

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: Karen Shea

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

Acolyte: Sarah McCarry

Acolyte Guide: Sue Bechtold

Fellowship Hosts: Lynne Corle

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
Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

How Gentle God's Commands by H. Naegeli; Arr. M. Chugg

***LITANY FOR EASTER**

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 309**.....ABBOT'S LEIGH
"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

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

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Rev. Bill Searight
*(Children are dismissed for Sunday school following the Children's Message;
youth group will stay in worship unless volunteering with Ms. Kristi.)*

ANTHEM*Et in Spiritum Sanctum (BWV232)*.....by J. S. Bach
Emilio Vásquez, Solo

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 90Luke 24:13-35

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Rev. Bill Searight**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *The Iona Community*)

We believe and trust in God

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus –

the Word made flesh –

To reconcile and make new.

and who works in us and others

by the power of the Spirit.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect for creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and hope.

In life, in death,

in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 485**.....ENGELBERG

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

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...

During the prayer:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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*Savior, Come and Dwell in Me*.....by Don Besig
Sanctuary 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.*

* LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
hear our prayer.

For the Church universal,
and for this congregation of your people,
we give you thanks, O God.

For this place in which we gather
for praise and prayer, witness and service,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
we give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us
whenever your word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,
we give you thanks, O God.

For those who have been made your children
by adoption and grace,
who in this place were cleansed of sin,
buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and raised to new and eternal life,
we give you thanks, O God.

For disciples young and old
who have been nurtured here in faith,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all who have come here
asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
we give you thanks, O God.

For deacons, elders, and pastors
who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts,
equipped us for the work of ministry,
we give you thanks, O God.

For faithful stewards among us
who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us,
whose memory still enlivens our faith
and emboldens our witness,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission,
nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,
we give you thanks, O God.

***CLOSING HYMN 307**CWM RHONDDA
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* ...Arr. by M. Kim
Beach Spring *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia 1844**

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



The rosebud on the chancel is in celebration of the birth of Baye Brooklyn Bechtold, daughter of Kevin & Brynn Bechtold and sister of Vaun. Baye is the granddaughter of Sue & Bob Bechtold and niece of Sally & Glenn Bechtold.

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, April 12, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour & History Celebration
11:15 AM	Deacons

Monday, April 13, 2026

10:00 AM	Knitting Group
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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

10:00 AM	The Bible 101: Bible Study
7:00 PM	Session Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, April 18, 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 Marian Wellington's birthday on April 11th. Happy birthday, Marian!

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Prayer Requests

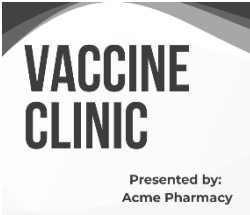


Please share your prayer concerns! Trusting that God hears our prayers, we want to pray with and for you!

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
- Kristin Smith (Buff Biddle's daughter)
- Joe Falcon
- Penny & the Doran Family (friends with Julia Altenburger)

Announcements



Vaccine Clinic presented by Acme Pharmacy
Wednesday April 15th from 10 am to 1 pm
for a presentation “The Importance of Vaccinations”
Marple Public Library
2599 Sproul Road, Broomall

Vaccines will be offered: Bring your insurance card; Receive a 10% off grocery coupon for attending; Light refreshments will be served; ***all are welcome***



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

- 4/12 Coffee with Jesus (7 PM)
- 4/19 Breakfast Club (AM)
- 4/26 Outing to Top Golf (3 PM)



Little Lights will meet again on **April 19th 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!



TOPGOLF

The youth group is going to Top Golf! Join us on Sunday, April 26th 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!



Calling All Graduating Seniors – College & High School *If you have a graduating senior in either high school or college*, please send us a little bio, so

your child can be recognized. We would like to collect all senior information by April 23rd. In the bio, please include their name, where they are graduating from, next step plans, any other important info like awards or hobbies, and one memory from NSPC.



Register Now! VBS returns June 22-25 from 9 AM -12 PM. Registration is filling up. If you haven't signed up yet, please sign up soon. We look forward to welcoming you back!



Help Out with VBS!

If you would like to VOLUNTEER during the week of VBS, we would love to have you! VBS truly cannot run without you! The cost of VBS for volunteer's children is \$25 for the first and \$20 for each additional child after that, which just helps us cover the cost of materials. Even if you think that I know you are volunteering, please fill out the google doc! We are also looking for decorators to help transform our space!



We are excited to share that Youth Sunday 2026 will take place on May 17th! This is a special service where all of our youth are invited to take part and help lead worship. The Kids Choir will be singing, and we would love to involve as many of our youth as possible as we

build this meaningful service around them. We are currently looking for youth interested in participating in the following roles:

- Readers
- Ushers
- Singers
- Instrumentalists

Please let me know if your child can attend and how they would like to be involved. We truly value each child's unique gifts and would love to include them in a way that feels comfortable and meaningful.

Church Officers:

SESSION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Moderator: The Rev. Bill Searight

Class of 2026

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Nicolle Arraya
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Pat Deluca
Rich Digby
Karen Shea

Office Hours:

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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
- 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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