



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: Marg MacDonald

Ushers: Allen Corle, Capt; Lynne Corle, Joe Talento, Grant Snyder

Acolyte: Sadie Kazanjian

Acolyte Guide: Jane Fioravanti

Communion Servers: Rich Digby, Meghan Kazanjian, Nancy Gingras, Paul Florence, Jennifer Gries, Laurie Lynch, Jerry Schauer

Communion Preparers: Jennifer Gries & Laurie Lynch

Fellowship Host: Marg MacDonald

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 of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE*Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded* ...A. Smyth/Arr. D. Wolford

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to Christ, a living stone,
rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

As living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

“See, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 620**.....LAUDA ANIMA

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
your Word offers freedom,
but we remain captive.

We fear those who are different,
we permit deceit when it serves our interest,
and we allow gossip to tear our communities apart.

*Forgive us and set us free from sin, Lord God.
Lead us on the way of repentance.
May we know the fullness of salvation
that comes to us through Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.*

(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

Lord God,
May we listen as you speak.
May we learn as you teach.
May we follow as you lead.
May we love as you love.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 108John 14:1-6
Spark Bible Page 1191

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 will stay in worship unless volunteering with Ms. Kristi.)*

ANTHEM*Majesty*..... T.W. Hayford
(Choral setting by J. Schrader)
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 233First Peter 2:4-10

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Rev. Bill Searight**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 838**.....PROMISES

“Standing on the Promises”

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*Because He Lives*.....B. & G. Gaither/Arr. J. Martin
Sanctuary Trio

***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**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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...

...We join with all creation

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FILLING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You may eat and drink as you are served. Grape juice is served and gluten-free wafers are provided in the center of each tray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN 81.....AUSTRIAN HYMN**
“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.....by Beethoven/Arr. C. Berry

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, May 3, 2026

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

Monday, May 4, 2026

10:00 AM Knitting Group
1:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

10:00 AM The Bible 101: Bible Study

Thursday, May 7, 2026

6:00 PM AA

Friday, May 8, 2026

10:30 AM Christian Ed Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 2026

10:00 AM ACA

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Marge DeYoung in honor of Heather Impriano's birthday on May 6th.

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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)
- Kristin Smith (Buff Biddle's daughter)
- Joe Falcon
- Penny & the Doran Family (friends with Julia Altenburger)
- John Hirt
- The Family of Verna Adkisson (Hirt Family)

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday

9:00 – 3:30

Friday - Closed

Announcements

RAH – Delco Gives Event Invitation

Join us on **Thursday, May 7** for the **Grand Finale of Delco Gives!** The celebration will take place at the WSFS Sportsplex on Seaport Drive in Chester (near the soccer stadium by the Commodore Barry Bridge).

Event Details:

🕒 Time: 5:00 – 8:00 PM

🚗 Free parking

🎉 Free admission

A variety of food trucks will be available (please note - food is not free, and cash will not be accepted).

We're encouraged to have a strong turnout, and attendance may help us qualify for additional cash prizes—so we hope you can make it!

RSVP: Please let Sue Bechtold know if you can attend 484-832-8984.

What to Wear: To show team spirit, we're planning a coordinated look! Aprons will be provided to match the food theme—just pair yours with a solid-color outfit (any color works).

We hope you'll join us for this exciting event!



Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM for our Bible Study: “The Bible 101”. This will be an open discussion to the whole community: members and visitors, teachers and learners, those who know the Bible well and those who have been hesitant to open the Scriptures outside of worship.

We meet in the conference room at NSPC and on Zoom (watch your email for the link!)



Please Sign the Friendship Pads!

Each Sunday, there are black pads in the pew racks. It would be nice if they were passed down the row weekly. Perhaps you are the end person in the row and see the pad. Please remember to pass it along to your row. We appreciate your help!



**American
Red Cross**

Thanks to all who gave at our blood drive last Wednesday. Every pint donated makes a difference! Our next drive is in July!



Meals packaged at our March 8th Rise Against Hunger event have shipped! This was part of the email we received:

Meals you packaged are headed to Philippines!

The Philippines consists of over 7,000 islands in the Ring of Fire in the Pacific Ocean. One of the most environmentally disaster prone countries in the world, it faces near constant threats of natural disasters like earthquakes, typhoons and volcanic eruptions. These disasters cause displacement and major loss of livelihoods and infrastructure, and disproportionately affect poor communities in rural areas, where people rely on agriculture and fishing. The Global Hunger Index, which assesses food insecurity based on indicators that measure undernourishment and undernutrition, categorizes the Philippines as having a “moderate” level of hunger overall. Rise Against Hunger serves the regions of the Philippines where hunger is most urgent.

Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 5/3 Topic: Coffee with Jesus (7 PM)
- 5/10 Youth in Church
- 5/17 Youth Sunday / Senior Recognition (10 AM)



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 will be participating and help lead worship. The Kids Choir will be singing. We will also be recognizing our seniors. We hope that you can join us

for this meaningful worship service!



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!

Participant QR Code:



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!

Volunteer QR Code:



Calling all volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to teach summer Sunday school. It is a one-room classroom. All books, lesson plans, and supplies will be provided to you for the Sunday you sign up to teach. This is a great way to connect with the young people of our church!

Thank you in advance for taking part in this wonderful ministry of the church. Please reach out to Kristi with any questions. [Sign Up Here!](#)



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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
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Director of Youth & Families Kristi Schaub
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PreK-1st Sunday School Teacher Beth McCarry
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Plus...all the members of NSPC

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