

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, join us for All-Ages Sunday School: Lenten Lunch and Learn 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
Second Sunday in Lent**

March 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Cindy Berry

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 Psalm 27)

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?

We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!

Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!

Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.

We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

***Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best.

Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you.

Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ...

(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

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Michael Larkin

Bethany Faiz – Piano

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry ev'ry thing to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry, ev'ry thing to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we might know peace in your salvation and walk in your light. As we turn to your saving Word today, send your Holy Spirit to fill us with courage and joy in your astounding goodness. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:18-30

Page: NT 76

¹⁸ He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

²⁰ And again he said, “To what should I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

²² Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ But he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’ ²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

Sermon

Making Room in Our Hearts

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #175

Seek Ye First

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

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

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;
Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Come Down, O Love Divine

arr. Don McAfee

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**

Almighty God, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross. Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to love and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory. May these offerings of our talents and treasures reflect your light in our world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 #702


Christ Be Beside Me

C Am Dm G Dm G C




1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

Em Am Em F G C Am F C



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

Am G C G Am G7 C



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
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BUNESSAN
5.5.5.4.D

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Lead Me to Calvary

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 All-Ages Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Ray Snyder

Counters: Julie Barry/Kelly McCurdy

Ushers: Scott & Amy Selheimer

Fellowship Hour: All Ages Sunday School

Nursery: Kim Beebe/Jane Fouracre

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Bruce H. Gordon
1903-1983

Arthur A. Menard
1945-1997



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	3/16	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	All Ages Sunday School: Lenten Lunch
		6:30pm	Community Open Mic Nite
Monday	3/17	6:30pm	Trustees Meeting
Tuesday	3/18	11:00am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	3/19	3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper Hope Lutheran
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	3/20	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	3/21		BROWNIES DUE
Saturday	3/22	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:00am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
SUNDAY	3/23	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/online-signups>

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>



ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – TODAY

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.

SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE – TONIGHT

Come on out for Open Mic Night tonight in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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!

LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

This Wednesday at 6:30pm, join with our New Castle neighbors for our next Ecumenical Soup Dinner at Hope Lutheran Church (230 Christiana Road).

NCPC MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will go BOWLING on Monday, March 24 at 7:00pm at Bowlerama in New Castle. Come join the fun! Please RSVP to [Steven Foltz](#).

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S - MARCH 30

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather on Sunday, March 30 from 12-2pm at the Mercury on Delaware Street. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings.

THE DELAWARE WOMEN'S CHORUS IS RETURNING!

Join us for a concert of choral music based on hope, resilience, and positivity. Music is said to "soothe the savage beast" and we are delighted to be able to lift spirits with wonderful music by gifted composers, representing a wide variety of genres. We hope to see lots of old friends and new ones as well, on Sunday, March 30 at 3:00 PM in the Meeting House.

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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