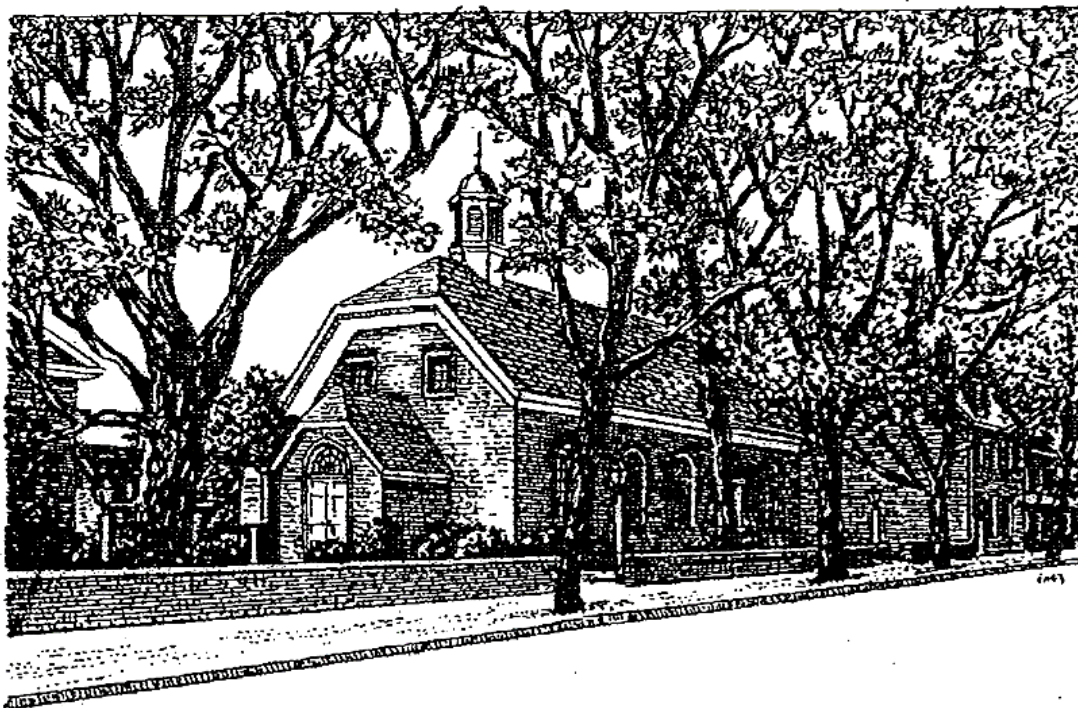


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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
4th Sunday after Epiphany**

January 31, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Bethany Faiz, Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

Steeple Bell

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

With his birth, light came into the world,

**Forty days passed and he was presented in the Temple
and shown to God's people.**

As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified,
as we now come to him for cleansing.

In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord,
as we now sing of his glory.

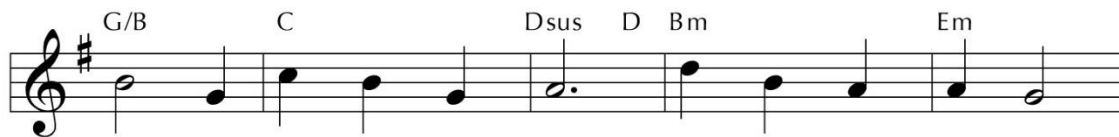
**In our worship, looking back to his birth and forward to his passion,
may his light shine through us.**

Hymn #148

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple



1 Mar-y and Jo - seph came to the tem - ple brought the boy
2 An - na had prayed there, wid - owed, long wait - ing, wor - ship - ing
3 Sim - e - on sings now: God prof - fers bless - ing, bril - liant - ly



Je - sus, of - fered him there. Peo - ple were wait - ing
God by day and by night. Now she is prais - ing,
gild - ing dawn of his day. Light in the dark - ness,



want - ing to greet him; long had they sought him, so - lace for care.
filled with e - la - tion: here is God's prom - ise, Christ is her light.
nev - er ex - tin - guished, Light of all na - tions, light up our way.

This text retells the story in Luke 2:22-39, usually called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, which took place forty days after his birth. Mary, Joseph, and the Christ-child encounter there two devout people, Anna and Simeon, who identify this baby as the promised Messiah.

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EVENING HYMN
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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace. (time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Let us proclaim the Good News together:

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

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture Readings

As you led Simeon to embrace the infant Jesus, guide us, Holy Spirit, by your gracious light that we may recognize and welcome your saving Word. 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!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon *"From the Creche to the Cross"*

Offertory Invitation and Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ. May his light of grace, peace and justice shine bright, in and through us and these gifts which we offer in his holy name. Amen.

Special Music

**On Eagles' Wings
Sarah McCann, Solo
Bethany Faiz, Piano**

**by Michael Joncas
arr. Jack Schrader**

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 #545

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

This unrhymed 20th-century paraphrase by a Scottish Jesuit gives fresh immediacy to the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29–32) and recaptures something of that aged priest's sense of wonder in beholding the infant Christ. The shape note tune enhances the text's down-to-earth quality.

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MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938
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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Hope For God's People
Bethany Faiz, Piano

arr. Patti Drennan

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Melissa Boris

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED IN 2021

You can sign up online at:

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

During Pastor Miriam's maternity leave, Pastor Nona will email the bulletin to the upcoming Sunday's worship leader. Instructions and lots of gratitude will be provided!

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 (sngeileen1953@aol.com) for the zoom link.

REV. NONA HOLY BEGAN JANUARY 25

Pastor Nona has begun her 12-week pastoral supply. She'll be serving 15 hours a week, with the plan to be in the NCPC office on Sunday and Thursday mornings. You can contact Nona by emailing her at nholy@udel.edu, through the church office or on her cell phone, (302) 299-9077. She'll be coordinating with the Deacons for pastoral care, as well as working with Session to ensure the life of the church continues through the coming months.

Prayer List:

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This Week's Schedule

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|------------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| SUNDAY | 1/31 | 10:30am | Live Stream Worship with Supply Pastor Rev. Nona Holy |
| | | 11:30am | Sunday School via Zoom |
| Monday | 2/1 | 3:30pm | Mission & Outreach mtg via Zoom |
| Wednesday | 2/3 | 1:00pm | Adult Bible Study via Zoom |
| SUNDAY | 2/7 | 10:30am | Live Stream Worship with Supply Pastor Rev. Nona Holy & Communion |

**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)