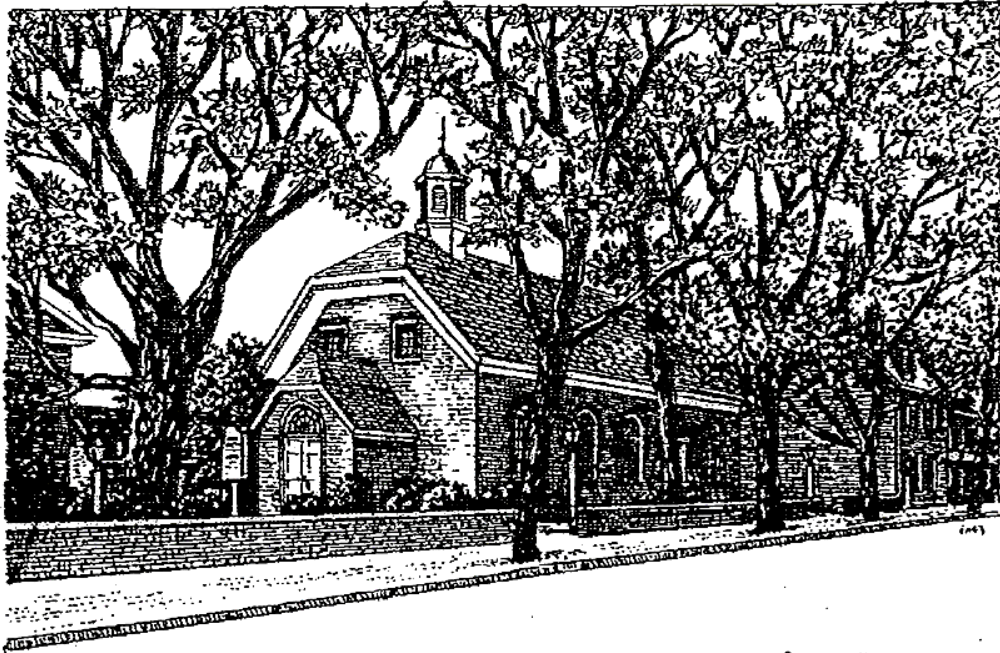


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

Fanfare

by Michael Hellman

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

God promises to tend and care for God's people.

At the burning bush with Moses, we learn of God's compassion.

God promises to tend and care for God's people.

Through Ruth's vows to Naomi, we observe God's faithfulness.

God promises to tend and care for God's people.

**When Philip baptizes the Ethiopian eunuch, we are marked by
God's abundant welcome in Jesus Christ.**

Through these signs of promise, God asks, "whom shall I send?"

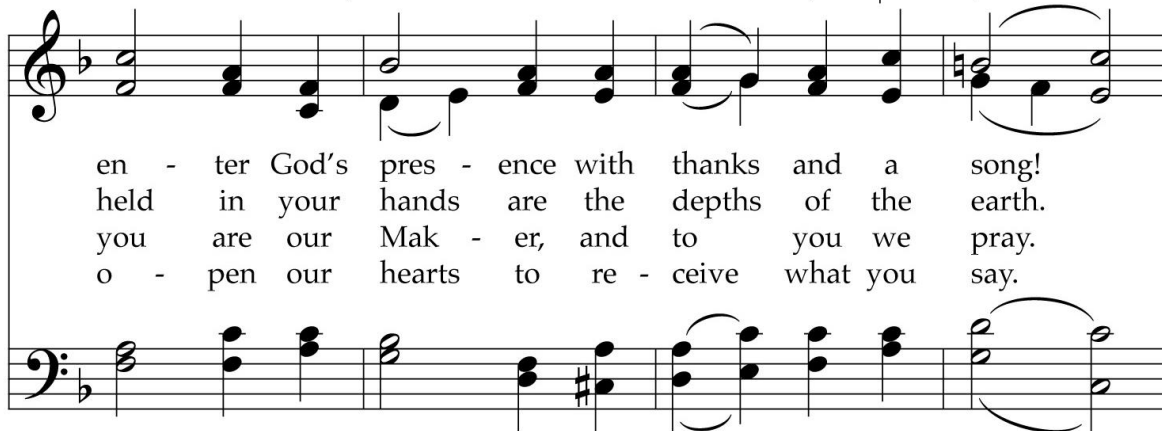
Here I am Lord; I will hold your people in my heart.

*Hymn #386

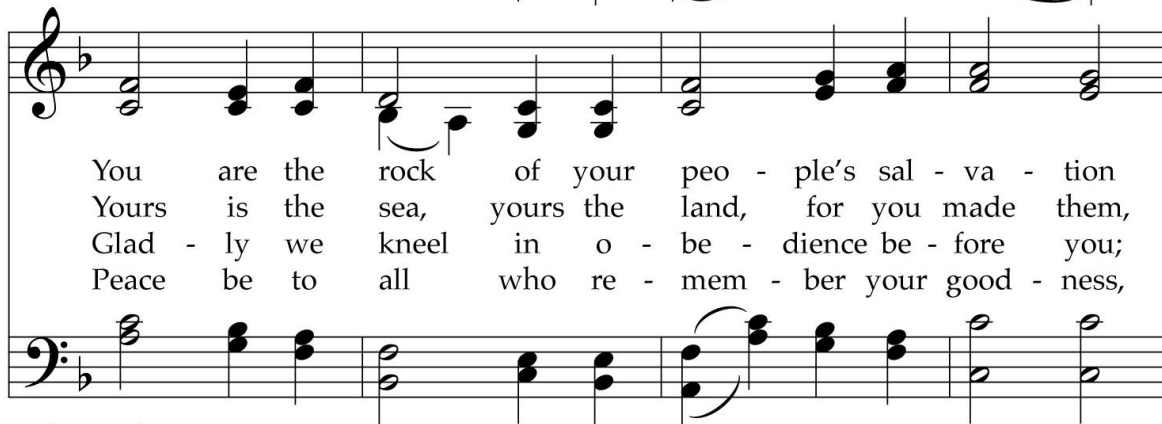
Come, Worship God



1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;
2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;
3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;
4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;



en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.
o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.



You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;
Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,



to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.
God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!
trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalms 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, we confess that we do not always seek the light of your way. We are satisfied to dwell in shadows, holding fast to the comforts of material fortune. We ignore the needs of others and selfishly look the other way when our neighbors suffer.

In your merciful way, help us to establish your equity in the world.

Move us to protect creation and ensure equality, that all your children may have a share of your abundance and the safety of your peace.

May your light of compassion continue to shine throughout creation...

(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

Amazing Grace

Arr. by Dale Grotenhuis

Amy Shimmin – Flute

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Amazing grace how sweet the sound the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come, 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Amazing grace!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you are present in our midst, yet beyond all comprehension. By your light, we see light. By your healing, we are made whole. By your mercy, we know your greatness. Meet us in the wilderness and show us how to shine your light of love into the world. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 6:8

Page: OT 636

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

Stewardship Moment

Marshall Freund

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3:1-12

Page: OT 50

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #69

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Verse 1, Refrain

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Statement on Ordained Service from I Corinthians 12:4-6

***Affirmation of Faith: The 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.

Presentation of Candidates

Questions to Candidates & Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Julia as Deacon and Sarah as Elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (We do.)

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? (We do.)

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration and Welcome

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory **My Faith Looks up to Me** arr by Barbara Kinyon

***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**

O God of sea and sky, here we are. As we serve you, continue to call us and be with us. Bless our time, our talents, and our treasure that our whole lives would bear your light into the world. Lead us, Lord, that we would hold your people in our hearts. 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 #410

God is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic - es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub-lime and hu - man arts,

through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.
through their long - ing for re - demp-tion and for res - cue from de - spair.
through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still - ness, rush of won - der:
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri - dent cry or si - lent plead-ing;
Lift of joy and gift of sing - ing; days and nights our prais - es bring - ing;

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

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(this tune in a higher key, 128)

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude Festive Postlude on St. Theodulph arr. Douglas E. Wagner
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:* Marshall Freund/Connie Reese

Ushers: Lindy & Sandy Ballance *Coffee Hour:* Trustees/ Fall Fest

Nursery: Jane Fouracre/Melissa Boris *Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Stephanie Foltz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ira Dare Duling
1879-1961

Warren F. Beasley
1907-2000



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 – SIGNS OF PROMISE

I, the Lord, of Sea and Sky, I have heard my people cry... Whom shall I send?

Our 2025 Stewardship Season kicks off today, as we celebrate God's signs of promise and commit to *hold God's people in our hearts*. Come stand at the burning bush with Moses, hear Ruth's promises to Naomi, and stand with Philip by the river. We'll hear how God's people - then and now - have said, "Here I am, Lord, send me!" Mark your calendars for our Stewardship Report after worship on November 3 and our Pledge Sunday on November 10.

BOOK STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Fall Book Discussion on Debie Thomas' [A Faith of Many Rooms](#): Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity. This Wednesday, October 30th at 3 p.m. we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our book discussion. RSVP to Pastor Miriam.

FALL FEST: CHILI + GAMES - TODAY

Fall Fest is back today during coffee hour! The CE Committee is organizing crafts and games. Congregational Life is organizing our annual chili cook-off! Come enjoy some chili and vote for your favorite!

YOUNG(ISH) WOMENS – NOVEMBER 3

This fall, we're meeting on the first Sunday of each month. Mark your calendars for November 3 from 12-2! This fellowship group is for women between the ages of 20ish and 50ish; childcare will be provided.

CEMETERY CLEANUP – NOVEMBER 2

The Trustees will lead the way on the annual cemetery cleanup day on Saturday, November 2 from 9am-12pm. Plan to come out and lend a hand to spruce up the New Castle Presbyterian Church Cemetery on Umbrella Row.

DITTY BOXES FOR THE SEAMAN'S CENTER

We're gearing up for our annual Seaman's Center ditty boxes, a collection of useful items packed into shoe boxes to 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.

Beginning this Sunday, you can drop off donations in the entryway of the CE Building. The Seaman's Center asks for full-sized items listed below:

Knitted hats and scarves, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Combs, Razors, Deodorant, Shampoo, Playing Cards, Chapstick, Cough Drops, Hand Lotion, Sewing kits, Hard Candy (no chocolate), Soap, Stationary, Pens, Warm Socks, Winter Gloves. They also need gently used warm men's clothing.

We'll collect things until Sunday, Nov. 24. That Sunday, join us after coffee hour to pack the boxes and the Mission/Outreach team 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.

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.

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	10/27	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School/Nursery Installation of Julia Spock/ and Sarah McCann
		11:30am	Fall Fest
Wednesday	10/30	3:00pm	Book Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	10/31	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	11/02	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:00am – 12:00pm	Cemetery Cleanup
SUNDAY	11/03	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School/Nursery
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

*Kris will be on vacation Monday, October 28 – Wednesday, October 30
Phones will be covered in the morning*

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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)

