



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: Ed Arraya

Ushers: Allen Corle, Capt; Joe Kasuska, Glenn Bechtold

Acolyte: Brynn Adgate

Acolyte Guide: Karen Shea

Fellowship Hosts: Paul Florence & Jack Chidester

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 in Lent

March 22, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Elvery/Arr. Berry

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130):**

With all my heart, Lord, I am waiting for you.

I trust your promises.

I am waiting for you with all my heart.

I wait for you more eagerly than a soldier on guard duty
waits for the dawn,

Trust in the Lord. God is always merciful.

The Lord will save you. Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 12**.....ST. DENIO

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the one from all goodness comes.

*You are the source of our lives and the one to whom we return when
our early time is over.*

Hold us close to you--especially when we try to turn away.

Keep us mindful of your mercy and grace

so that we can better live out Your love.

***Do not let us lose sight of hope when despair surges within us.
Keep us mindful that our lives rest in your loving hands.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***

(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends, hear the good news:

God's love never ends.

Believe the good news:

God's mercy never fails.

Trust the good news:

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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy

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

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 806Ezekiel 37:1-14

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEMSoftly and TenderlyThompson/Arr. Hiliard

Stephen Lee, Clarinet

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 104-105.....John 11:1-45

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
“Dry Bones and Wet Eyes”

- I. This should have been easy--resurrection, right?
 - A. Wrong! These passages are both about in between times'
 - B. And about hope
 - C. And about what we do as we wait
- II. Ezekiel was a prophet and preacher--around 593 BCE
 - A. He preaches to captives in Babylonia and in Jerusalem
 - B. He tells them that God will forgive and bring His people home
 - C. Without power, hope, options--there is still the breath of God!
- III. That's the way it was for Lazarus too!
 - A. Jesus did not show up in time to save his life
 - B. We don't always know why God does what He does
 - C. But we do know God is at work--for Jerusalem and for Lazarus
- IV. What do we do while we wait?
 - A. We weep
 - B. We work
 - C. And we hope
 - D. The snail who limbed a cherry tree
- V. God continues to breathe new life into dead ends and dry bones
 - A. What has a death grip on your life?
 - B. Do you feel dead and brittle?
 - C. God is breathing new life into the world and into us!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Heidelberg Catechism; Question 1)**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

***That I am not my own,
but belong--body and soul,
in life and in death-- to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my
head without the will of my Father in heaven;
that in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on
to live for Him.***

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 286.....TRENTHAM**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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.



OFFERTORYGrace.....Arr. M. Heyes

(Early American Melody)

***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 250PROMISE**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Hymn of Promise

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE***Nachspiel (Postlude)*A. Bruckner

**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
- 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)
- Brynn Bechtold
- Robert Smith (Buff Biddle's son-in-law)
- Joe Falcon
- Barb Corsi
- Penny & the Doran Family (friends with Julia Altenburger)
- Jerry Yocum & Family

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, March 22, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
6:00 PM	Easter Egg Party

Monday, March 23, 2026

10:00 AM	Knitting Group
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Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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

Thursday, March 26, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, March 28, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Jim & Karen Shea in memory of Jim's mother, Ruthanne Shea.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29 **PALM SUNDAY**



10 AM - *Worship with Palm Processional*

Sing Hosanna as the children and youth parade with palms through the sanctuary! It will be a solemn and joyous entry into Holy Week!



11:15 AM (following worship) *Easter Egg Hunt*

All children are invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. This is a good time to bring a friend! The Easter Egg Hunt will be held outside, weather permitting.

Thursday, April 2 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**



7:30 PM - *Worship with Communion and Tenebrae*

Join us for a beautiful and meaningful worship service as we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples and see the gathering of the shadows as we hear the story of his death on the cross.

Sunday, April 5 **EASTER SUNDAY - CHRIST IS RISEN!**



10 AM - *Easter Worship*

Easter worship will be filled with flowers and music as we celebrate the resurrection and the new life that is ours in Jesus Christ. Proclaim the good news - Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Announcements



Thank you to everyone who came out for our Spring Cleanup Day. Volunteers worked together to clear winter debris from the grounds, tidy interior spaces, and prepare the property for the spring season. We are grateful for the many

hands that helped care for our church home.



**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.



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.



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.



Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 3/22 Easter Egg Party 6 PM
- 3/29 Palm Sunday Parade & Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/5 Youth in Worship



TONIGHT, the youth group is meeting downstairs for our **Egg Party** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please come and enjoy dinner, dye eggs, play games, and help fill the easter eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848A4A723A46-63021426-easter>



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.



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.....Jin Hyun Park
- Director of Youth & Families Kristi Schaub
- Church Office Manager.....Heather 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
- Clerk of Session Buff Biddle
- President, Board of Trustees Robert Gray
- 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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