



# Newtown Square Presbyterian Church

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March 29, 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:** Rebecca DiPersia

**Ushers:** Grant Snyder, Capt; Irene Bernabeo, Jessica Servano, Allen Corle

**Acolyte:** Chiwa Vokhiwa

**Acolyte Guide:** Lynne Corle

**Fellowship Hosts:** Women's Ministry

## ***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**  
Palm / Passion Sunday

**March 29, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

**PRELUDE** .....*Open My Eyes, That I May See* .....by Scott / Arr. Diemer

**\*PROCLAMATION:**

Reading: Mark 11:1-9a

*After the reading:*

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***Blessed is Jesus Christ, come to save!***

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!***

**\*PROCESSION**

Hymn 196 ..... VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*(The Children's Parade enters the sanctuary, leading the Light of Christ)*

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

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**ANTHEM** .....*Hosanna in the Highest* .....by Tuttle / Arr. Raney

Junior and Sanctuary Choirs

## **SPECIAL OFFERING**

In Scripture, we are shown that even small gifts can make a big difference. We offer these fish banks as our way of bringing about God's justice in the world.

*This is what love looks like. This is how faith sounds.*

Like the boy who offered his lunch and the multitudes were fed, God reminds us to never underestimate the Spirit's power to change the world.

*This is what love looks like. This is how faith sounds.*

For decades fish banks have borne witness to the power of compassion and generosity.

*This is what love looks like. This is how faith sounds.*

We dedicate these gifts to God's life-giving healing and love.

*This is what love looks like. This is how faith sounds.*

*[After the children put their fish in the basket, they are dismissed for Sunday School. Youth leave to help hide eggs.]*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION (Mark 11:12-19)**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Holy and merciful God,*

*in your presence we confess*

*our failure to be what you created us to be.*

*You alone know how often we have sinned*

*in wandering from your ways,*

*in wasting your gifts,*

*in forgetting your love.*

*By your loving mercy,*

*help us to live in your light*

*and abide in your ways,*

*for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.*

*(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Mark 11:20-25)**

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 681 .....Isaiah 50:4-9

This is the Word of our Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM** .....*Be Still My Soul*.....GTG#819  
Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

NT Page 48 .....Mark 11:27-33

This is the Word of our Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON** ..... **Rev. Bill Searight**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)**

*Christ Jesus,*

*though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.*

*And being found in human form*

*he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God also highly exalted him*

*and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,*

*in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:*

*Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 697.....HENDON**

“Take My Life”

**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** .....*It Is Well with My Soul*.....by Bliss / Arr. Hayes  
Piano Solo

**\*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 268** .....DIADEMATA  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE** .....*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*.....Arr. Broughton  
(Tune: *Ellacombe* from *Gesangbuch der Hezogl.*)

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

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## **Today, Sunday, March 29, 2026**

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM	Easter Egg Hunt

## **Monday, March 30, 2026**

10:00 AM	Knitting Group
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## **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

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

## **Thursday, April 2, 2026**

6:00 PM	AA
7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service

## **Saturday, April 4, 2026**

10:00 AM	ACA
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***Office Hours:***  
*Monday - Closed*  
*Tuesday - Friday*  
*9:00 – 3:30*

## Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by the Women's Ministry in honor of the start of Holy Week: "May you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoy the blessings that it brings."

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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
- May Foster
- Penny & the Doran Family (friends with Julia Altenburger)
- The Yocum Family
- John Hirt
- Verna Adkisson (Hirt Family)

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Today, 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. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held outside, weather permitting. We will meet downstairs after worship to decorate our bags before heading out to hunt for eggs!

**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



## Community Concert Help Needed

TODAY 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. Any last minute drop-offs today are welcome! Thank you very much.



**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>



# Youth Announcements

## Youth Group Schedule

- 3/29 Palm Sunday Parade & Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/5 Youth in Worship
- 4/12 Coffee with Jesus (7 PM)
- 4/19 Breakfast Club (AM)
- 4/26 Outing to Top Golf (3 PM)



**TOPGOLF**

The youth group is going to Top Golf! Join us on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon of golf, fun, and food! The cost will be about \$22 plus extra for concessions. We will be at Top Golf in King of Prussia from 3-5 PM. Let Ms. Kristi know you are coming!



## 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](mailto:youth@newtownsquarepres.org) with questions.



*Church Officers:*

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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 Manager .....Heather Impriano
- PreK-1st Sunday School Teacher .....Beth McCarry
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Teacher .....Debbie 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
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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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