

Newtown Square  
Presbyterian Church

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May 24, 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:** Karen Shea

**Ushers:** Joe Marchesani, Capt; Joe Kasuska, Glenn Bechtold

**Acolyte:** Hudson Adams

**Acolyte Guide:** Debbie Weiss

**Fellowship Host:** Karen Shea

## ***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 without 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

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

10:00 AM

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for the Church Picnic

Joe Marchesani

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

## PRELUDE.

*It Was His Love* .....by B. Red / Arr. by A. Whitworth

## \*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Breath of God,  
in the beginning you moved over the waters.

From you all creation draws life.

Without you, life turns to dust.

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

Holy Spirit, our counselor and comfort,  
by your inspiration, prophets speak and act in faith.

You make us into bearers of your Word.

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

Holy Spirit, power from on high,  
you descend as fire to Jesus' disciples;  
you give us a voice to speak compassion to our neighbors.

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

Holy Spirit, sanctifier,  
you form us as children of God;  
you make us a living temple for your presence;  
you intercede within us,  
offering sighs too deep for words.

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

Holy Spirit, Giver of life,  
you guide your church,  
and bless the people;  
you give gifts—  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety,  
the spirit of the fear of the Lord,  
that all of creation may be transformed.

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 33.....LLANFAIR**  
“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Holy and Merciful God,  
we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
and too often we fail  
to do as you have commanded  
and to hold fast to your Word.  
Forgive us for the divisions we nurture,  
guide us to your way,  
keep us in your care,  
and lead us into abounding life.  
We trust your Word that the Spirit of truth  
will show us all things  
and grant us courage and peace.*

*(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 119 .....Acts 2:1-4

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.)*

**ANTHEM**

*Be Strong in the Lord* ..... by L. Johnson / Arr. by T. Fettke  
Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

OT Page 129-130 .....Numbers 11:24-30

This is the Word of our Lord.  
***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 the Holy Spirit,  
Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.*

*The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the church.*

*The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.*

*In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

*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 286.....TRENTHAM**  
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**PRAVERS 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**

*Ava Maria.....by C. Gounod*

Jeysla Santos, Soprano

**\*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 300** .....THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS  
"We Are One in the Spirit"

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Thine Is the Glory*.....by G. F. Handel / Arr. by Hayes & Gaspard

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

## **Today, Sunday, May 24, 2026**

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

## **Monday, May 25, 2026**

Memorial Day – Office Closed

## **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
1:00 PM	Last Tuesday Book Club
6:00 PM	AA

## **Thursday, May 28, 2026**

6:00 PM	AA
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## **Saturday, May 30, 2026**

10:00 AM	ACA
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### ***Office Hours:***

*Monday – Closed*

*Tuesday – Thursday*

*9:00 – 3:30*

*Friday - Closed*

## Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Ginni Condo to the glory of God and in memory of her husband Al, and also in memory of his brother PFC Richard H. Condo and all members of the U.S. Armed Forces killed in action.

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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
- Helen Walter (friend of Joe Falcon)
- Dennis White (friend of Joe Falcon)
- Joe Falcon
- Penny & the Doran Family (friends with Julia Altenburger)
- The Hirt Family
- Dot Gauntlett

# Announcements



## RAH – Delco Gives Update

Thank you all so much for your generous participation. We received \$460 from off-line giving and \$3,603.90 from on-line giving. We received a \$62.50 prize from the foundation for participating in the closing festivities! And we had a total of 104 unique donors! We should know the final donation amount per unique donor from DelCo Gives by the end of next week.



## Gemma Backpack Update!

Thank you to everyone who helped assemble the Backpacks for Gemma Services last Sunday! There will be a poster available to donate towards the cost of the supplies. Each year supplies are purchased in the summer at the sales and then used for the following Spring. The supply for this 2026 backpack donation came to \$271.28. Feel free to donate any amount towards this project. The breakdown is on the poster or just donate. Thank you.

***A volunteer is needed to drop off backpacks at Gemma Services in Plymouth Meeting near the mall. Delivery can be any time in May or June. You can call for an appointment. Thank you. Volunteer to Sue Bechtold 484-832-8984***



**Bible 101 has ended. We will start a “Sermon Preview” Bible study in June! We will announce the starting date soon.** It will meet at 10 AM in the conference room at NSPC and on Zoom (watch your email for the link!)

## Wawa Pick Up Helpers needed for 5 months

Wawa needs a substitute pick up person the following dates: Sun June 28<sup>th</sup>, Sun July 26<sup>th</sup>, Sun Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sun. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>



Pick up can be done between 11AM and 4PM. It is usually a quick turnaround. Insulated bags are at the church, and the food will go in the kitchen freezer. Please volunteer for any or all the dates to Sue Bechtold 484-832-8984. Thank you.



### 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**

*Every pint donated makes a difference!* Our next drive is July 23<sup>rd</sup>! We are teaming up with Rep. Lisa Borowski's office for a full-day drive! Registration is open:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Newtown%20Township>



*Save  
the  
Date*

Our annual **Church Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**! Sign up using the insert or this QR Code (the QR Code is also a clickable link!).  
The Christian Education Committee is planning something special for the children this year!!



# Youth Announcements



## Youth Group Schedule

- 5/24 Youth in Church
- 5/31 Breakfast Club (AM)



The Christian Education and Youth & Family Ministries teams would love to hear from you! *We will be hosting a meeting after worship on Sunday, May 31 st , 11:15am - 11:45am, to gather feedback and ideas as we begin planning for our 2026–2027*

***Sunday School and Youth Programs.*** We would love for parents, youth, and families to join us and share thoughts, suggestions, and hopes for the coming year. Your input is so valuable as we continue to grow these ministries together. If you are unable to attend, we would still love to hear from you, so please feel free to reach out and share your feedback. We are also considering a virtual option for those who may not be able to attend in person.



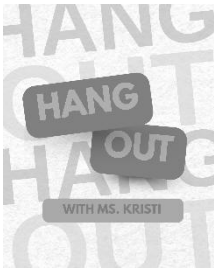
## Calling all volunteers!

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!](#)





The Grand Slam outing is being moved to the summer! Watch for our new date and time! Since May is such a busy time for our youth, Miss Kristi has created a **“Hang Out” calendar**. Groups of Youth or individual youth can reach out to grab a bite with Kristi (Jesus is paying). Just let me know where you would like to go. Some options are Dunkin, Panera, Italian Delight, or Starbucks. *This*

*is a great way to connect during the busy end of the school year. Just pick a time and let me know where you would like to meet.*

*Use the QR Code or [Click Here to Schedule Your Hang Out](#)*



## 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**



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***In Ministry Together at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church:***

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- 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-1<sup>st</sup> 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
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- Communion Coordinator ..... Carol Guest
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***Plus...all the members of NSPC***

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