

# 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!**

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.

**Children are always welcome in worship!** Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available 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 and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery care will be available following the Scripture Conversation.

**At the end of worship**, please join us for Sidewalk Fellowship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**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  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 30, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Michael Hunter

**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**

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

**God's mercies never come to an end.**

They are new every morning.

**Great is your faithfulness, O God.**

Weeping may linger for the night,

**But joy comes with the morning.**

You, O God, hear us when we cry.

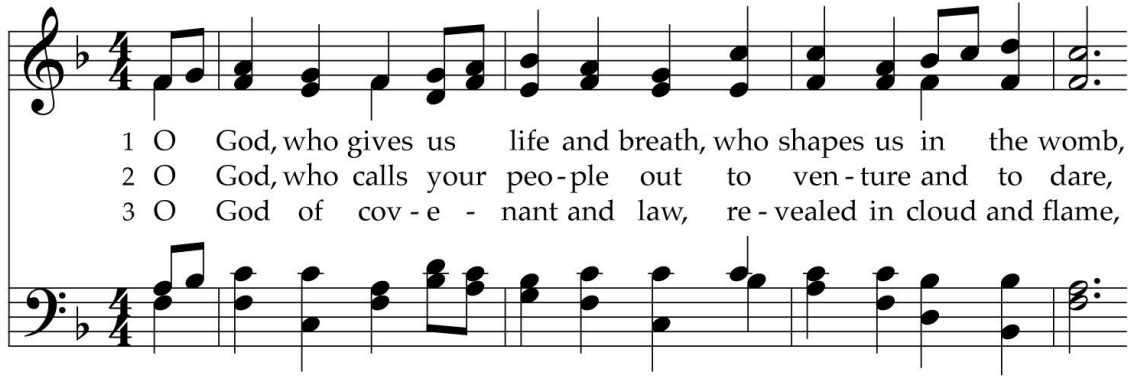
**So we will praise you and will not be silent.**

Sing praises, O you faithful ones;

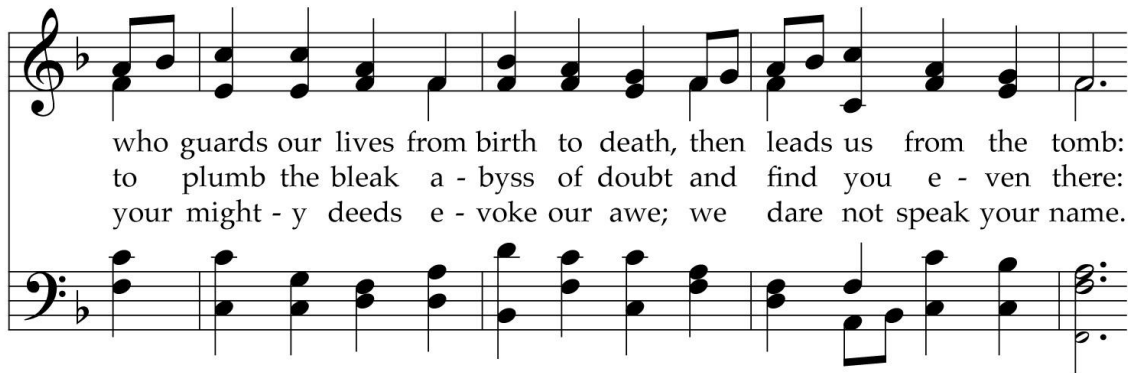
**We give thanks to God's holy name!**

\*Hymn #53

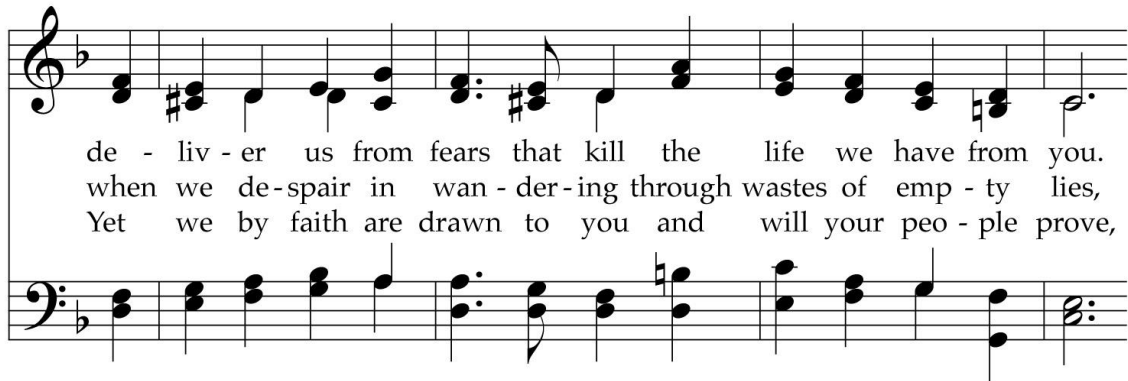
O God, Who Gives Us Life



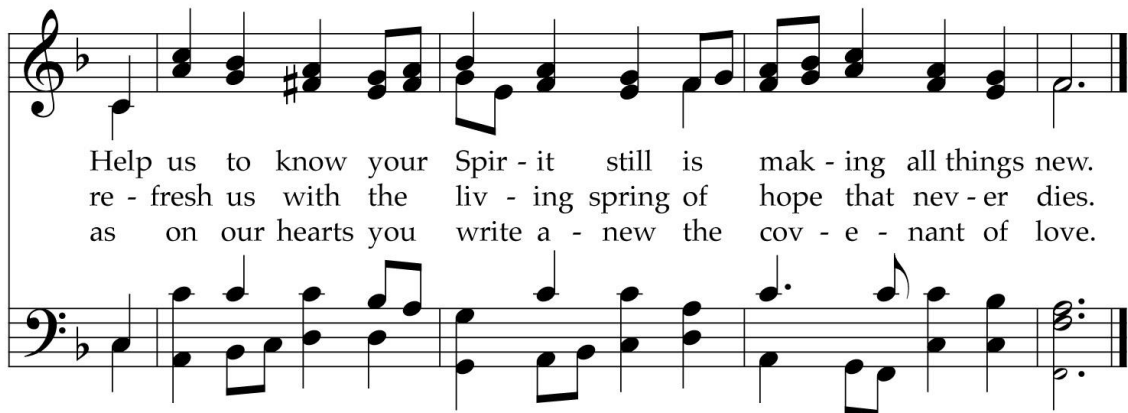
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives. We name to you our dusty ways: Our compassion is drained. Our patience is depleted. Our attitudes are salty.**

**God of living water, you call us to come and drink deeply. Revive us and fill us up with your love.**

**When we would believe your well is in short supply, surprise us with your ever-flowing fountain of mercy. May your righteousness rain down on us, 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**

### **Scripture Conversation with Children**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**God of grace and mercy, we come to you thirsting for your living water. Guide us to your streams of justice and righteousness, that we may drink and be satisfied. Guide us to your still waters of grace and mercy, that we would be renewed in our journey with you. Guide us through your Word to abundant life in Christ. Amen.**

<sup>5</sup> So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.

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

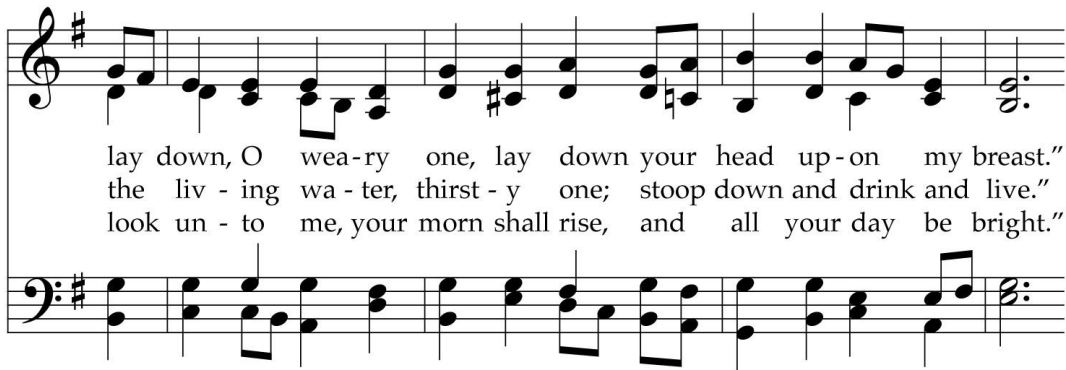
# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #182

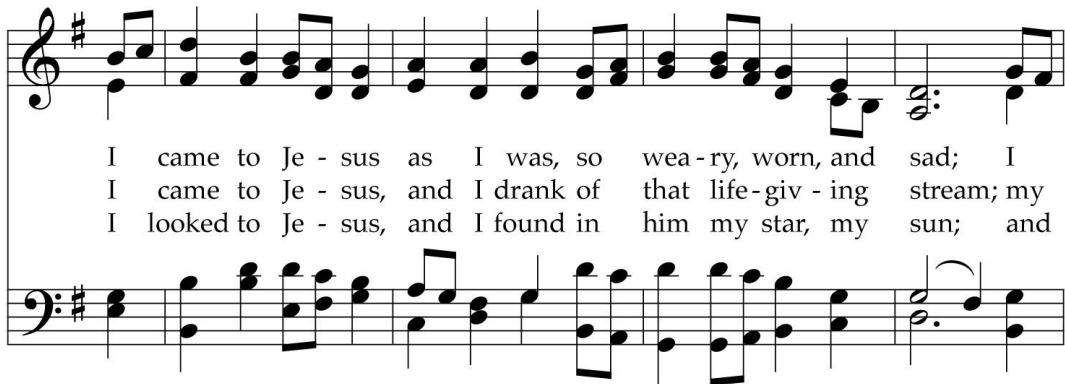
## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



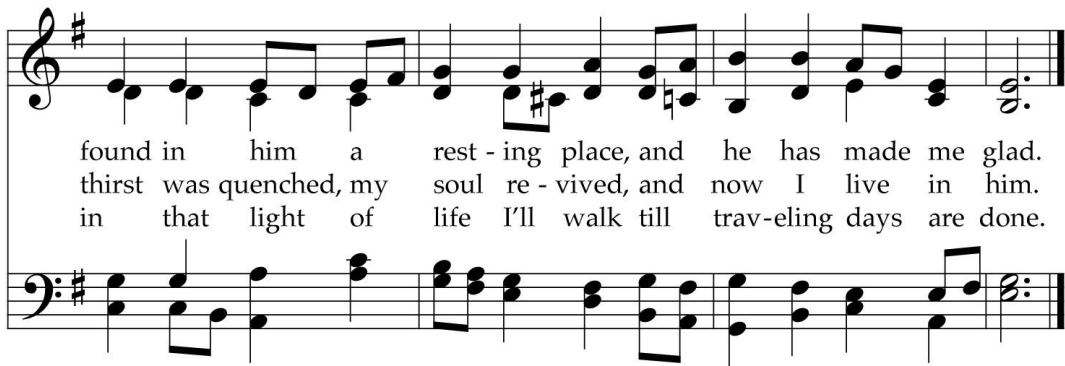
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

## **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Michael Hunter

### **\*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**

**Almighty God, whose power is made perfect in weakness, whose wisdom appears as foolishness in this world, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. In the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb, you overturn our expectations and fill us with hope. Do not let us become content or contained but raise us to new life as a community. Through these offerings of our lives and treasures, may we be the body of Christ in and for the 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 #324**

## **For All the Faithful Women**

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)  
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb




1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in  
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -  
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with  
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)  
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to  
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay  
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to  
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)  
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and  
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her  
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er  
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)  
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their  
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to  
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her  
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.  
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.  
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.  
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell Postlude**

Michael Hunter

*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 sidewalk fellowship.*

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### **Thank you for serving today:**

*Worship Leader:* Carol Mayhew      *Counters:* Gary Graham/Lyn Briggs  
*Ushers:* Chris Fagles/Mike Smith      *Coffee Hour:* Sidewalk Fellowship  
*Nursery:* Mallory Mackie/Julie Barry

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Samuel Truss Bacon*      *Robert Quillen*  
*1872-1897*      *1960-1988*



## **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in July.

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

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – SUMMER UPDATES**

Sunday School is on hiatus, but Nursery care will continue through the summer. If you're interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer, please contact Molly Shaw - [mollypaige1@aol.com](mailto:mollypaige1@aol.com). Children are welcome in worship; children's worship materials are available in the entryway to the Meeting House.

## **BROWNIE BAKERS**

The month of July will be a month off from brownies for Emmanuel Dining Hall. The deacons will supply a variety of cookies instead. We will resume brownie baking in August. Thank you for your continued support of this valuable mission to our community.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SIGN-UP & PLANNING

*Put on Love* is our VBS for Pre-K through 12 on Sunday, July 14 from 4-7 p.m. We'll hear Paul's words to the Colossians to wear Christ-like compassion, kindness, and love. **Register by July 7: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/vacation-bible-school>**



We have a great group of volunteers to help teach, lead music/ games/ crafts, help serve food, and clean-up. We are still looking for a couple more volunteers, especially to help shepherd the children. **Our next planning meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m.; email Pastor Miriam for the link!**

We are looking for some donated supplies to make the evening super fun! This week's ask: do you have some quirky hats or shoes that could help us "put on love"? Let Pastor Miriam know by email or text.

## FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

Our *Put on Love*: Vacation Bible School mission project will be collecting monetary donations for Friendship House's greatest needs - school uniforms. Many schools in Delaware require them, putting a burden on students and their families. In 2023, the Clothing Bank was able to provide over 10,000 uniform items to 18 public schools in Delaware. Beginning next Sunday, keep an eye out for our Friendship House 'Dresser' in the Meeting House, and help us fill up this wardrobe – and our neighbor's wardrobes – this summer!

Additionally, donations can be made online through the Friendship Clothing Bank website at:

<https://www.friendshipousede.org/delaware-homeless/our-programs/clothing-bank/school-uniform-initiative/>

Go to the right side of the page and select from three different donation registries (Target, Amazon, and French Toast). Clothing items will then be delivered directly to the Clothing Bank. Thank you for assisting with this great cause. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Selheimer at [selheime@udel.edu](mailto:selheime@udel.edu) or 302-368-8639.

## LET FREEDOM RING – JULY 4



The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bell Ringing Ceremony in Historic New Castle will be at 1:30pm. It will be held at Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green. Please be seated inside no later than 1:25pm. For more information email Kim Burdick at

[haleybryneshouse@aol.com](mailto:haleybryneshouse@aol.com) or call Noel Kuhrt at (302) 655-2096.

## BATTERY PARK CONCERT – WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 @ 6:30 pm

Bring your lawn chair, a cold beverage and your sense of community as we gather together for one of the Summer Concerts; this one featuring the Acoustic Rock group FINN.

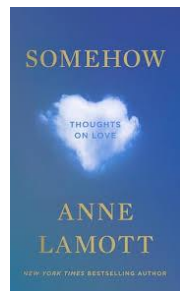
## BLUE ROCKS – AUGUST 10



GOOD NEWS: We've reserved 20 tickets to a Blue Rocks Baseball Game. GREAT NEWS: Our seats are behind third base AND in the shade AND stacked in 4 rows of 5!!! Tickets are \$13 each. Please reach out to our resident Ticketmaster Jen Dunham for tickets

## NCPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Join us on August 28th at 3 p.m. in the Read House Garden for our NCPC summer read: Anne Lamott's *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*. Copies are available for purchase for \$20 through the church office, or copies are available through the library or your favorite book supplier. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated.



## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 <mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com> or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 <mailto:silverfran@aol.com>

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#### ***James Boyle***

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## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>06/30</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>07/01</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>07/02</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>07/03</b>		<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>07/04</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b>
		<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Let Freedom Ring – Bell Ringing</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>07/05</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>07/06</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>07/07</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; Communion</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (Deacons)</b>

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Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)*

