

Newtown Square
Presbyterian Church
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NSPC Weekly

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The NSPC congregation extends a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. If you are in search of a new church home, we invite you to make that home with us. Please check the appropriate column on the pew pad if you would like to visit with the pastor or would like more information about the church. Include your phone number and/or email address. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Gathering Room following the service.

Worship Leader: Jennifer Gries

Ushers: Chris Barmes, Capt; Allen Corle, Andy Tucker, Irene Bernabeo

Acolyte: Grace McCarry

Acolyte Guide: Crystal Gray

Fellowship Host: Karen Shea

Sunday School Attendance – Let your teachers know you are here!

Sunday school is for children Pre-K through grade 4. The teachers are in their rooms preparing for class. By signing in, they know you are here and are expecting you! (*This also saves time with not taking attendance in class.*) Scan the QR code here:



Are you visiting us today?

We would love to get to know you!
Please sign in using this QR code:



THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Redman

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40:4-5):**

Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
nor those who go astray after false gods.

*You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us.
None can compare with you.*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WELCOMES US TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 410.....** W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY
“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

*in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.*

*We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.*

*We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.*

*We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill your promises within us
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.*

(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news:

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

***GLORIA PATRI 581**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Bill Searight
(*Children are dismissed for Sunday school following the Children's Message;
Youth group is dismissed for Breakfast Club.*)

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 513 Psalm 40:1-5

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Domine Deus (from Solemn Mass)* Mozart
Jerry Schauer and Raúl Velazco – Duet
Sung in Latin; Translation Below

*Lord God, King of Heaven,
God the Father Almighty.
Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.*

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 35.....Mark 1:14-20

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Bill Searight

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 721.....PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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...

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.

WE BRING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD

To give electronically, scan this QR code on your smart phone. Please feel free to give in-person as well.



OFFERTORY*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*.....Arr. Drennan NSPC Singers

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.
Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

*DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN 39**FAITHFULNESS
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***BENEDICTION**

***WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE***To God Be the Glory*arr. Hayes
(Piano Solo)

**Congregation standing in body or spirit, as able*



Prayer Requests

Please share your prayer concerns! Trusting that God hears our prayers, we want to pray with and for you!

This week, please pray for:

- Eric Jones & his family
- Lois Peck
- Randy Keaton & family (Lauren Snyder's father)
- CB (Coworker of Sara Cuccia)
- John Spaeder & Family
- Helen Walter (friend of Joe Falcon)
- Dennis White (friend of Joe Falcon)
- David Bryan (Brad Impriano's uncle)
- Jim Shea, Sr. (father of Jim Shea)

UPCOMING EVENTS.

*This
Week @
NSPC*

Today, Sunday, January 18, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School/Breakfast Club
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
7:00 PM	Youth Group "Coffee Time with Jesus"

Monday, January 19, 2026

10:00 AM	Knitting Group
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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
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Thursday, January 22, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, January 24, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Following worship on January 25, 2026, there will be an annual meeting of the congregation in the Sanctuary. Come and hear the highlights of 2025 and the goals and objectives for 2026. *We are all a part of what makes this congregation such a wonderful community of faith!*

Office Hours:

The church office is closed the week of January 19th.

Worship Notes

By permission of Westminster John Knox Press, the Prayer of Confession is reprinted from The Book of Common Worship © 2018.



The chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.

NEW Sign-ups weekly chancel flowers and fellowship hour for 2026 are available. Please consider signing up for one of these wonderful missions. *Thank you from the Deacons of NSPC!*

You can sign up using this link or the QR Code below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949AFA629A5FE3-59442854-2026#/> There are sign-up boards in the gathering room too. Thank you!



WEEKLY FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL:

The flower arrangement will be delivered from the Media Florist and placed on the Chancel prior to Worship. The cost for donating the flowers for one Sunday is \$25. Please make all checks out to NSPC and write "Chancel Flowers" in the memo section. You are welcome to take the flowers home with you or donate them to someone in our congregation who is feeling under the weather.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS IN THE GATHERING ROOM: Following Worship, coffee, cold beverages and light snacks are provided in the Gathering Room. This is a short but very worthwhile activity as NSPC friends gather to greet each other and have friendly conversation. Hosts can share the duty and provide this time of refreshment. ***We especially need hosts on the second Sunday of each month.*** The Deacons have their monthly meetings those Sundays and cannot host. Thank you so much!

Announcements



Join us to celebrate Ting Ting and her 8 ½ years at NSPC. We are planning a luncheon Sunday, February 15th to honor Ting Ting on her last day with us. More details to come!



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

**Our next ARC Blood Drive is
scheduled for January 29th
from 2-7 PM.** We hope to see

you there. We have begun scheduling for our drive. Please scan the QR code to sign up!



LAST OPPORTUNITY: We are most fortunate to have an opportunity to partner with OUTBACK STEAK HOUSE in Springfield for a fundraiser in support of Rise Against Hunger. Outback's offer is for NSPC members and friends to pre-purchase a \$25 gift card. **The card can be redeemed at the Springfield Outback Steakhouse from January 1 — January 31, 2026.** For every card redeemed, the Springfield Outback will only charge us food costs for the item ordered, roughly between 40-50%; the remainder stays goes to RAH.

Youth Announcements

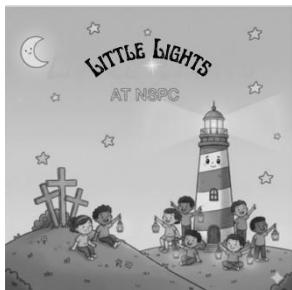
Youth Group Schedule

- 1/18 Breakfast Club (AM) / Topic: Coffee with Jesus Series (PM)
- 1/24-1/25 Youth Lock In



The youth group meeting time is changing! Youth Group will return to meeting Sunday evenings from 7-8 PM. Youth remain in worship on the first Sunday of the month for communion. And, Breakfast Club will remain on the third Sunday of the month from 10:15-11:15.

Please watch our announcements for the times of our meetings!

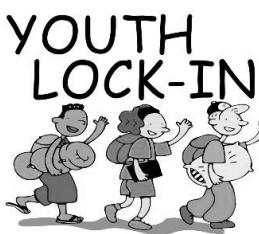


Join Our New Kids' Group

Little Lights

All Preschool through 4th grade children are invited to be a part of Little Lights at NSPC – a faith-filled time to grow, play and shine together! We meet **TODAY** from **11:15-11:45** in the youth room downstairs. ***Grab a snack after Sunday School and then head down to the Youth Room!*** We will enjoy crafts, songs,

and games. Join us as we learn to shine God's light together!



NEXT WEEKEND – PLEASE REGISTER!

Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and faith! January 24th-25th in the church social hall. Drop-off is at 7:00 PM and pick up is 8:00 AM. Please bring pillows and sleeping bags.

Check the sign-up genius to register:



Kids Junior Choir

Back by popular demand, Kids Junior Choir is coming back to NSPC! During the school year, on the last Sunday of the month, our NSPC Children will perform a song during the Children's Message portion of the

service. Children will learn a song during Sunday School and on the day of singing in the service, children will practice before the service at 9:45am with Ting Ting. Check out Kids Junior Choir on January 25th. This is a great opportunity for our children to be part of the service and is also an opportunity to invite family to the service. If your child is not interested in singing, not a problem! They can still learn the songs in Sunday School and watch the Junior Choir sing. Thank you to Beth and Debbie for their commitment and enthusiasm to teach our children these songs!



In Ministry Together at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church:

Pastor	The Rev. Bill Searight
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
Director of Music	Ting Ting Wong
Director of Youth & Families	Kristi Schaub
Church Office Manager	Heather Impriano
PreK-2nd Sunday School Teacher	Beth McCarry
3 rd -6 th grade Sunday School Teacher	Debbie Villano
Nursery Attendants	Grace McCarry & Sadie Kazanjian
Spiritual Director	Jacki Tase
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool	Jane Fioravanti
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool	Meghan Kazanjian
Clerk of Session	Buff Biddle
President, Board of Trustees	Jim Shea
Moderator of Deacons	Margie Garwood
Co-Treasurer	Rich Digby
Co-Treasurer	Heather Impriano
Head Usher	Grant Snyder
Communion Coordinator	Carol Guest
Presbyterian Women	Ginny Berman

Plus...all the members of NSPC

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