

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!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, 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.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a 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 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. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

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 are for handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

Prayer List:

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New Castle Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Near the Cross
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 91)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, say to the Lord:

My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

God protects us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.

God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and half-hearted efforts.

Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold... (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 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley arr by Michael Larkin
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by himself. Nobody else could walk it for him. He had to walk it by himself. Jesus went to stand his trial. He had to stand it by himself. Nobody else could stand it for him. He had to stand it by himself. I must go and stand my trial. I have to stand it by myself. Nobody else can stand it for me. I have to stand it by myself. I must walk this lonesome valley, by myself. Jesus walked this lonesome valley, by himself.

Welcome into Membership & Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation and Affirmations of Gina Kouma and Nancy Wallace
Congregational Vow

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Nan by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her 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

Words of Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to this congregation.
May God bless this new beginning, as we grow our faith and live as
disciples of Jesus Christ together in this place!**

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

**O Lord of light and salvation, let these words of Scripture live not only in our
mouths, but in our hearts. In the wilderness, thank you for your signs of power
and grace. In times of trial, may we embody your truth and confess with our
lives that Jesus is Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

Page: NT 64

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

⁹Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

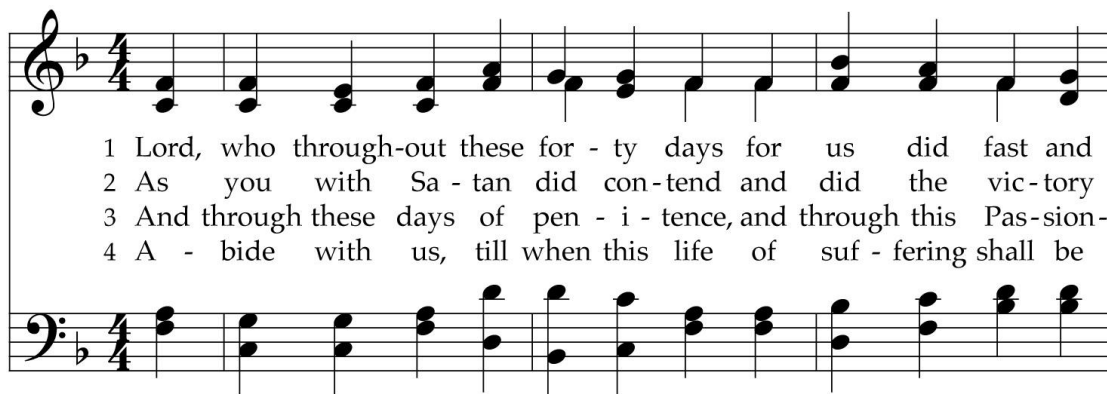
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Sermon

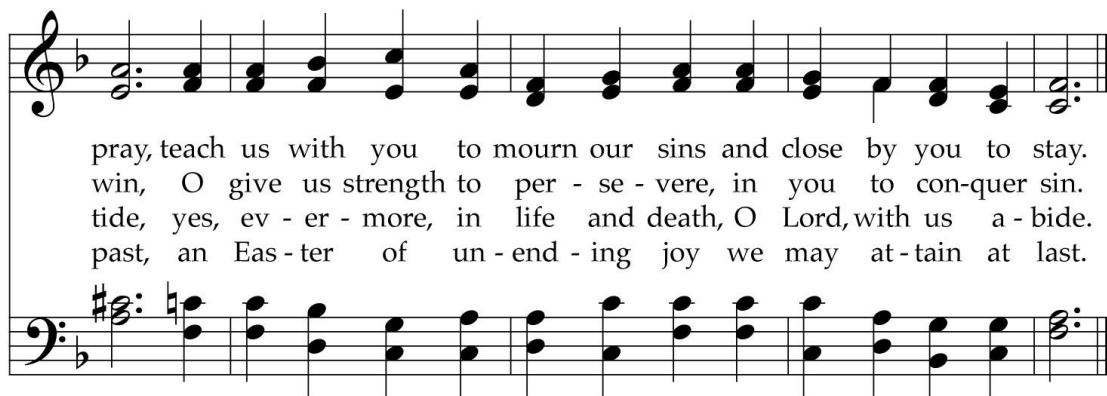
Making Room in our Schedules

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #166 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days**



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

TEXT: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873, alt.
MUSIC: Day's *Psalter*, 1562

ST. FLAVIAN
CM

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? arr. Molly Ijames

(with "At the Cross")

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**

Mighty God, you hear the cries of your people and rescue them from the hand of their oppressors. You have cared for our ancestors in the wilderness, and in the life of Christ, you experienced that wilderness yourself. As we journey through this Lenten season, may your Spirit inspire us and your love guide us. 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.

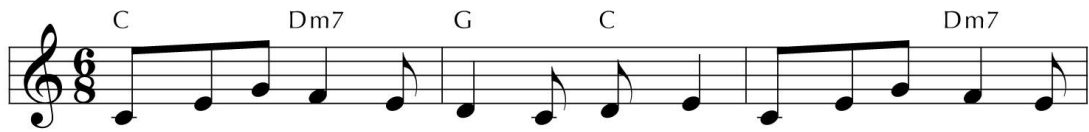
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

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 #543

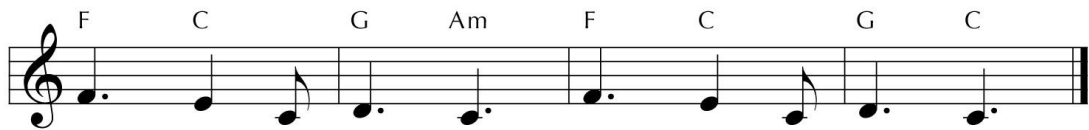
God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004
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GREEN TYLER
9.8.9.5.5

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

arr. Patti Drennan

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Toni Marley
Ushers: NCPC Youth Group
Nursery: Lynn Smith/

Counters: Gary Graham & Scott Selheimer
Coffee Hour: Session
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Albert L. Phillips
1913-1984

Samuel F. Nichol
1907-1996



This Week's Schedule

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| SUNDAY | 3/09 | 10:30am | In-Person & Live Stream Worship |
| | | 11:30am | Coffee Hour |
| | | 11:30am | Youth Group to Beth Emeth |
| | | 12:00pm | Deacon's Meeting |
| Tuesday | 3/11 | 6:30pm | Christian Education Meeting |
| Wednesday | 3/12 | 3:00pm | Bible Study |
| | | 6:00pm | Lenten Supper NCPC |
| | | 7:30pm | Choir |
| Thursday | 3/13 | 7:00pm | Celebration Ringers |
| Saturday | 3/15 | 8:00am | Tai Chi |
| SUNDAY | 3/16 | 10:30am | In-Person & Live Stream Worship |
| | | 12:00pm | All Ages Sunday School, Lunch & Learn |
| | | 6:30pm | Community Open Mic Nite |

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurh.org/online-signups> There is an immediate need for ushers during the month of March!

NCPC YOUTH GROUP – MARCH 9

We'll be taking a field trip to Congregation Beth Emeth and meeting with Rabbi Yair! If you are a youth or know a youth interested in participating, contact Pastor Miriam for more info.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

We have two Lenten devotionals available this season. For adults, check out an incredible daily reflection from the Presbyterian Outlook. The theme is “**Grieving Change and Loss: The unpredictable, non-linear, faith-filled journey toward resurrection**”. For families with children (and folks of all ages interested in a slower walk through Holy Week), we have a weekly reflection on “**Last Things... and More,**” which follows and supplements our Sunday School curriculum during Lent. Pick up your copy today!

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 at: <https://pcusa.org/donate/102-shared-mission-support>



BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

We gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. All are welcome!

NCPC SOUP DINNER – MARCH 12

During Lent, our Ecumenical Supper Series will be on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a crockpot of soup or stew for the first dinner at NCPC on Wednesday, March 12! Check out the purple flyers around for the order of soup dinners this season.

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL - MARCH 16

Our Lenten Lunch and Learn will explore how we make room for God's kingdom. Jesus teaches us that God's kingdom needs time and space to grow - like waiting for seeds to grow or dough to rise! As we explore how to make room for God's kingdom, we'll plant Easter grass and make pretzels together. All ages are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

CODE PURPLE

First & Central Presbyterian welcomes Wilmington's unhoused neighbors into their social hall every Saturday until the end of March. Sign up at <https://shorturl.at/X6Vyd>

HOUSING RESOURCES

Attack Addiction provides resources for individuals and seeks to remove the stigma of addiction. One of their recovery residences for women is a working farm in Seaford. There, the ladies care for animals and maintain gardens. If you have any tools, pots, soil, or other garden supplies that you can donate, please contact Phee Price at 305.490.5930 or just drop off what you have on the porch at 17 East 2nd Street, Historic New Castle. Deadline is Sunday April 13th. Thank you!

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