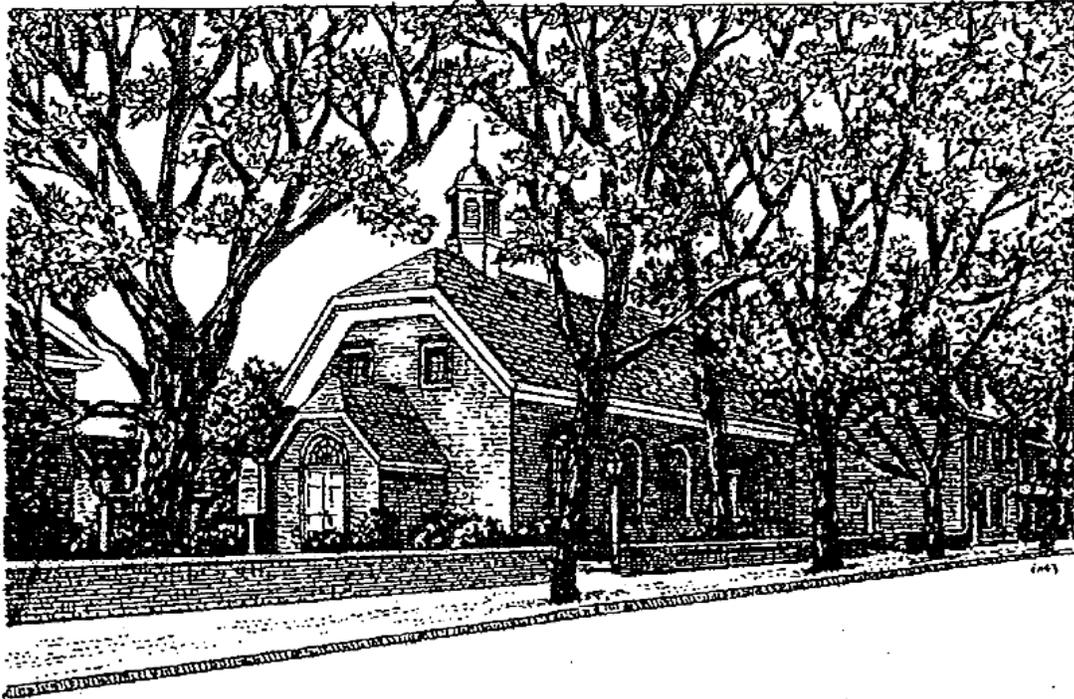


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
1st Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Bethany Faiz, Piano

arr. Sandra Eithun

Steeple Bell

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, let us sing God's praise with creation.

Praise God, sun and moon and shining stars!

Come, let us sing with Simeon and Anna.

Our eyes have seen salvation, God's gift for all people!

Come, let us sing God's praise together

And worship the Christ-child born for us!

Hymn #133, v. 1 & 3

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful
and triumphant; O come ye; O
come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and
behold him, born the King of
angels! O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; O come,
let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in
exultation; sing, all ye citizens of
heaven above! Glory to God, all
glory in the highest! O come, let us
adore him; O come, let us adore
him; O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Prayer of Confession

O God, in Christ you were born a humble child, love-made-flesh, God-with-us. Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace. Free us to see your Light reflecting in the faces of family and loved ones, neighbors and strangers, enemies and friends, and make us shine forth with your love. Hear us, we pray...

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Let us proclaim the Good News together:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #132, v. 1 & 3

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice; give
ye heed to what we say:

Jesus Christ is born today; ox and
ass before him bow, and he is in
the manger now.

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice; now
ye need not fear the grave:

Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to
gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save!

Christ was born to save!

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture Readings

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.

Pour upon us your spirit of wisdom and understanding, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as

holy to the Lord”),²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #123 v. 1 and 5**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old, from
angels bending near the earth, to
touch their harps of gold: "Peace
on the earth, good will to all, from
heaven's all-gracious King": the
world in solemn stillness lay, to
hear the angels sing.

5 For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old, when with
the ever-circling years shall come
the time foretold, when peace shall
over all the earth its ancient
splendors fling, and the whole
world give back the song which
now the angels sing.

Reflection***"The Grumpy Shepherd"*****Hymn #147 v. 1 and 6****The First Nowell**

1 The first Nowell the angel did
say was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay, in fields where
they lay keeping their sheep, on a
cold winter's night that was so
deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of
nought, and with his blood our life
hath bought. (Refrain)

Offertory Invitation and Prayer

Almighty God you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. As Christ was presented in the temple, Simeon and Anna recognize his glory for Israel and the good news for all nations. May all that we present to you this day reflect Christ's glory. Let the light of faith shine through these offerings. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

Greensleeves
Amy Shimmin, Flute

Arranged by Amy Shimmin

Hymn #144 v. 1 and 4

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty
wind made moan; earth stood hard
as iron, water like a stone; snow
had fallen, snow on snow, snow on
snow, in the bleak midwinter, long
ago.

4 What can I give him, poor as I
am? If I were a shepherd, I would
bring a lamb; if I were a wise man,
I would do my part; yet what I can
I give him: give my heart.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Hymn #134

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -
her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness
and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

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(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels We Have Heard on High

Bethany Faiz, Piano

arr. Patti Drennan

arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Conchita Showell

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED IN 2021

You can sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B44ADAA2AA0F94-2021>

Instructions & lots of gratitude provided!

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 2020

In a year unlike any other, it is our hope that the spirit of Christ's welcome will live on! Join us in supporting the noble mission of Friendship House; with a gift of \$30 or more, you'll receive a block print from artist Rachel Briggs. For information about how to donate and to view the free *A Taste of the Spirit of Christmas Cookbook*, go to our church website!

EPIPHANY SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next Sunday, January 3, we'll celebrate the Magi's arrival to greet the Christ child, and we will have the opportunity to offer our own Gifts of Love!

Between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m., Deacons will be present in front of the church along 2nd Street to collect Gifts of Love contributions. Manna in the form of cash or checks are appreciated, so we can continue our monthly Delmarva assistance grants. Donations of canned goods will support the St. Peter's Food Pantry. Deacons will be available to accept your donations contactlessly, or you're welcome to park and say hello. 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!

Prayer List:

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	12/27	10:30am	Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Zoom Fellowship
Monday	12/28		<i>Pastor Miriam's Day of Rest*</i> Office Closed
Thursday	12/31		NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED
Friday	1/1		NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED
SUNDAY	1/3	10:30am	Live Stream Worship
		12:00pm	Gifts of Love Collection

Kris is on vacation Monday, 12/28

**Pastor Miriam is available for pastoral emergencies*

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

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

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

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

Deacons meets 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)