



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: Rebecca DiPersia

Ushers: Fred Villano, Capt; Brent Villano, Marge DeYoung

Acolyte: Hudson Adams

Acolyte Guide: Sue Bechtold

Communion Servers: Ed Arraya, Nicolle Arraya, Allen Corle, Lynne Corle, Sara DiGirolamo, Rich Digby, Grant Snyder

Communion

Preparers: Ginni Condo & Carol Guest

Fellowship Hosts: 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! 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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Hopson
Brynn Terry, Soprano

*Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy—
I sing because I'm free—
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
“Let not your heart be troubled.”
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubt and fear.
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see:*

*His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy—
I sing because I'm free—
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him;
From care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy—*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 84:11-12)**

The Lord our God is a sun and shield;
the Lord our God bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O God of heaven,

happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WELCOMES US TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 409.....ABBOTT'S LEIGH “God Is Here!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we confess that without you,
we are not whole.*

*Forgive our foolish ways,
reform our prideful selves,
make us listen to the way of peace,
remove from us the disbelief to which we cling.*

*You are the One who liberates with a word
and nourishes us with your own broken body.*

*Give us thankful hearts as we come to the waters of life
with trust and hope. Amen.*

(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.*

JUNIOR CHOIR.....Jesus Loves Me

*(Children are dismissed for Sunday school following Junior Choir's
performance; youth remain in worship.)*

ANTHEM *Agnus Dei* Stainer
NSPC Quartet

*O lamb of God,
that takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us, grant us thy peace.*

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 35 Mark 1:29-39

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 498.....BEACH SPRING**
“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

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.....*One Bread, One Body*.....Wagner NSPC Singers

One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the Earth

We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free,

Woman or man, No more

One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the Earth

We are one body in this one Lord

Many the gifts, many the works

One in the Lord of all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the Earth

We are one body in this one Lord

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*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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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...

...We join with all creation

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FILLING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You may eat and drink as you are served. Grape juice is served and gluten-free wafers are provided in the center of each tray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN 157.....LORD OF THE DANCE**
“I Danced in the Morning”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE***Postlude on “Hymn to Joy”*.....Beethoven/Payne

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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Following worship **TODAY**, there will be an annual meeting of the congregation in the Sanctuary. Please stay to hear brief reports from our committee chairs. *We are all a part of what makes this congregation such a wonderful community of faith!*

UPCOMING EVENTS.

*This
Week @
NSPC*

Today, Sunday, February 1, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Annual Meeting
11:45 AM	Fellowship Hour

Monday, February 2, 2026

1:00 PM	Women's Ministry Bible Study
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Tuesday, February 3, 2026

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
10:00 AM	Visitation & Viewing – Lois Peck
11:00 AM	Celebration of Life – Lois Peck

Thursday, February 5, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, February 7, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Brad & Heather Impriano in honor of our church family.

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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
- Family of 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)

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#/> 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. We will enjoy sandwiches from Dotty's Gourmet Kitchen and chicken tenders and mac'n'cheese. **Please RSVP so we have a headcount for our food order!** If you would like to provide a side dish, drink, or dessert, you may sign up for that as well. Thank you!



Thanks to all who gave at our blood drive last Thursday. Every pint donated makes a difference!

Our next blood drive is scheduled for April 29th 2:00 PM—7:00 PM. Registration is open:



[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-
results?zipSponsor=Newtown%20Township](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Newtown%20Township)

Community Concert Help Needed

On Sunday, February 22nd at 4 PM, NSPC will be hosting another community concert, “An Afternoon of Opera”. The concert will again have a reception to meet the artists following the concert. Help is needed with finger desserts or munchies to put on the buffet table. If you are willing to help, please sign up on one of the sheets during the coffee hour or let Sue Bechtold know. If you can help with set-up or clean up, please also sign up on the fellowship hour forms. Thank you very much.

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

An Afternoon of Opera

*A concert of opera classics, performed by artists from the
Academy of Vocal Arts*



FEATURING

José Meléndez, piano

Daniela Machado, soprano

Katherine Dobbs, mezzo-soprano

Sergio Mandujano, tenor

Raúl Morales Velazco, bass

February 22, 2026 | at 4:00 pm

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3600 Goshen Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073

Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 2/1 Topic: Coffee with Jesus Series (PM)
- 2/8 Topic: Coffee with Jesus Series (PM)
- 2/15 Breakfast Club (AM)
- 2/22 Topic: Coffee with Jesus Series (PM)



All of our children are looking forward to participating in our annual Souper Bowl Drive on February 1st and 8th. Please bring a canned good for *Kids Against Hunger* and some loose change to support *Rise Against Hunger*. The children will be collecting donations after service on both Sundays and we'll see which team everyone thinks will win the big game!



Little Lights will meet on **March 15th from 11:15-11:45** in the youth room downstairs. 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! ***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!



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!

Church Officers:

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Pat Deluca
Rich Digby
Karen Shea

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:30

Friday Closed



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
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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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