



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: Joe Talento

Ushers: Rich Digby, Capt; Christian Kazanjian, Noah Kazanjian, Meghan Kazanjian

Acolyte: Ben Kazanjian

Acolyte Guide: Lynne Corle

Fellowship Hosts: Margie Garwood

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 the pew pad located near the hymnals or sign in by scanning this QR code:



THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE*Beautiful Savior*Arr. M. F. Moody
12th century melody

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1, 4-5):**

In God's hands are the depths of the earth.

The Lord holds the heights of the mountains as well.

*The sea belongs to God, who made it,
as does the dry land, formed by God's hands.*

O come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 386**.....O QUANTA QUALIA
"Come, Worship God! (Psalm 95)"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,

and great when we are small.

*We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

(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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 179-180Deuteronomy 24:17-22

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Rev. Bill Searight

*(Children are dismissed for Sunday school following the Children's Message;
youth remain in worship.)*

ANTHEM*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*H. Hanson & J. Jeffries

Elisa Lee, Voice Solo & Stephen Lee, Clarinet

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 38.....Mark 4:1-20

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Rev. Bill Searight**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.

*Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,*

*and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.*

*We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.*

*Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

*Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.*

*God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.*

*With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 716**.....BEACH SPRING
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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*Without His Cross*.....J. M. Martin
NSPC Singers

***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 321**AURELIA
“The Church’s One Foundation”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

The Church’s One FoundationS. S. Wesley/Arr. M. Hayes

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, March 8, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
2:45 PM	Rise Against Hunger

Monday, March 9, 2026

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

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
6:00 PM	AA

Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, March 14, 2026

9:00 AM	Church Clean Up Day
10:00 AM	ACA

Office Hours:

*Monday – Wednesday
Closed*

*Thursday & Friday
9:00 – 3:30*

Worship Notes



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

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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
- Randy Keaton & family (Lauren Snyder's father)
- CB (Coworker of Sara Cuccia)
- Helen Walter (friend of Joe Falcon)
- Dennis White (friend of Joe Falcon)
- David Bryan (Brad Impriano's uncle)
- Barb Corsi
- Denise Digby Cox & Jennifer Digby Haggerty (Rich's daughters)
- Brynn Bechtold

Announcements



ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The money raised, through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The envelopes are in the pews. Please make checks payable to NSPC with OGHS in the memo line. If you are contributing electronically, please note NSPC on the form. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



Our *Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event* is **TODAY from 2:45-5PM**. See Joe Marchesani if you have not yet signed up and want to be a worker at this fun event. We will pack 20,000 meals today! Preschool age is the youngest and there is no oldest age. Email Joe Marchesani with any questions: ghpizzajoe@gmail.com



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>



All blood types are needed.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.





Our **Spring Cleanup Day** is coming up **next Saturday**, March 14 from 9–12 (Rain date: March 21). Join us for a simple morning of light outdoor cleanup and tidying common areas as we prepare for spring. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Even an hour makes a difference! Use the Signup Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949AFA629A5FE3-61561526-spring> or Scan the QR code to let us know you're coming. We'd love to have you.

~ B & G Committee

Let us know you are coming:



Community Concert Help Needed

Now on March 29th 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.



Open registration for the **Nursery School** has begun. Call 610-356-4711 for details! Feel free to share with your family and friends.

Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 3/8 Rise Against Hunger (2:45-5)
- 3/15 Breakfast Club (10 AM); Bowling & Karaoke Outing 4 PM
- 3/22 Easter Egg Party 6 PM
- 3/29 Palm Sunday Parade & Easter Egg Hunt



The Youth Group is going bowling! And trying some Karaoke! **March 15th at Round1 in Exton from 4-6 PM.** We will leave the church at 3:30 and return at approximately 6:30. 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!



Register Now!

VBS returns June 22-25 from 9 AM -12 PM.

Registration began on February 2nd. We look forward to welcoming you back!

Email youth@newtownsquarepres.org with questions.



We plan on hosting our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on **March 29th**. We are looking for easter egg fillers.

These could be individually wrapped kisses or chocolate eggs. We are also looking for easter stickers, erases, bracelets, and bouncy balls these could be purchased at oriental trading or a monetary donation could be given to the church office with the memo Youth Egg Hunt. All candy and non-candy items need to be small enough to fit into a plastic egg. All donations should be left in the box in the gathering room that is Labeled "Youth Egg Hunt". *We would like to have all donations by March 15th* so we can start filling eggs. Thank you so much.

Church Officers:

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Office Hours:

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Reflections



In Ministry Together at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church:

- Pastor The Rev. Bill Searight
- Parish Associate..... The Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
- Director of Music.....Jin Hyun Park
- Director of Youth & Families Kristi Schaub
- Church Office ManagerHeather Impriano
- PreK-2nd Sunday School TeacherBeth McCarry
- 3rd-6th grade Sunday School TeacherDebbie 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 SessionBuff Biddle
- President, Board of Trustees Jim Shea
- Moderator of Deacons..... Margie Garwood
- Co-Treasurer Rich Digby
- Co-TreasurerHeather Impriano
- Head Usher..... Grant Snyder
- Communion CoordinatorCarol Guest
- Presbyterian Women..... Ginny Berman

Plus...all the members of NSPC

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