

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.

Sunday School is not offered today but Nursery is still available and children are always welcome in worship! Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available at the back of the Meeting House. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery. 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. Sunday School will return next week.

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
Second Sunday after Pentecost**

June 2, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Tom Birchwood

**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 has searched us and knows us, calling us each by name.

Let us sing aloud to God, our strength!

From the skies to the depths, wherever we go, God is there.

Let us shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

God delivers the captives and cares for all in need.

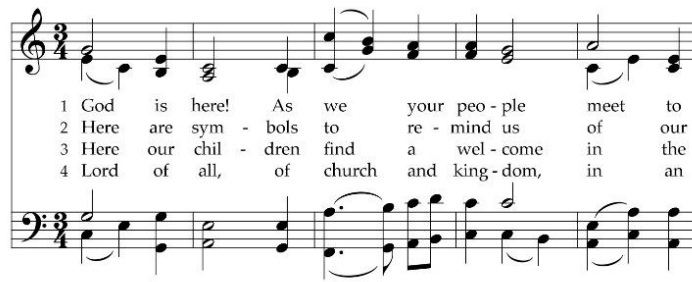
Let us praise the Lord of the Sabbath who frees us to new life!

Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening.

Lead us in the way everlasting!

*Hymn #409

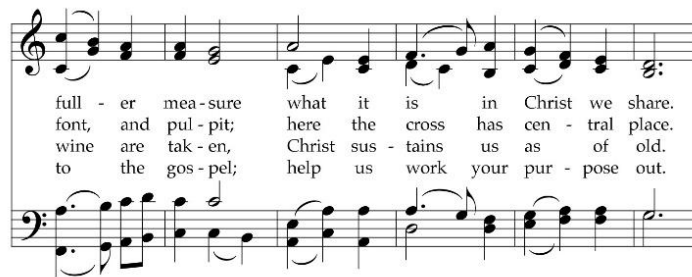
God is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



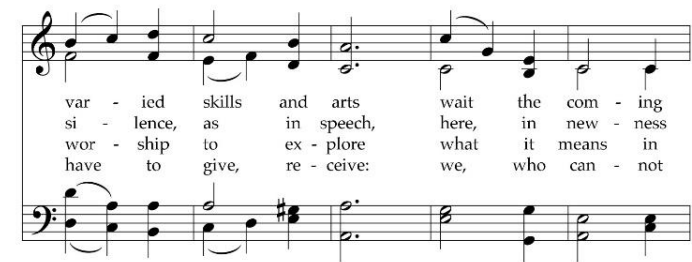
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God of Creation, you know us better than we know ourselves. You wash us in your waters of grace and bind us together as your family. Forgive us when we forget that we belong to you and when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence. Forgive us when we believe we can earn your love or buy our way to deliverance. Forgive us, and wash us again in your mercy, that we would rest in your goodness and grace. (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 **I Want to Walk as A Child Of The Light** arr by Benjamin Harlan
Choir and Sunday School Children
Bethany Faiz - Piano

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of all our days, we praise your name. You write the book of all our days; your grace sustains us. Through Christ, you still heal and restore your creation. We wait for you, Lord, for your word strengthens us. Grant us the eyes to see what cannot be seen and to gaze on what is eternal. May we revel and rest in the glories of your creation! Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Page: OT 162

“Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2:23-28

Page: NT 36

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?” ²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.” *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon


“What Was I Made For”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn #507

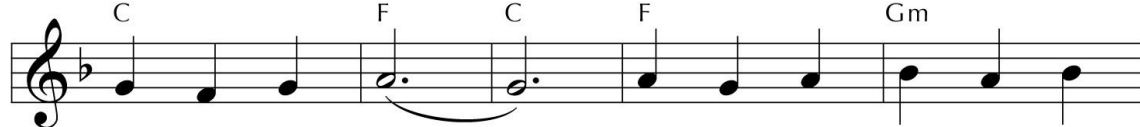
Come to the Table of Grace

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B^b




1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm



ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F



not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

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TABLE OF GRACE
7.7.10.7

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Anna Laura Page
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**

O God, your Spirit is on the move in our world, filling your children with hope and preparing your creation for your coming reign. With an urgency born of this hope, we apply ourselves to our present tasks and strive for a better world. We give in steadfast hope that we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, and that our giving may reflect your glory. 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

*Hymn #749

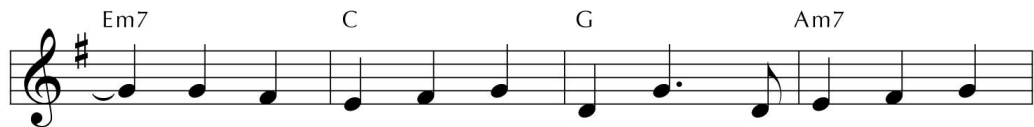
Come! Live in the Light!



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



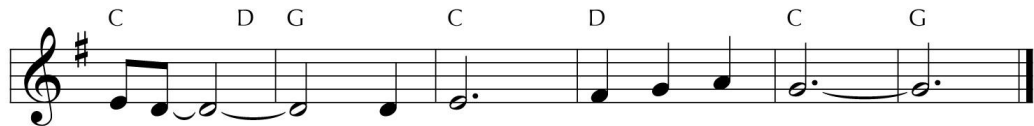
free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Sunshine and Joy Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

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: Janet Spring

Counters: Gail Seitz/Scott Selheimer

Communion: Lindy Ballance*, Jim & Barbara Whisman and Liz Toto

Ushers: Scott & Amy Selheimer

Coffee Hour: Liz Toto/Deacons

Nursery: Lynn Smith/Kim Beebe

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Emily V. Fleming
1895-1988

Mary F. Barlet
1912-1988



TIME TO BAKE THE BROWNIES

Are you wondering how to put your faith into action? Why not bake a batch of brownies? Brownie boxes are located on the bench inside the Christian Education Building and should be returned on or before June 6th. The families who count on Emmanuel Dining Hall for a daily meal enjoy having a sweet treat after their meal. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers & worship leaders in June. Please sign up today:

<https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – SUMMER UPDATES

Sunday School wraps up next Sunday, June 9, 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING – JUNE 5

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. We need a range of volunteers to help teach, lead music/ games/ crafts, help serve food, and clean-up. Please join us at our first planning meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be hybrid, with folks gathering in the Fellowship Hall, as well as via Zoom. Let Pastor Miriam know if you'd like the zoom link!

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE WALK – JUNE 8

You are invited to join fellow New Castle Presbyterian Church members as we take part in the annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on the morning of Saturday, June 8 at Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront. All of the proceeds from the event go directly to local non-profits, including Friendship House. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with the walk set to begin at 9 a.m. We have formed a team "New Castle Presbyterian" and would love to have you join us, either by walking together, virtually walking with us from wherever you are, or supporting us with a donation. Please go to the following website to register or donate: <https://shorturl.at/pqOS2>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING + CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 9

Join us following worship on Sunday, June 9 in the Meeting House for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We'll elect officers for the Class of 2027 and also elect the Trustees of the Corporation. See the June Newsletter for the full list of nominees and their bios.

After our business concludes, we'll gather for our annual picnic to mark the end of Sunday School and Choir for this programming year. NCPC Elders will fire up the grills to cook hamburgers and hotdogs, and we'll have cake to celebrate all who had milestone birthdays this past year. Come and celebrate God's goodness!

HABITAT WORK DAY – JUNE 22

Limited volunteer spaces are available to join with New Castle Presbytery churches for a Habitat Eastside Wilmington Work Day. Details are located in the May Newsletter. Must be 16 years of age, complimentary lunch will be provided by Concord PC, and work clothes required to participate in the build. Although the registration deadline is 6/17/24, we intend to have the ten-person volunteer slots filled quickly, so register today!

PRIDE WEEKEND IN NEW CASTLE – JUNE 29

Mark your Calendars for some exciting events to celebrate Pride Month in New Castle! On Saturday, June 29, a Drag Queen Brunch will be offered at Cabernet Candles at 410 Delaware Street.

New Castle Presbyterian will host a creative event of spoken-word, visual art and music featuring artist Phoenix from Riverfront Ministries and pianist-extraordinaire Michael Hunter at 3pm. This will be followed by a reception in the CE Building. We are asking the congregation to donate either finger foods or set-up/clean-up time for the 4pm reception. We'd like to keep it simple; similar to things that are served for coffee hour. Please sign up if you can help; there will be a sign-up sheet in the CE building. Please see either Diana Reilly or Phee Price with questions.

If you'd like to be a part of planning these events, contact Phee Price at pheeprice@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

This May and June, we have the opportunity to donate to one of 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. 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 or 302-368-8639.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

Rod Denison

Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
505 Greenbank Rd., Room C7
Wilmington, DE 19808

Linda Twyford

New Castle Nursing & Rehab
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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-2580

David Lioi

Shiple Living
2723 Shipley Road
Healthcare Ctr Rm. 505
Wilmington, DE 19808

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Kathy Griffin-Graham

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New Castle, DE 19720
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Anita Johnson

Cokesbury
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Hockessin, DE 19707

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George Spock

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James Boyle

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	06/02	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		4:00-7:00pm	Strand Block Party in Church Yard
Tuesday	06/04	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	06/05	3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:30pm	VBS Planning Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	06/06		Brownies Due
Friday	06/07	9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
Saturday	06/08	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:00am	Friendship House Walk
		12:00pm	Separation Day
SUNDAY	06/09	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Congregational Meeting
		11:45am	Church Picnic

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Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

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 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

