

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.

Nametags – We encourage everyone to use the nametags available in the Meeting House entrance during worship and coffee hour. Please return to their box in Fellowship Hall.

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, 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 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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** arr Anna Laura Page
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 2 Corinthians 5:17-20*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

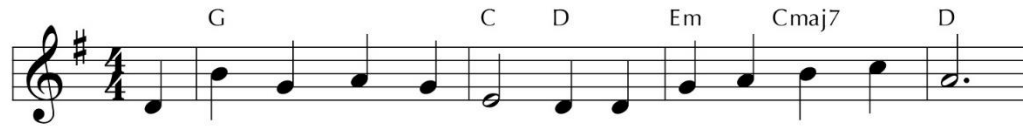
Let us live as ambassadors of Christ.

We gather as God's beloved family to worship our Redeemer.

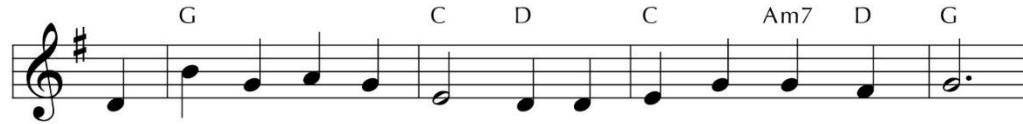
Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.

***Hymn #402**

How Lovely, Lord



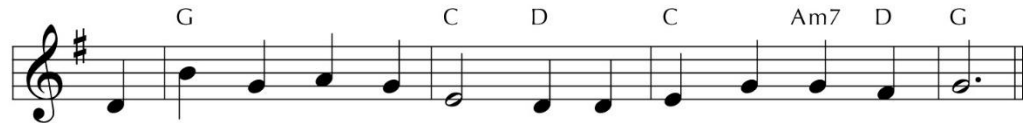
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

TEXT: Arlo D. Duba, 1984
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983
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MERLE'S TUNE
7.6.7.6.D

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we keep silent when we should speak. We see iniquity and the injustices of the world, yet are content not to call them out. We withhold kind words, yet are quick to speak in judgment. Forgive us, O God. Direct the way we should go and help us to use our voices to spread your grace and truth... (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

Just as I Am

arr. by Evelyn R. Larger

Amy Shimmin – Flute/ Bethany Faiz – Piano

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.

I hear thy welcome voice that calls me, Lord, to thee for cleansing in the precious blood of Calvary. I am coming, Lord, to thee; wash me, cleanse me in the blood that flowed on Calvary.

Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, you sent your Son to be the light of the world that we would discern good from evil. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you and live in all goodness. Send your Holy Spirit to open our eyes to your way and truth. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

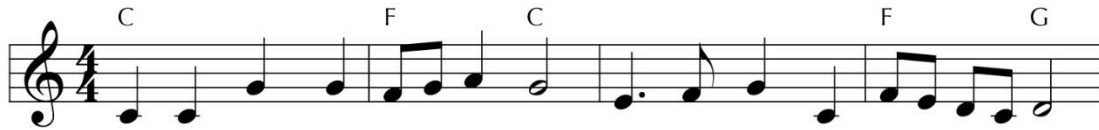
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Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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

GIVE THANKS TO GOD***Hymn #19****God of Great and God of Small**

1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

TEXT: Natalie Sleeth, 1973
 MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL
 7.7.7.7 with refrain

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Molly Ijames

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

Gracious God, seeker of the lost, draw your children back to your loving embrace. Reconcile our hearts to you that we might see your goodness in the land of the living. As we pray for your kingdom to come, may these offerings of our lives and gifts be in service to you. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. 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.

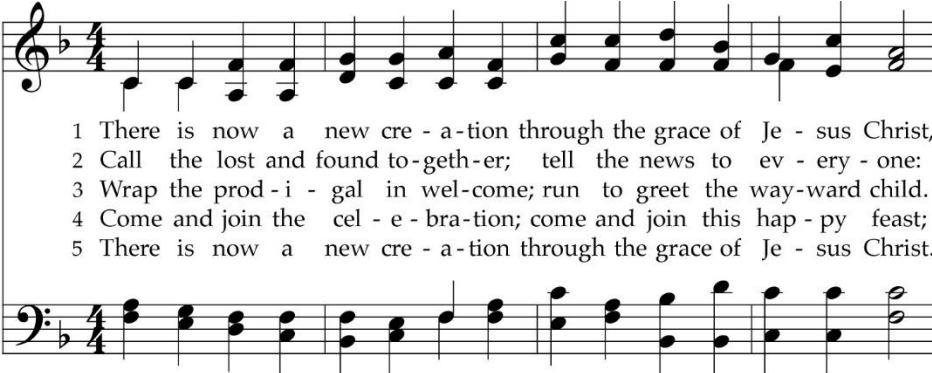
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

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.

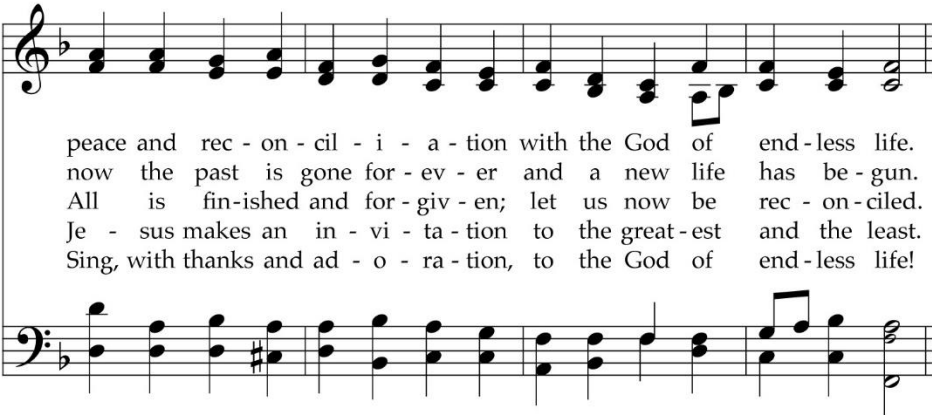
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #774

There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Jesus Paid It on the Cross

arr. Patti Drennan

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

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew

Counters: Melissa Boris/Gary Graham

Ushers: The Fooks Family

Fellowship Hour: Pop-up Potluck

Nursery: Chris Fagles/Kim Beebe

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Harry Montgomery, Jr.
1894-1983

Ernest J. Cebrat
1918-1997



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	3/30	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour – Guatemala Presentation
		12pm-2pm	Young-ish Women Gathering
		3:00pm	Delaware Women's Chorus
Tuesday	4/01	6:00pm	Mission & Outreach Committee Mtg
		7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
		7:00pm	Session Mtg
Wednesday	4/02	3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper St. Peter the Apostle
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	4/03	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	4/05	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	4/06	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship and Communion
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

POPUK POTLUCK COFFEE HOUR - MARCH 30

Today, Amy Selheimer will be sharing information about her Mission trip to Guatemala and serving Guatemalan Hot chocolate and fruit at coffee hour. The Deacons invite all worshipers to participate in our fellowship time. Please take any leftovers home with you.

YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S - TODAY

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

THE DELAWARE WOMEN'S CHORUS IS RETURNING! – TODAY

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 today at 3:00 PM in the Meeting House.

LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

This Wednesday at 6:00pm, join with our New Castle neighbors for our next Ecumenical Soup Dinner at St. Peter the Apostle (515 Harmony Street).

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!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Please sign up to usher and serve as worship leader:

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

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>



EGGS FOR THE EASTER FAIR

Pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs in the CE building and fill them with various goodies (candy, stickers, etc.) for our Easter Fair Egg Hunt. **All eggs are to be returned by April 13.** Pro-tip: tape the eggs shut! Interested in volunteering at the Easter Fair (setting up, hiding eggs, cleaning up, etc.). contact Melissa Boris at borism1010@gmail.com



EASTER FAIR REGISTRATION

Join us during Sunday School on Sunday, April 20, for our annual Easter Fair. We are looking forward to the younger members of the church participating in Easter activities, songs, and stories...as well as everyone's favorite Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour! Register by April 14 at <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/easterfair>

EASTER FLOWERS FORM

On Easter Sunday, the Meeting House is decorated with spring flowers to help us celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. If you would like to donate a flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, please return the form by April 13.

HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

Palm Sunday (4/13) - Palms Processional begins across 2nd Street at 10:25

Maundy Thursday (4/17) - 7 p.m. Bluegrass Worship with Communion in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday (4/18) - Individual meditation all day in the Meeting House

Easter Sunday (4/20) – 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Battery Park Pier,
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Meeting House, Easter Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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