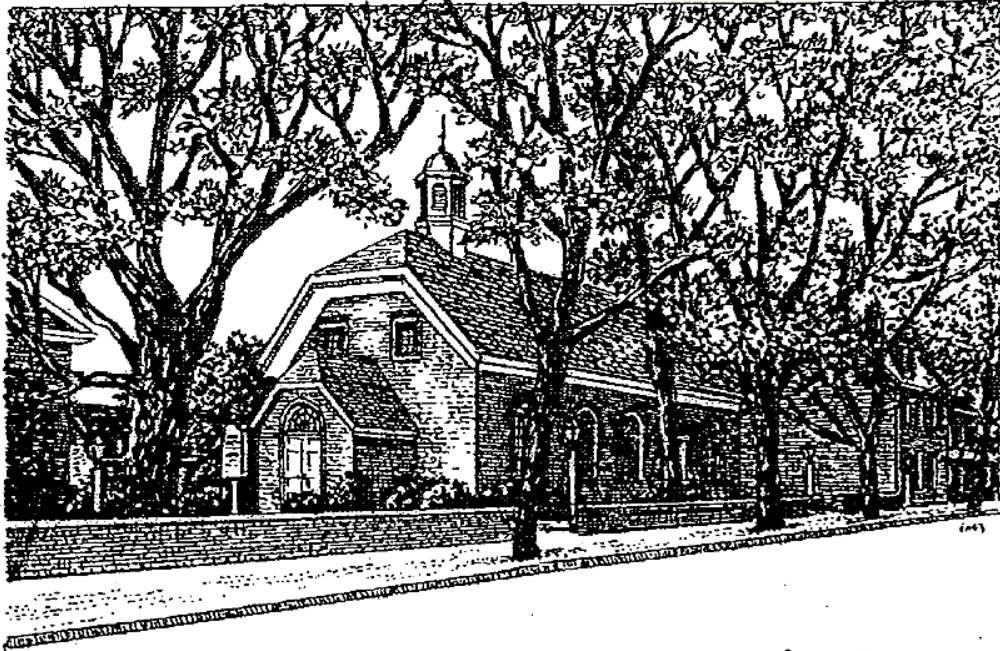


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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 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
Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

We Gather Together

arr. Stan Pethel

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

Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

May this love guide our hearts.

Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and was, and is to come.

Let us worship the Lord who leads the way.

*Hymn #267

Come, Christian, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have not lived as your people. We have stood by as others struggle. We cast our lots with those who worship power and success. We offer insults rather than words of grace to those with whom we disagree. We downplay the importance of your words.

Forgive us, God of mercy, for not recognizing what we do to you, to others, and to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ. Enable us, by the power of your Spirit, to live as your people...

(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

Rejoice, The Lord Is King!

Larry Shackley

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come and his servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Everlasting God, your Spirit gives wisdom and revelation. You reign in grace and mercy, always slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Open the eyes of our hearts this morning. Teach us to know the hope to which you have called us, that we may seek your realm of peace. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 18:33-38a

Page: NT 113

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ^{38a} Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

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

Sermon

Belonging to the Truth

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #459

O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Cindy Berry

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**

Christ, you are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Lead us onward, O King eternal. We journey in hope of your empty tomb, made strong in your grace. Magnify these gifts and make known your resurrection in creation. May the offerings of our lives reflect your merciful glory. 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 #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!

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 Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Melissa Boris/Gail Seitz

Ushers: Scott & Amy Selheimer

Coffee Hour: Trustees

Nursery: Julie Barry/Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Chandler H. Gebhart
1887-1964

Ivan Philip Hanson
1902-1992



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in October and November.

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

If you're interested in serving as a Nursery volunteer, contact Molly Shaw. If you're interested in serving as a Sunday School volunteer, contact Melissa Boris.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Our 2025 Stewardship Season celebrated God's signs of promise as we commit to *hold God's people in our hearts*. If you still wish to return your pledge form, you may place it in to the Church Office mailbox labeled "Pledge Forms."

THANKSGIVING MORNING AT NCPC

Gather with your NCPC family on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 28 as we gather in the Fellowship Hall from 8am to 9am for bagels, coffee, and a short devotional time together. (You'll still have time to put the turkey in the oven!) All are welcome as we give thanks for God's many blessings. RSVP on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Any questions, contact Miranda Matthews at

thecatmagnet@yahoo.com or call/text at 302-521-3140.



DITTY BOXES FOR THE SEAMAN’S CENTER – TODAY

We're wrapping up our Seaman's Center ditty box collection today! All of these much-needed donations will be given as Christmas gifts to sailors coming through the Port of Wilmington! Far from home and family for months at a time, the sailors receive these gifts as a small token of appreciation for the important and often dangerous job they do. During coffee hour, we'll organize donations, and the Mission/Outreach team will deliver them to the Seamen's Center.

CODE PURPLE

First & Central Presbyterian welcomes Wilmington's unhoused neighbors into their social hall every Saturday during the winter months. From 6 to 10 to a.m., guests receive a warm welcome, light breakfast, and hospital services, including wifi, charging stations, and shower services. NCPC's Mission and Outreach committee invites you to sign up to support this effort at <https://shorturl.at/X6Vyd> or contact Amy Selheimer.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Copies of our Advent devotionals are available in the CE Building entryway, as well as our “photo-a-day” Advent challenge! Submit photos to our google folder here: <https://shorturl.at/SdvCL>

ADVENT COOKIE DECORATING – DECEMBER 1



The Deacons will sponsor a cookie decorating party during coffee hour on December 1st to celebrate the beginning of Advent. Plain sugar cookies in Christmas shapes will be provided to decorate with icing, sprinkles, and colored sugars. Take home containers will also be provided for each

family or individual or you can bring one from home. Join us at coffee hour for some Christmas fun as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and all the joys of the Advent season.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 8

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, December 8, for the purpose of reviewing the 2025 Budget as approved by Session at their December meeting and to vote on the pastor's terms of call for next year.

CHURCH YARD CLEAN-UP - Saturday, December 7, 9am - Noon

Please bring work gloves, rakes, and safety glasses if you have them. We'll provide leaf bags, plus coffee and donuts to keep you fueled! If weather becomes an issue, we'll announce rain dates as needed. Thank you in advance for lending a hand! Your support makes all the difference in maintaining the beauty of our grounds.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

The CE Building will be open from 11:30-3 with soups and breads for sale, as well as free refreshments (cookies, hot chocolate, coffee). All NCPC proceeds go to support [Friendship House!](#)

We'll offer three (free!) concerts in the Meeting House – at Noon: Willow Tree, at 1:30 Celebration Ringers, and at 3: New Ark Chorale.

We need volunteers to serve as Meeting House ushers, folks to bake bread/ fix soups/ bake cookies, as well as folks to sell the yummy goodies and restock the refreshments table. All sign-up forms, with more information, are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, contact Amy Selheimer and Phee Price.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – DECEMBER 22

Join us on Sunday, December 22 at 6 p.m. for caroling around Old New Castle; we'll begin to walk from the CE Building.

We'll provide sheet music, but please bring a flashlight.

Christmas lights and festive attire is encouraged! We'll end at the Mayhews home for refreshments around 7:00pm. You are welcome to come even if you don't go caroling!



SPECIAL SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Join us for our **Longest Night Service at 7 p.m.** on Wednesday, December 18.

For all who are struggling in this season of merry carols, this candlelight service is a quieter time to gather in the promise and comfort of Emmanuel: God with us. Our **Christmas Eve services** will be a Family Service at 5 p.m. and a Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m.

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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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	11/24	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Ditty Box Assembly
Thursday	11/28		THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed
		8:00am	Bagels & Blessing
Friday	11/29		DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING Office Closed
Saturday	11/30	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	12/01		1st Day of Advent
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour & Cookie Decorating

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The Church Office will be closed on November 28 and 29.*

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SESSION

2025	2026	2027
Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam	Julie Barry
Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy	Sarah McCann
Connie Reese	OPEN	Amy Selheimer
Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2025	2026	2027
Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance	Julia Spock
Janet Spring	Liz Toto	Beverly Stoudt

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2025	2026	2027
Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham
Mike Smith	Gail Seitz	Kelly McCurdy

Trustees meet the 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

