship God and remember: when God claims
us as God's own, God never lets go.**

***Hymn #645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You claim us in the waters of baptism, yet we do not exult in your claim upon us. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your son, our savior. Amen (*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

Now Thank We All Our God

Hal Hopson

Bethany Faiz – Piano / Carolyn Hendrix – Cello

Now thank we all our God. With heart and hands and voices.

Who wondrous things has done. In whom this world rejoices.

Who, from our mother's arms, has blest us on our way.

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism: Micah Foltz

Presentation

Affirmations by the Parents

Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Micah by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be his faithful disciple? **We do.**

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

Act of Baptism

Hymn #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Words of Welcome

Micah, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church! May you always know that you are held in God’s hands and in the hearts of your church family. Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, Gracious God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

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Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Covenant of Love”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Rest (Meditation 11)

arr. Mark Kellner

Carolyn Hendrix – Cello

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**

God of the risen Christ, we offer you our praise. As part of our gratitude, we now return to you a portion of the uncountable gifts that you shower upon us every day. All things come from your hand: life, love, family, hope, the air we breathe, our hard-earned money – all things. May our act of gratitude be matched with our obedience in daily living as we seek to show your great love to a love-starved world. 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 #37

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



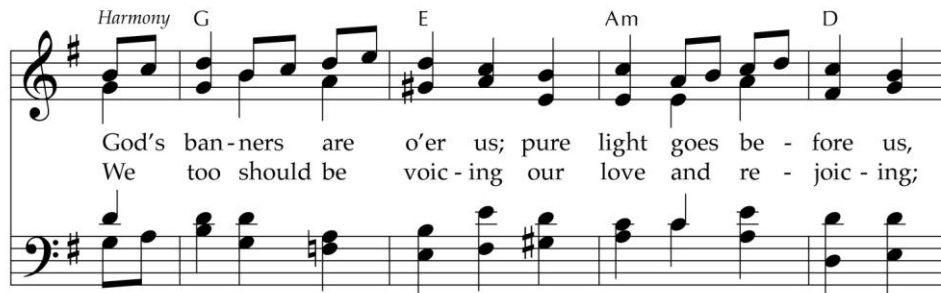
to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



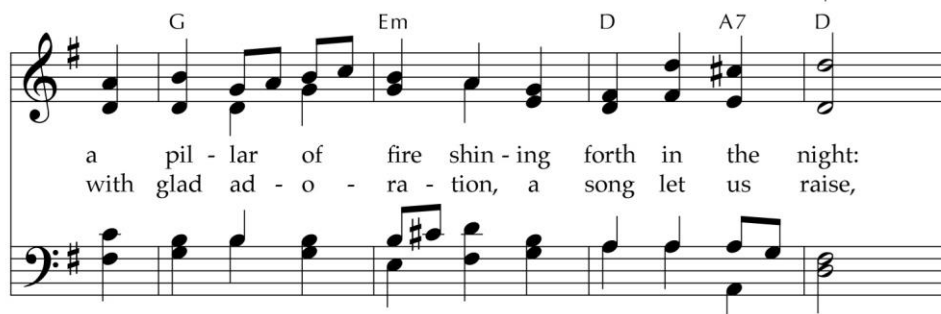
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
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.*

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre

Counters: Chris Fagles/Gary Graham

Ushers: George & Julia Spock

Coffee Hour: Janet Spring

Nursery: Julie Barry/Mariellen Edinburg

Sunday School: Stephanie Foltz/Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Robert H. Hull
1921-1977

Arnita Showell
1918-2014



WELCOME TO GUEST PASTORS

– REV. DRS. GLENN & MIRIAM LAWRENCE LEUPOLD

The Rev. Drs. Glenn and Miriam Lawrence Leupold are Co-Pastors at First Presbyterian Church in Albany, NY, where they've served for over 17 years. Previous to that they were Associate Pastors at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, and at First Presbyterian Church in Jamestown, NY. Their claim to fame is being Miriam Foltz's aunt and uncle!

STEWARDSHIP SEASON – GIFTS OF GRATEFUL PRAISE

Extra copies of 2024 Pledge Cards are available in the CE Building. If you haven't had a chance to return your pledge form, please mail it to the church office or leave them in Recording Secretary Shirley Knox's office box at your earliest convenience. This enables our Session to set a faithful 2024 budget!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders. Please sign up today:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups> We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours. Sign up is in the Fellowship Hall.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL + ADVENT BOOK DISCUSSION

The Season of Advent will begin on Sunday, Nov. 26! Our Advent devotionals – *In Light and Darkness* – come in both adult booklet and family packet form (complete with shadow box storytelling supplies!) Pick up your copy in the CE Building entryway now.

BOOK STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Our weekly Bible study will resume in early January 2024. During Advent, to accompany our devotional, we'll be reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, and gather for a discussion on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 2-4 p.m. at Connie Reese's house. Please RSVP to Connie or Conchita Showell by December 10.

THANKSGIVING BAGELS AND BLESSINGS – NOVEMBER 23

Gather with NCPC in the Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23, at 8 a.m. for bagels, coffee, and a short devotional time together as we give thanks for God's many blessings. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Miranda Matthews at thecatmagnet@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER 3 – HOLIDAY COOKIE KICK-OFF

Fun and fellowship during coffee hour as we decorate hundreds of Christmas Cookies for the Emmanuel Dining Room! Donations of cookie icing and sprinkles are appreciated to the box in the kitchen. Decorators of all ages are welcome. Any questions, contact Deacon Liz Toto - lizart8409@gmail.com.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT NCPC, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Help NCPC welcome guests and support Friendship House. Friendship House's mission is to unite people facing homelessness with loving, supportive communities they can call home. Friendship House provides programs such as the Clothing Bank, Empowerment Centers, Winter Shelters, Financial Assistance, and Transitional Housing.

NCPC will be providing music in our Meeting House and selling soups and baked goods in our CE Building. We will also be welcoming guests with our free cookie and coffee/hot chocolate table. Please volunteer your time and cooking talents by signing up on the posted sheets in the CE Building.

*Christmas is the Season for Kindling the Fire for Hospitality in the Hall,
and the Flame of Charity in the Heart. - Washington Irving*

SPECIAL SEASONAL SERVICES

We'll gather for our Longest Night Service on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. Our Christmas Eve services (on a Sunday!) will be a 10:30 Family Service and a 7 p.m. Traditional Service.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION – JAMES STOUDT

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the family of Jim as he died to this life on Tuesday, November 14. Jim's funeral will be in the Meeting House this Saturday. Visitation from 2-3pm and service at 3pm with a reception to follow.

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

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
505 Greenbank Road
Room D14
Wilmington, DE 19808

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(302) 324-9944

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HealthCare Rm 2006
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Hockessin, DE 19707

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George Spock

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James Boyle

1150 Bole Street, Unit 54
JBPHH, HI 96860

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	11/19	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Baptism of Micah Foltz
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	11/20		Deadline for Newsletter
		6:30pm	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday	11/22		<i>Bible Study paused thru Advent</i>
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	11/23		THANKSGIVING DAY
			Office Closed
		8:00am	Bountiful Bagel Breakfast
Friday	11/24		DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
			Office Closed
Saturday	11/25	8:00am	Tai Chi
		2:00-3:00pm	Visitation for Jim Stoudt
		3:00pm	Funeral Service – Jim Stoudt
SUNDAY	11/26		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

*Pastor Miriam will be out of the office this week.
If you require pastoral care, please contact Deacon Miranda Matthews.*

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Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

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

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

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

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

