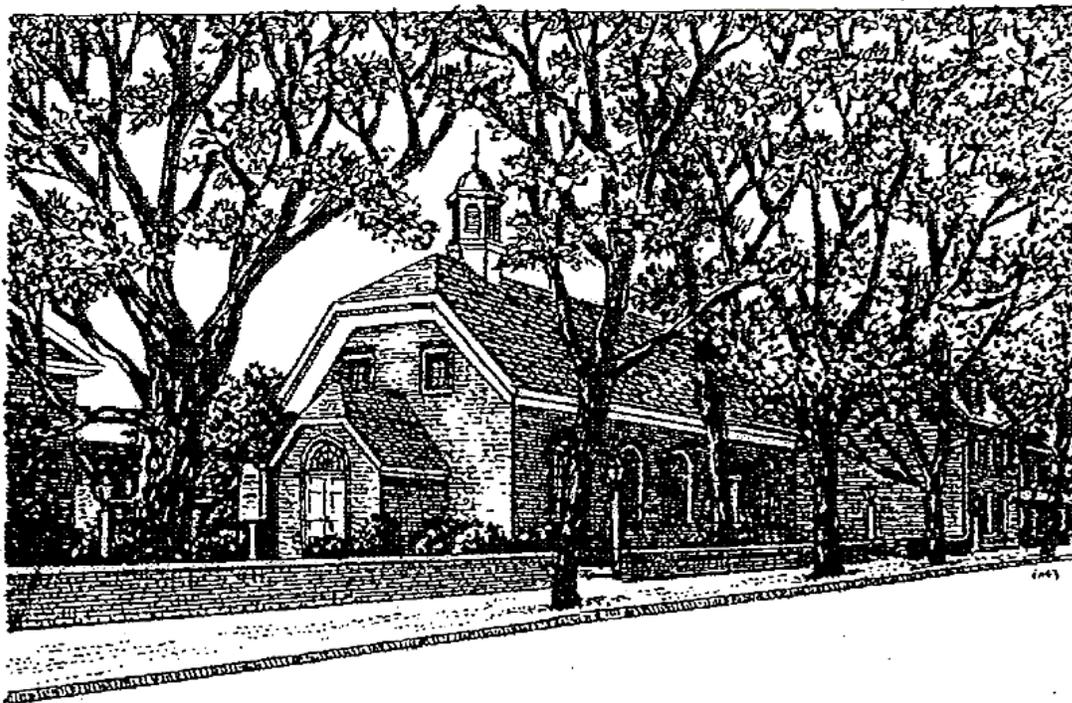


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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,

Please follow all COVID safety protocols, which includes wearing your mask during the whole service and maintaining space between yourself and your neighbors. You are welcome to speak or hum the hymns, but we are not allowing congregational singing.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall. Ring the bell, and our tech person will open the door.

Children are always welcome in worship! While our Nursery Care is not currently available, if you need to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed available in the Fellowship Hall.

At the end of worship, please remain in your pew until an usher dismisses you and exit out the Second Street door.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

Worship "code": * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

The parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

New Castle Presbyterian Church
10th Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Stan Pethel

Steeple Bell

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

When the people of God were hungry,

God rained manna upon them, and they ate until they were full.

When the people of God are hungry,

God calls us to taste the goodness of God's gifts and to share our bread with one another

Let us worship the One who is the Bread of life,

And watch for a glimpse of the heavenly banquet.

Hymn #318

In Christ There is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

ST. PETER
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 (alternate tune: MC KEE, 317)

Prayer of Confession

You are the Bread of Life, O God, and you promise that we will never hunger again, but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things.

You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements. You offer us peace, but we hunger for control. You bless us with plenty to share, but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours.

Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness, teach us to hunger for things that you do: to hunger for justice, to long for equality, to work for the common good until none of your children have to hunger for bread. Forgive us, we pray... *(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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Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, through your Living Word, you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your hand to heal, to comfort, and to save. Speak your Living Word to us today. Amen.

John 6:25-35

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God

Ephesians 4:1-7, 14-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

Average Recovery Time

Offertory Invitation and Prayer

O God, giver of life, each day you rain down manna from heaven, and we are nourished by your good news. Turn our complaints into gratitude and generosity, that we as a church may grow into the body of the risen Christ given for the life of the world! Bless our offerings that all may be filled by your grace. Amen.

Special Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyon

Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

Minerva Lermond and Ellie Gerhart - Handbell Duet

Eileen Larkin - Keyboard

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 #516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

TEXT: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924, alt.
MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959

KINGDOM
8.7.8.7

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O How I Love Jesus
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Beverly Stoudt

Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY AT 11:30

Join us for a hybrid special called meeting today, August 1, at 11:30 to elect two new officers – Rob Barry, Elder Class of 2024, and Gary Graham, Trustee Class of 2024. For those present for in-person worship today, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall. For those present for livestream worship today, we will convene via Zoom. Zoom link is in Sunday's email.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

We are now accepting applications for the Sunday School Coordinator position for September 2021-June 2022. Interested applications can view the job description [here](#), and email a cover letter and resume to office@newcastlepreschurch.org. Members of the Christian Education and Resource Development committee hope to conduct interviews in early August.

MEALS ON WHEELS

We are in dire need of two Meals on Wheels delivery volunteers on Mondays (approximately every 5 weeks, 10-11 times/year) starting in September. We also need substitutes who can deliver on a weekday when called upon. The sub's availability may vary and that's OK. There are no week-end deliveries. We do not deliver on major holidays. The route usually takes about 60-75 minutes. It is in the nearby New Castle area only.

Please give this volunteer opportunity your thoughtful and prayerful consideration. It means so much to those being served. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me at [302-328-7346](tel:302-328-7346) or email me at suzieflook@hotmail.com. Thank you! Susan Flook, Meals on Wheels Coord.

NCPC HYBRID WORSHIP

Livestream worship will continue, but you can RSVP now to attend in-person. We will have seven family unit spots available; initially, please sign up for one Sunday each month to allow others to participate. Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aa8af23a4ff2-ncpc1>

For hybrid worship to be possible, we need two ushers to sign up for each Sunday. Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aa8af23a4ff2-ncpc>

Worship Leaders are needed beginning on August 22 through the end of 2021. All resources and instructions are provided. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b44adaa2aa0f94-2021>

If you need any assistance with signing up or have any questions, please contact the church office!

SUMMER BOOK GROUP (Rescheduled)

Due to the heat advisory on July 7, we rescheduled our discussion of [God and the Pandemic by N.T. Wright](#) until August 25th at 5:30 p.m.

This short book - less than 100 pages! - provides a scriptural and theological framework for faithfully examining our experiences of this past year. Now you have another month to check it out from the library.

But even if you don't have a chance to read it, do join us for the discussion. It will be a chance to prayerfully reflect on the church's call in the midst of "tears, locked doors, and doubt," from 1st-century Jerusalem through today.

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY **8/1** **10:30am** **In-Person (with registration)
Communion & Live Stream
Worship**
11:30am **Special Congregational Mtg
via Zoom**

Tuesday **8/3** **7:00pm** **Christian Education Mtg**

Wednesday **8/4** **7:00pm** **Worship Committee Mtg**

SUNDAY **8/8** **10:30am** **In-Person (with registration)
Guest Preacher Jim Mehler
& Live Stream Worship**

*Pastor Miriam will be on vacation Friday, August 6 - Monday, August 16
Kris will be on vacation Friday, August 13 - Monday, August 16 but accessing
office remotely*