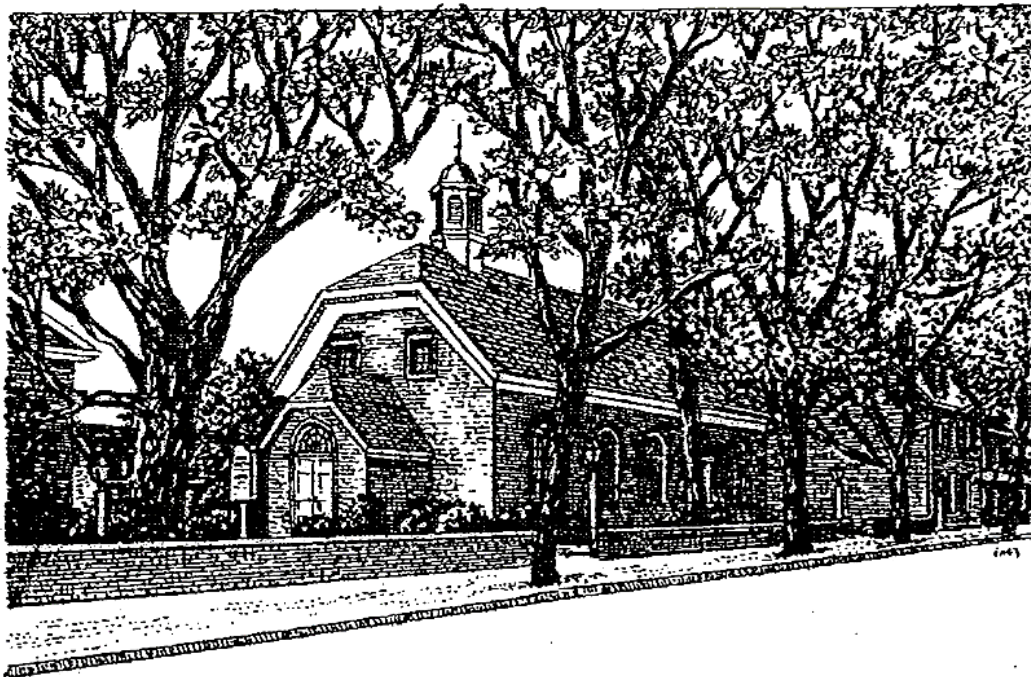


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
First Sunday of Lent**

February 18, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

Celebration No. 2

Michael R. Keller

**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 Psalm 25*)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, my trust is in you.

Teach me your paths;

Lead me in your truth and teach me.

You are the God of my salvation.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

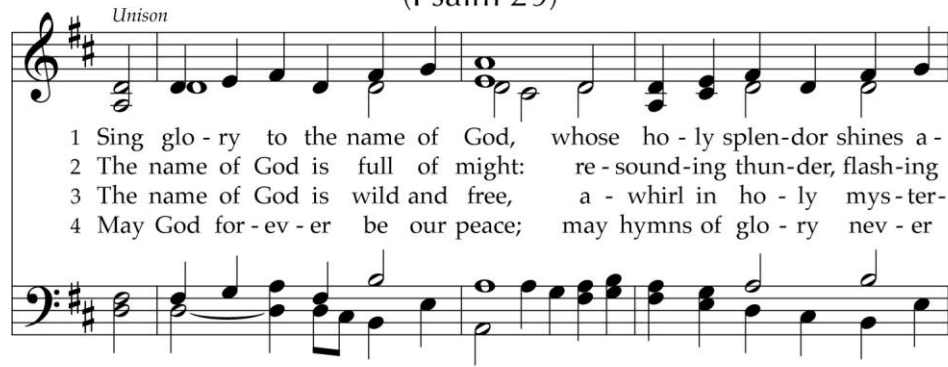
For the sake of your goodness, O Lord, remember me.

We praise you, the God of our salvation.

*Hymn #10

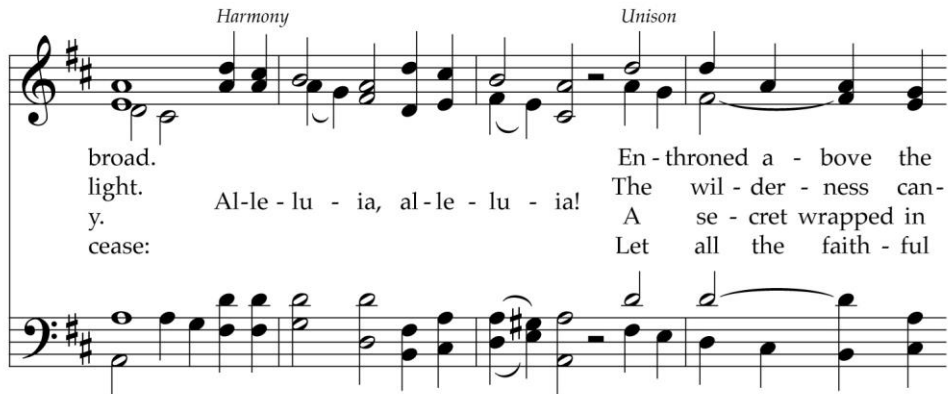
Sing Glory to the Name of God (Psalm 29)

Unison

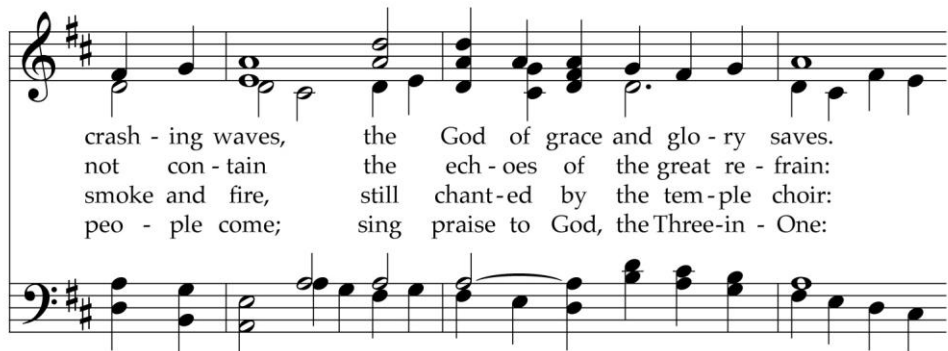


1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*



broad. En - throned a - bove the
light. The wil - der - ness can -
y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in
cease: Let all the faith - ful



crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life and invite us to drop our nets and follow you. And yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.

Over and over again, we stand dumbstruck and surprised to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boats. Tune our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray...

(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 **Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days** by John Leavitt

Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray, teach us with You to mourn our sins, and close by You to stay. As You did hunger, bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and always live by Your most holy word. And through these days of penitence, and through Your Passion tide for evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide. Amen.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Creator God, you hear the many sounds of your creation. The rush of the wind through the trees, a baby's first cry, our silent prayers, and laughter around tables. You hear it all!

We don't need that same capacity, but we do need to hear your Word. O God, we cannot live on bread alone. Give us the ability to truly listen, and may the truths of your scripture guide us in your way.

With hearts full of gratitude we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

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5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, **2** he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." **11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Sermon

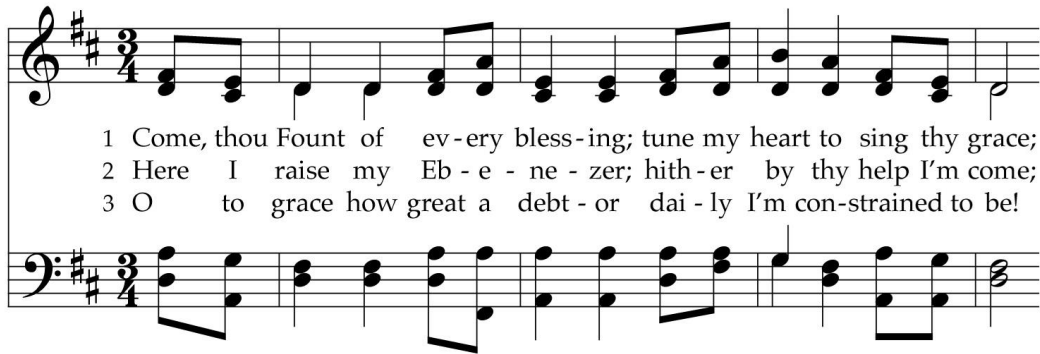


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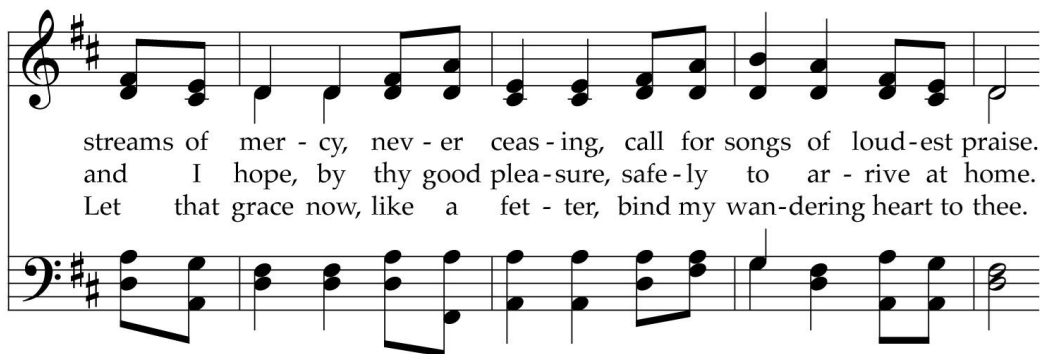
GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #475

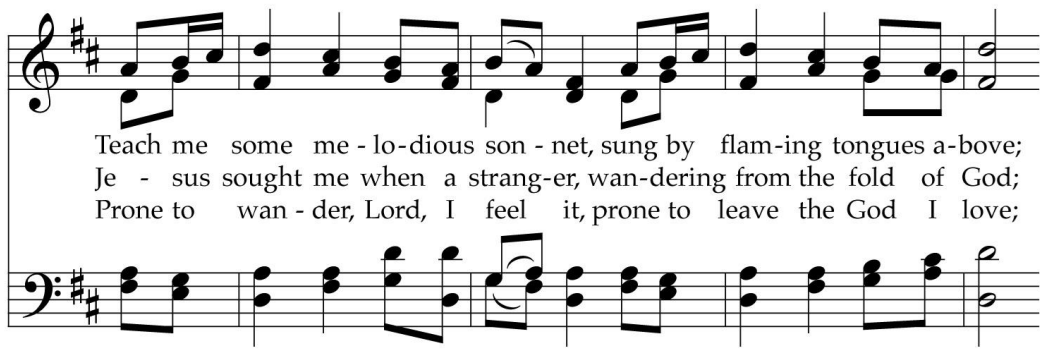
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



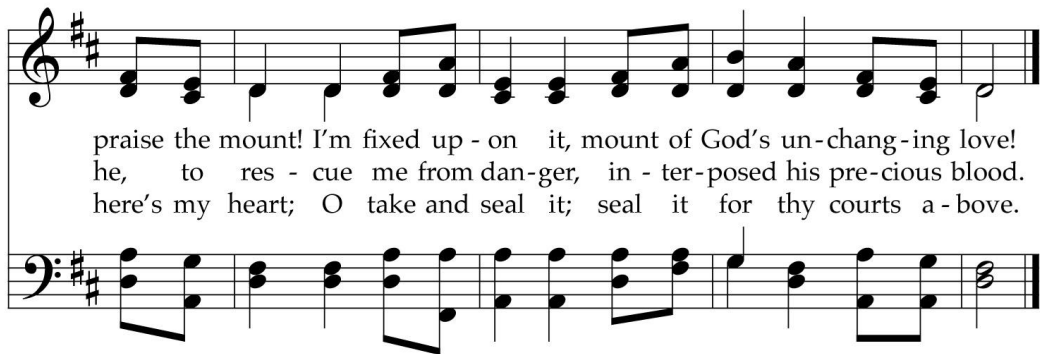
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory What a Friend we Have in Jesus arr by Sondra Tucker

***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**

Triune God, we adore you, yet sometimes we miss what's right in front of us. Thankfully, Christ keeps showing up in our boats anyway. Help us to recognize your abundant gifts in our lives, and in gratitude for your grace and mercy, may we share abundantly with our neighbors. Through these offerings, may your joy spread throughout our fearful and hurting world. In Christ's name, we pray, 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 #313

Lord, Make us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.

***Charge and Benediction**
Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Jesus Paid It All arr. Patti Drennan
(with "The Old Rugged Cross")
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: Scott Selheimer Counters: Lyn Briggs/Peter McCurdy
Ushers: Susan & Jim Flook Coffee Hour: Janet Spring & Julie Spock
Nursery: Stephanie Foltz/Jane Fouracre
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Walter A. Gebhart, Sr. *Ruth Moore*
1920-1984 *1927-2016*



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce the hiring of Mallory Mackie as our new Sunday School Coordinator. Mallory brings extensive experience in early childhood education to our Sunday School classroom. Mallory's email is sundayschool@newcastlepreschurch.org. We are still recruiting Sunday School and Nursery volunteers for this Spring. If interested, please contact Melissa Boris at borism1010@gmail.com

SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE TONIGHT



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OPEN MIC NIGHT

Location: New Castle Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
25 E 2nd Street, New Castle, DE 19720

Held the 3rd Sunday every month starting on:
Sunday, February 18, 2024
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Performers:
Sign-up begins
at 6:30

Come out for a night of entertainment performed by acoustic singer-songwriters, musicians, poets, and comics (clean acts only)

- Admission - \$3.00 per person
- Performers have 10 minutes or two songs to showcase their talent
- Coffee, tea, and sweets will be available for purchase
- All proceeds benefit the Friendship House in Wilmington, DE

For more information contact James or Charlotte -secondstreetcoffeehousesnc@gmail.com

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS – BIBLE STUDY

In the CE Building, pick up our Sanctified Art devotional - *Wandering Heart* - as we journey with Simon Peter through this season of discipleship and preparation for Easter. We have a weekly devotional for adults and daily devotional card sets for families. Join us Wednesdays at 2:00 pm for Lenten Bible Study with the Pastor in the Fellowship Hall

2/21 LENTEN ECUMENICAL DINNER – THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Feasting on the Word Ecumenical Lenten Suppers begin on Wednesday, February 21, at NCPC. We'll gather at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for soup dinner and a short reflection. *If you can make/ buy and bring a crockpot full of soup to share that evening, please let Jen Dunham know.*

For the full schedule of participating churches, pick up a flyer in the CE Building entryway!

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN GATHERING – MARCH 3

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather next on Sunday, March 3 from 12-2. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings. Childcare will be available!

FISH BANKS / ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online today at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who donated to our undie Sunday drive and our volunteers who delivered our donations and served at the clothing bank. If you are interested in learning more and supporting Friendship House's ministry, check out an Evening with Friendship House at the Hagley Soda House on March 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm. <https://rb.gy/s6y98j>



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

NCPC is organizing a grief support group this winter, and due to weather and schedule conflicts, we're reevaluating our gathering time. If you are interested in gathering with others to share about your loss and receive resources to navigate grief, please reach out to Toni Marley - toni.kiger@gmail.com.

NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY'S 2024 BEACH RETREAT

Gather with fellow Presbyterians from DE and MD from March 1-2 in Dewey Beach for our Presbytery's annual retreat: Love Embodied. Dynamic retreat leaders will lead us in worship and conversation to inspire, equip, and encourage us to dig more deeply into loving our neighbors in tangible, life-changing ways. To learn more and register, go to www.ncpresbytery.org/retreats. Talk with Pastor Miriam or Elder Connie Reese if you have any questions.

CHASE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY...

By cheering on the Blue Coats! Join NCPC folks at the March 16th Blue Coats basketball game at the Chase Fieldhouse. The Delaware Blue Coats play the Birmingham Squadron; the game starts at 6:00 pm.

We have 16 premium seats reserved together in Section 7.

Tickets are \$21 each. Please contact Greg Fogarty cell is (302) 437-4731 for tickets.



Prayer List:

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

SUNDAY	02/18	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		7:00pm-9:00pm	Community Open Mic Night
Monday	02/19		PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	02/20		DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
		7:00pm	Christian Ed Mtg via Zoom
Wednesday	02/21	2:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper - NCPC
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	02/22	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
		7:00pm	Special Called Presbytery Meeting
Saturday	02/24	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	02/25	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting

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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 1st 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 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)

