



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: Dianne Hirt

Ushers: Chris Barnes, Capt; Doug Lynch, Irene Bernabeo, Andy Tucker

Acolyte: Sarah McCarry

Acolyte Guide: Karen Shea

Fellowship Hosts: Carole Connolly & Christine Robertson

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
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE*O Gott, Du Frommer Gott*by J. S. Bach
(*O God, Thou Faithful God*)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 5:8-14):**

Once we were lost in the shadow of death,

but now in the Lord we live as children of light.

The fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of shade and shadow,

but instead expose them.

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead;

Christ will shine in you.”

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 35**.....LOBE DEN HERREN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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 259-260First Samuel 16:1-13

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 group is dismissed to Breakfast Club.)*

ANTHEM*Give Me Jesus*by Moses Hogan
Jerry Schauer, Solo

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 39Mark 5:1-20

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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 God,

whom Jesus called Abba Father.

*In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.*

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

*Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.*

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

*In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.*

*Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.*

*Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.*

*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 792.....BALM IN GILEAD**
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

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*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.....M. Luther; Arr. M. Patterson
Ein Feste Burg
Choir

***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 320**WAREHAM
“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**Pietro Gattaneo
Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer – God of Grace and God of Glory

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, March 15, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School/Breakfast Club
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM	Deacons
4:00 PM	Youth Group Bowling Outing

Monday, March 16, 2026

10:00 AM	Knitting Group
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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

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

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

7:00 PM	Session Meeting
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Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, March 21, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday

9:00 – 3:30

Friday

Closed

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Marge DeYoung in honor of Lynne & Allen Corle.

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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
- Brynn Bechtold
- Robert Smith (Buff Biddle's son-in-law)
- Joe Falcon

Announcements



Rise Against Hunger Re-cap: Sunday, March 8th was our 9th Rise Against Hunger packaging event. We packaged 20,000 meals and this gives NSPC a total in 9 years of 180,000 meals for

Rise Against Hunger. This event was the culmination of a year's worth of fundraising and planning. Thank you so much for all of your help on March 8th and participation during the year with fundraising. Stay tuned for pictures in the April Newsletter.

Rise Against Hunger Wrap-Up Meeting: The committee is gathering on Sunday March 22 after everyone grabs coffee. We are meeting in the Conference Room. Feel free to join us or offer ideas prior to the meeting. We need to discuss plans and volunteers to be able to plan for 2027 the 10th year!!! If you have any thoughts or suggestions this is the time to share.



**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.



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

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.

Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 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! **TODAY 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 **TODAY 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, but will accept donations through March 22nd.* Thank you so much.

Church Officers:

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Rich Digby
Karen Shea

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Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:30

Friday Closed

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-1st Sunday School TeacherBeth McCarry
2nd-4th grade Sunday School TeacherDebbie Villano
Nursery Attendants Grace McCarry & Sadie Kazanjian
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool..... Jane Fioravanti
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....Meghan Kazanjian
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Head Usher..... Grant Snyder
Communion CoordinatorCarol Guest
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Plus...all the members of NSPC

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