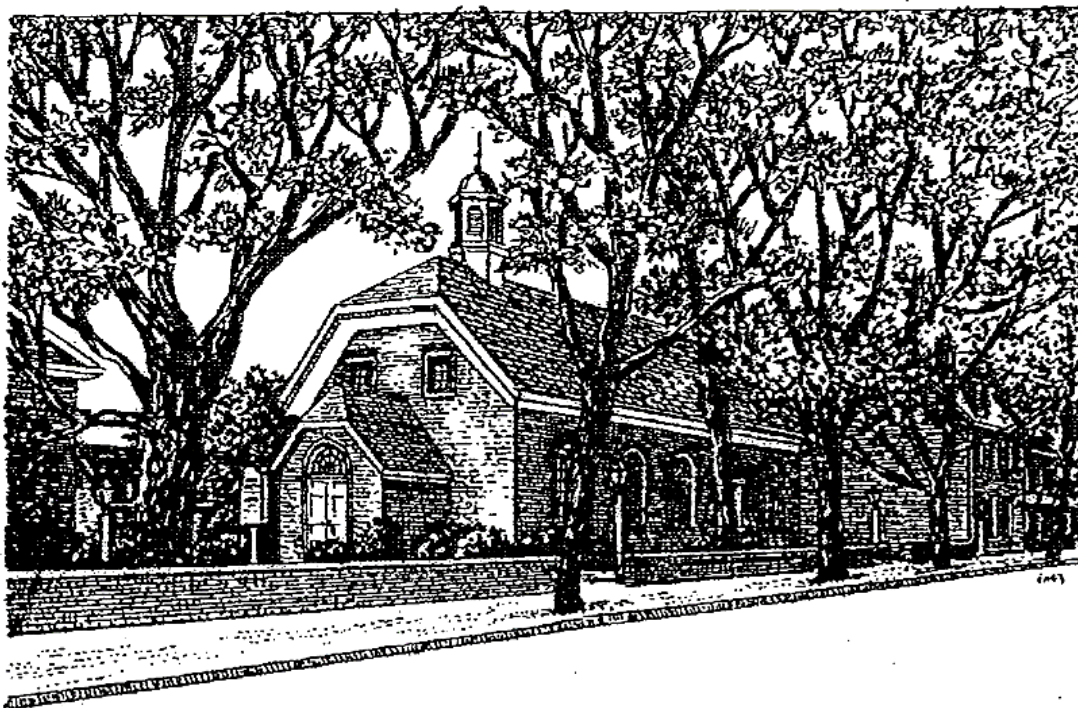


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

**New Castle Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Lent**

March 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Near the Cross
Bethany Faiz, Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

Steeple Bell

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the LORD'S strength; seek God's presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done. God remembers the holy promise,

People: and brings the people out with joy, God's chosen ones with singing. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 105:1-5, 42-43

Hymn #49 The God of Abraham Praise (Verses 1, 2)

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.

2 Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of
old
and you speak still.
Established is your law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart
by your strong hand.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and compassionate God, we confess that we are worn out. You gather all people into your presence, yet we feel isolated from one another and distant from you. You walk with us through our ordinary days, bringing hope and holiness, yet our vision is clouded by the false expectations of this world. You call us to participate in your holy work, yet we often find ourselves distracted and discouraged. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Forgive us when we forget that you are at work in all places and through all people. Open to us a future in which your glory shows forth undeniably, and give us boldness to follow where you lead.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Merciful, God hears us when we acknowledge our sin. Gracious, God promises forgiveness. Trust the promises of the God who saves. Know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

Response #799 I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry (vs 1)

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry
and pitied every groan.**

**Long as I live and troubles rise,
I'll hasten to God's throne.**

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture Readings

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty^[a]; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram^[b]; your name will be Abraham,^[c] for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word

Scripture Conversation with Children – Becoming Me, by Martin Boroson

Sermon *"Promises, Promises"*

Offertory Invitation and Prayer

Blessings too numerous to count. Such have we received from your hand. Now, O God, accept this expression of our gratitude. As we acknowledge your grace, we pray others may come to know it through these offerings. Amen.

Special Music

On Eagle's Wings
Sarah McCann
Bethany Faiz, Piano

arr. Jack Schrader

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

Hymn #49 The God of Abraham Praise (Verses 4)

4 You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me arr. Cindy Berry
Bethany Faiz, Piano

Thank you for serving today:

Communion: Susan & Jim Flook

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre

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FAMILY IN NEED

At this time we have members in need: Linda & Doug Twyford are going through health issues and could use our help. A meal train has been established and you can access it by going to the following website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050948AFA62CA6F85-meals>

ONGOING GIFTS OF LOVE COLLECTION

Manna in the form of cash or checks are appreciated, so we can continue our monthly Delmarva assistance grants. Gift envelopes are available in the brochure holder on CE Building outside wall. Donations of canned goods will support the St Peter's Food Pantry. The church office is open Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm. You can also place your envelope in the outside mailbox. As we have been blessed, we seek to use all that we have to bless others with Christ's good news of grace and joy!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. via Zoom as we delve into the Book of Esther. Through Wednesday, March 17, we'll gather to read a passage together and hear how God is speaking through Esther's story. Pat Taylor will lead the conversation; no homework is required! Email Eileen Larkin ([sngieileen1953@aol.com](mailto:sngeileen1953@aol.com)) for the zoom link.

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

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	3/7		3rd SUNDAY IN LENT
		9:30am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep.
		10:30am	Live Stream Worship & Communion with Supply Pastor Rev. Nona Holy
		11:30am	Zoom Fellowship
Tuesday	3/9	7:00pm	Session mtg via Zoom
Wednesday	3/10	1:00pm	Adult Bible Study via Zoom
		7:00pm	Worship Committee mtg via Zoom
SUNDAY	3/14		4th SUNDAY IN LENT
		10:30am	Live Stream Worship with Supply Pastor Rev. Nona Holy
		12:00pm	Deacons mtg via Zoom

**Pastor Nona is available for pastoral care throughout the week. Contact her via email nholy@udel.edu or cell (302) 299-9077*

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Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music
Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells
Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2021	2022	2023
Rob Barry	Kim Beebe	Candy Dunson
Chris Fagles	Melissa Boris	Steven Martin
Scott Selheimer	Connie Reese	Beverly Stoudt
Jo Viola	Ray Snyder	Jim Whisman

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2021	2022	2023
Juliann Barry	Connie Bell	Lindy Ballance
Salina Brett	Jane Fouracre	Elizabeth Parziale
Zarina Stone	Nanette Nichol	Conchita Showell

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2021	2022	2023
Ringo Keka	Steve Handy	Dan Dunson
Brenda Walters	Joan Lioi	Mary Fontinha
Barbara Whisman	Peter McCurdy	Gail Seitz

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