

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 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
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

My Country, 'Tis of Thee
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

Call to Worship (from Psalm 48)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory; let all the towns rejoice.

From the cities to the mountains, you are God.

From generation to generation, you are God.

You are our God forever and ever.

You will be our guide forever.

*Hymn #331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes an optional triplet of eighth notes in the piano part. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support throughout.

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning.

Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world:

When we choose selfishness over compassion; what feels comfortable rather than what is right; when we strive for success instead of faithfulness; when we value independence over community.

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. *(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

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. Listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. See the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. Send your Holy Spirit and heal us. Speak through your Living Word to comfort and to save us. Remind us of your steadfast love, again and again. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Micah 4:1-5

Page: OT 864

¹In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's temple shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, ² and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from

Jerusalem.

³ He shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more;

⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. ⁵ For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god,

but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

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

Sermon

“We Will Walk with God”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #505

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing



1 The trum-pets sound; the an - gels sing; the feast is
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; O taste the
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heaven are o - pen wide,
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heaven and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



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This celebratory gathering song is cast in a highly rhythmic praise and worship style and brings together many images associated with the eucharistic feast. Despite its new sound, its emphasis on communion as a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet is a very traditional theme.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

New Miracles Wait to Be Released

Rick Waterhouse

***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**

Ever-Living God, how wondrous are your acts! You give life to your whole creation and watch over those you love. Strengthen us in every good work and keep us in your care. May these gifts of our lives and our offerings bless you and praise you. You are great, and greatly to be praised! Amen.

Communion and Prayers of the People

Invitation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Partaking

Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME
We Will Walk with God (*Sung twice*)

* Hymn #742



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.
Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.
Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.
Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo-ham - ba na - ye.



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Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo-ham - ba na - ye.

With its themes of commitment and sending, this energetic song from Swaziland works well for ending a time together, either an occasion of worship or some other gathering. The simple tune does not require supporting instruments but invites percussion and improvisation.

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***Charge and Benediction**

Steeple Bell

Postlude

God of Our Fathers
Bethany Faiz – Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Ray Snyder

Counters: Melissa Boris/Chris Fagles

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Communion: Beverly Stoudt

Nursery: Lynn Smith/Stephanie Foltz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

James T. Eliason
1844-1916

Dorothy Holmberg
1907-1988



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 NURSERY

If you can serve as a Nursery volunteer, contact Molly Shaw - mollypaige1@aol.com.

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.

Register by TODAY: <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!**

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

Our *Put on Love*: VBS mission project will collect monetary donations for Friendship House's School Uniform Drive. In 2023, the Clothing Bank provided over 10,000 uniform items to 18 public schools in Delaware. Keep an eye out for our Friendship House 'Backpack' in the Meeting House, and help us send kids to school this fall!

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

Bring a lawn chair, a cold beverage and a sense of community as we gather for one of the Summer Concerts - 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; in the shade; 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 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	07/07	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour (Deacons)
Thursday	07/11	7:30pm	VBS – Final Planning Mtg via Zoom
Saturday	07/13	8:00am	Tai Chi

SUNDAY

07/14

10:30am

**In-Person & Live Stream
Worship**

11:30am

Sidewalk Fellowship

4:00-7:00pm

Vacation Bible School

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