

Newtown Square
Presbyterian Church

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February 8, 2026



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: Jacki Tase

Ushers: Collins Vokhiwa, Capt; Chosa Vokhiwa, Sue Denney,
Jen Gries

Acolyte: Camille Impriano

Acolyte Guide: Crystal Gray

Fellowship Hosts: Ginni Condo

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
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Gordon/Hayes
(Art of Piano 1)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 112):**

Praise the Lord.

Happy are those who respect the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

For the righteous will never be moved.

They will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm: secure in the Lord.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 339**.....LIFT EVERY VOICE
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of love and grace,
we find ourselves constantly struggling
to know how to serve you.
We do not want to retreat into hiding,
but we hesitate to attempt functioning as a light to the world.
The idea of flavoring society as salt appeals to us,
but the challenge of influencing society
for good intimidates us.
Besides, we often doubt your unfailing love and regard for us.
Forgive us, gracious God, for hesitating when you call us.
Help us to know that your loving hand guides and cares for us.
Remind us that your love never lets go of us.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen*
(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:
Jesus came to earth to live with us and show us God's love.
*Believe the good news:
Jesus loved us enough to die for us.
Trust the good news:
Jesus rose from the dead to give us eternal life.
We are loved and 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 688Isaiah 58:1-9

This is the Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
*(Children are dismissed for Sunday school following the Children’s Message;
youth remain in worship.)*

ANTHEMGod, Be in My HeadRutter
NSPC Quartet

*God be in my head, And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, And in my looking;
God be in my mouth, And in my speaking;
God be in my heart, And in my thinking;
God be at mine end, And at my departing.*

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 4.....Matthew 5:13-20

This is the Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
“God’s View of Who You Are”

Text: Matthew 5:13-14 “You are the salt of the earth; You are the light of the world.”

- I. What will the future hold...?
 - a. Self-fulfilling prophecies
 - b. What we tell ourselves (and are told) matters
- II. Matthew 5:13-14
 - a. Jesus is very clear how God feels about us
 - b. We are salt of the earth
 - c. Salt is valued – Latin root for salary
 - d. “Nothing more useful than sun and salt”
- III. “You are the light of the World” – work to do!
 - a. We are called to be givers, not takers
 - b. Light directs and reflects and guides and helps
- IV. Has been called “A Kiss and A Commandment”
 - a. Kiss – God’s love and care and grace
 - b. Commandment: Do the right thing – serve!
 - c. Some put stress on one and ignore the other

- d. Jesus says – and shows – BOTH!!
- V. We need the whole picture
 - a. Jesus says “You are beloved salt”
 - b. Jesus says “Light up the world”
 - c. That’s God view of and for us!!

***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 459**.....MUNICH

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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*Speak, O Lord*.....Ferguson
NSPC Singers

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory*

*Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

***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 192**SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE***Gospel Medley*Arr. Adams
Jerry Schauer, Trombone
Ting Ting Wong, Piano

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ NSPC*

Today, Sunday, February 8, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
7:00 PM	Youth Group

Monday, February 9, 2026

10:00 AM	Knitting Group
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Tuesday, February 10, 2026

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
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Thursday, February 12, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, February 14, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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The Journey of Lent...

A Time of Returning

*Join us in the sanctuary for a morning to
pause and reflect on the invitations of Lent.*

*Wednesday, February 25th
from 10 AM - 12 PM*



Led by Jacki Tase, Spiritual Director
RSVP to the church office 610-356-8063
or email office@newtownsquarepres.org

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by the Women's Bible Study group in loving memory of Lois Peck, our faithful and joyful sister in Christ.

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
- Buff Biddle
- 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)

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!

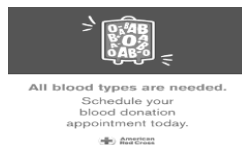


Thanks to all who gave at our blood drive last Thursday. Every pint donated makes a difference!

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>



Help Wanted

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.

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies of NSPC: ***It is time to plan another luncheon!*** Volunteers are needed to plan it. Several area restaurants are willing to take

separate checks. Check in with Sue Bechtold if you and a couple of others would like to plan the luncheon.



Our ***Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event*** is just around the corner. Sunday, March 8th from 2:45-5PM. Please sign up to be a worker at this fun event. We hope to pack 20,000 meals. Preschool

age is the youngest and there is no oldest age. Sign-ups after church in the Gathering room or email Joe Marchesani: ghpizzajoe@gmail.com

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
Newtown Square Presbyterian Church
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 Bowling & Karaoke Outing (2:30 PM)



Today is the last day of collections! 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!



The Youth Group is going bowling! And trying some Karaoke! **February 22nd at Round1 in Exton from 3-5 PM.** We will leave the church at 2:30 and return at approximately 5:30. RSVP by using



the QR Code. It will be a fun time!



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!

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. Check out Kids Junior Choir again on March 29th. 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!



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Office Hours:

Monday

Closed for President's Day

Tuesday - 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
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Spiritual Director	Jacki Tase
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Jane Fioravanti
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Meghan Kazanjian
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Plus...all the members of NSPC

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