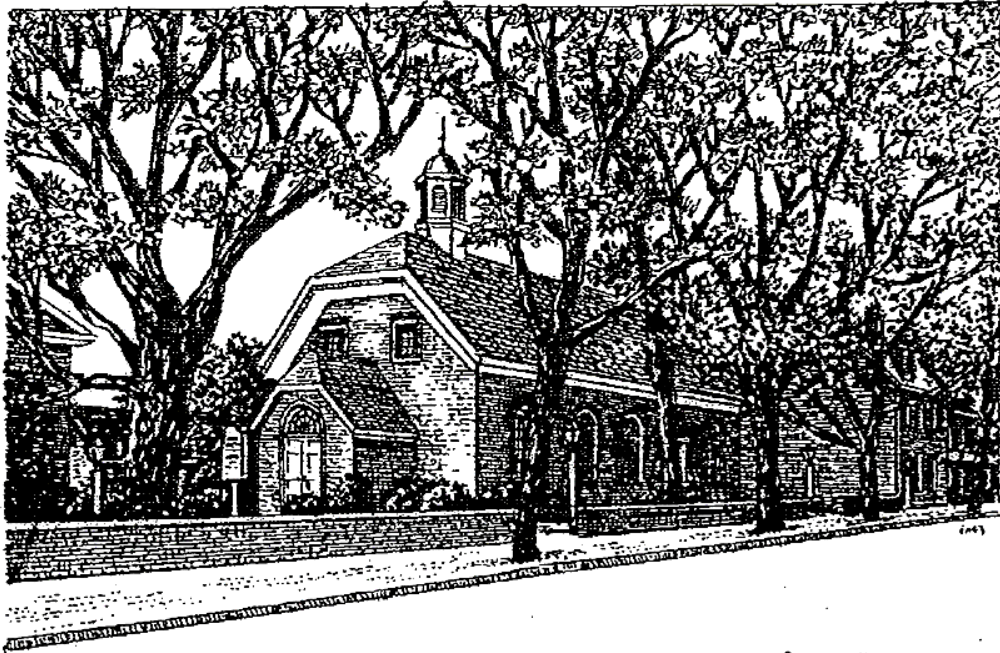


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

**Love Lifted Me**  
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**

**Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship** (*from Proverbs 3 – The Message*)

Trust God from the bottom of your heart.

**We don't have to figure out everything on our own.**

Listen for God's voice in everything you do.

**God is the one who keeps us on track.**

Run to God! Run from evil!

**Let us worship the Lord of Heaven and Earth!**

\*Hymn #93

# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (from Isaiah 58)

**O God of majesty, we give you thanks for your steadfast love, because our love is shortsighted and erratic. We pretend to practice righteousness, but we just glorify ourselves. We act with humility only when it serves our purposes.**

**O Great I am, hear our cry for help. Open our eyes to see the bonds of injustice and give us the saltiness and energy to break every yoke. May we be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. Teach us how to live as your forgiven and forgiving 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

**You Raise Me Up** Graham/Loveland/Knight  
Bruce Raker - Bass Soloist  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

*When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary; when troubles come and my heart burdened be;  
then I am still and wait here in the silence, until you come and sit a while with me. You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. I am strong, when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up, to more than I can be. There is no life, no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly. But when you come and I am filled with wonder, sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity. You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up, to more than I can be.*

## Scripture Conversation with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

**God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind to walk the path of obedience and discipleship without worrying about how we compare with others. Guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may live as your children, dependent on you and welcoming all with hospitality and love. Speak your everlasting word of truth to us now. Amen.**

### Scripture Lesson

**Mark 9:38-50**

**Page: NT 45**

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup> “If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup> “For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*Church Balloons*

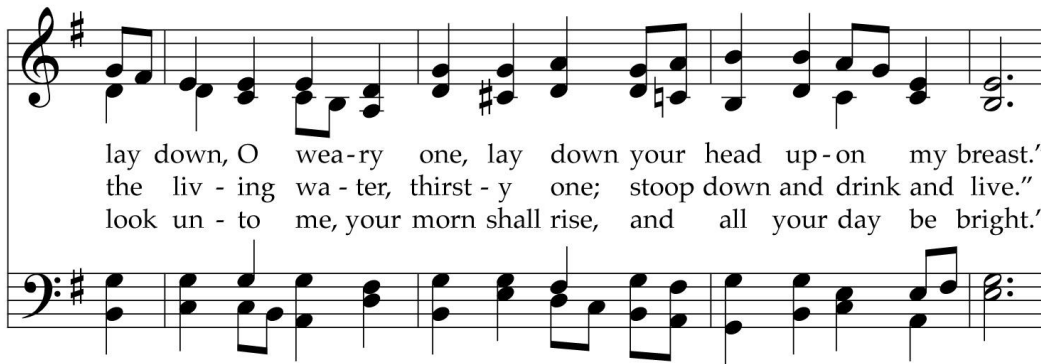
# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #182

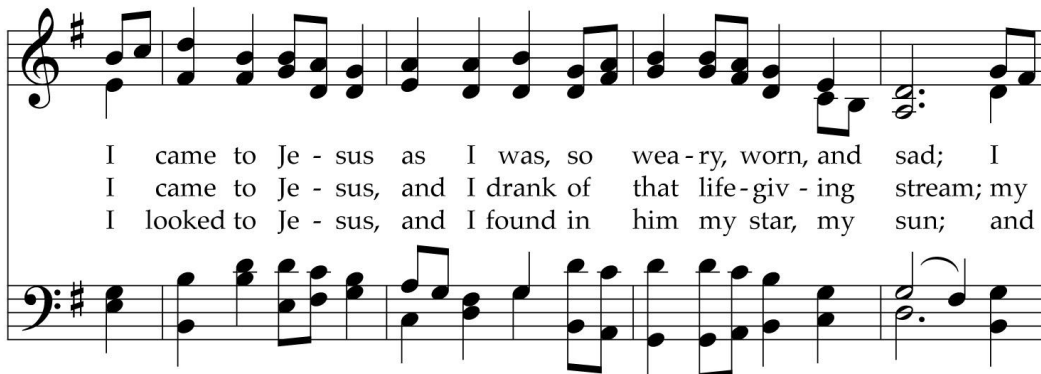
## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Poeme

by Gordon Young

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**

**Everlasting God, our help is in your name. You have not forgotten us; you bless us with so much. Lord Christ, receive these gifts of your creation, and remember us in your tender mercy. Bring healing to your creation, 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 #765**

## **May the God of Hope Go with Us**

*(sung twice)*



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en*



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
*nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.*



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.  
*Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.*

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984  
MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA  
11.11.11 with refrain

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Steeple Bell**

## Postlude

## We're Marching to Zion Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Larry Shackley

*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:* Jen Dunham/Kelly McCurdy

*Ushers:* Karl & Jack Randall

*Coffee Hour:* Deacons

*Nursery:* Lynn Smith/Julie Barry

*Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Stephanie Foltz

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Howard L. Wilhelm*  
1887-1954

*Helen T. Anderson Johnson*  
1906-1990



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be updating the Directory this month.

Please send us any updates to your address, email, phone, etc.

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

## BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Miriam. We'll read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. All are welcome!

## GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE – TODAY

Join us during Coffee Hour today for an update from leaders Carrie and Cathy on our Presbytery's partnership with CEDEPCA and the Mam Christian Women's Association - <https://ncpguatemala.com/>. Come hear about the latest projects of reforestation, sustainable farming, and gender justice. As we feast on baleadas, we'll also learn about an opportunity to travel to Guatemala in January 2025.

## **WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING – OCTOBER 6**

Join us in worship October 6 as we celebrate World Communion Sunday, recognizing our oneness in Christ with our siblings around the world. We will collect our Peace and Global Witness Offering, which encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Learn more about this offering here:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>

## **YOUNG(ISH) WOMENS – OCTOBER 6**

This fall, we'll start meeting on the first Sunday of each month! Mark your calendars for October 6 from 12-2! This fellowship group is for women between the ages of 20ish and 50ish; let Pastor Miriam know if you need childcare.

## **ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL – OCTOBER 20**

We'll offer Sunday School for all ages in the Fellowship Hall! Over lunch, we'll gather for conversation and activities from 12-1 with the Gospel According to Bluey: Keepy Uppy. To learn more about Bluey go to <https://www.bluey.tv/>

## **MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – OCTOBER 20**

On October 20, Greg and Susan Fogarty will host us for a campfire lunch, then we'll head to Battery Park to do some trash pick-up and talk about how we care for God's creation. RSVPs to Pastor Miriam are appreciated!

## **FALL CHILI FEST**

Chili fest is back again on October 27th during coffee hour! Come one, come all and bring your favorite crockpot of chili to share with everyone. A sign-up sheet is located on the rolling bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all for some fall fun!

## **M&O CLOTHING DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER**

September marked our popular annual clothing drive for Friendship House. Refresh your life (and your closets!) by donating your new or gently used, clean clothing and school uniforms to Friendship House. Donations can be brought to the church and left in the second room on the right on the second floor of the CE building, or if that's difficult, in the entryway. We'll collect donations through October 9. The Friendship House van will come October 10 at 11am. If you would like to help load the van, please let Scott Selheimer know.

## **BROWNIE BAKERS**

Every month, NCPC volunteers prepare a meal for Emmanuel Dining Room in Wilmington. You can help feed our neighbors by baking a batch of brownies! Mixes are available in the CE Building; please return baked brownies in a sealed ziploc bag. Brownies are due into the kitchen by October 6.

## **GIFTS OF LOVE**

Thanks to all of you for the Christian love you've shown for your neighbors-in-need. With your generous giving in August, we raised an additional \$740 bringing our 2024 contributions to \$3,140. (Amazing) This has been a difficult year for many of our neighbors and for the organizations that help them. Many organizations have seen their treasuries depleted. As you know, we collaborate with the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) of St. Peter's Catholic Church and they too have come very close to being out of funds. They are no longer able to offer rental/mortgage assistance and are limiting utility grants to \$150. SVdP is very thankful for NCPC support and they are grateful that we are part of the community of good neighbors.

The food pantry continues to operate with the generous donations from the St. Peter's community, NCPC and others. To God be the glory!

## **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Resource Development Committee is looking for one (or more!!) members to join RD as a "member at large." Are you interested in the budget? Policies? The inner workings of the church staff? Resource Development is for you!!! Please reach out to Peter McCurdy if you are interested or have any questions!

## **MEN'S GROUP**

Men's Group will meet for food and fellowship at Iron Hill Brewery on the Riverfront in Wilmington on Monday, October 21 at 7:00. Come join the conversation! Please RSVP to Steven Foltz.

## **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>

### ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

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### ***On Assignment with the Air Force:***

#### ***James Boyle***

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## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>09/29</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Guatemala Presentation</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/01</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Mission &amp; Outreach Committee Meeting</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/02</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/03</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/05</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi Wedding Ceremony Fontinha/Moore</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10/06</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; Communion</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:00-2:00pm</b>	<b>Young-ish Women Gathering</b>

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Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

## SESSION

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

*Session meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

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

*Deacons meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

## TRUSTEES

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

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

