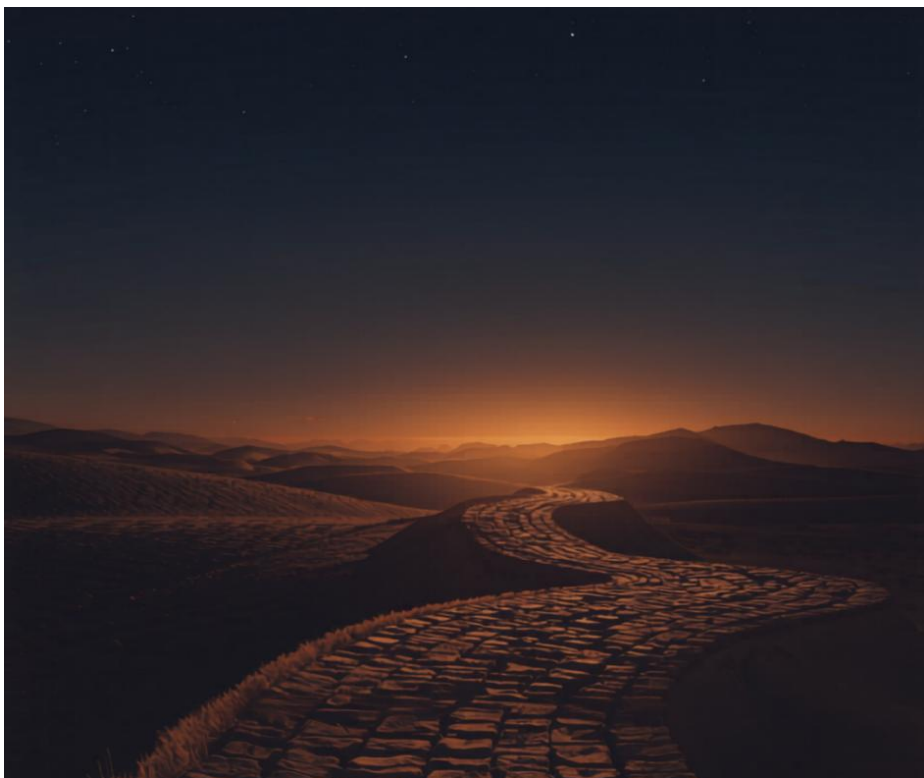




Newtown Square
Presbyterian Church

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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: Julia Altenburger

Ushers: Ernie Arraya, Capt; Grant Snyder

Fellowship Host: Margie Garwood

Summer Sunday School Teacher: Alexa Copeland

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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

As the Dew from Heaven Distilling..... By J. Daynes / Arr. by L. Shurtleff

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 56:7 & Psalm 66)**

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people,
says the Lord.

Be gracious to us and bless us, O God.

*Let your face shine upon us,
that your way be known upon earth,
and your saving power among all peoples.*

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people,
says the Lord.

*Let the peoples be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge them with equity
and guide the nations everywhere on earth.*

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people,
says the Lord.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May your praise extend to the ends of the earth.*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 619**.....LAUDA ANIMA
“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.*

*You incite us to hope,
but we fall back into fear.*

*You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.*

*You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.*

Forgive us.

*Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work
in the world every day.*

For the sake of Jesus 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

Holy God,
Your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.
Shine your Word on us,
that we may see,
that we may understand,
and that we may believe.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 65Luke 6:46-49

This is the Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Rev. Bill Searight

*(Children are dismissed for Summer Sunday school following the Children’s
Message; youth can remain in worship or assist in Summer Sunday School.)*

ANTHEMNearer, Still Nearer... By L. Morris / Arr. by N. Williams
Harris Banks, Cello

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 47Genesis 49:28-33

This is the Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Bill Searight

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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 Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.*

*God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.*

*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 840**.....VILLE DU HAVRE
 “When Peace like a River”

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

Brother James' Air..... Scottish Melody / By Arr. by K. Kaiser
Harris Banks, Cello

*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 265 MIT FREUDEN ZART
"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Grant Us Peace By W. A. Mozart / Arr. by T. Birchwood
From the Motet 'Exultate, Jubilate'

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, August 16, 2026

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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

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

Thursday, August 20, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, August 22, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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We will kick off our program year on Sunday, September 13th. We have all new programming! Join us as we begin our month by month "Habits of Faith" Sunday school & youth group curriculum.

Office Hours:

*Monday - Wednesday
9:00 – 3:30*

*Thursday & Friday
Office is Closed*

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Bob Arnold in honor of his children, Christine and Matt.

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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
- Dennis White (friend of Joe Falcon)
- Joe Falcon
- Penny & the Doran Family (friends with Julia Altenburger)
- Peter Bowen (son of Jean Bowen)
- The Vokhiwa Family
- David Tucker

Announcements



Join us at our **Mission Fair** on **Sunday, September 27th**. Following worship, we will be having our regular fellowship time with donated bagels from **Original Bagel**. The Mission Fair will be set up in the Gathering Room with activities and information available from many missions. Some will even have activities for adults and children.



The “Sermon Preview” Bible Study has ended for the summer. Have a fun and safe August and we will see you in the fall!

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 October 1st! Registration is open:

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



Youth Announcements



Project Blessing Bags

Now through October 18th we will be collecting items for blessing bags that our youth will be putting together. Our goal is 200 Bags! If you would like to donate items please bring and drop off in the Youth bin in the Gathering room.

Donations can be labeled "Blessing Bags" or dropped off in Kristi's office. Please drop off by October 18th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Kristi at kristi@newtownsquarepres.org

Items included:

- Travel Tooth Paste
- Travel Mouth Wash
- Travel Hand Sanitizer
- Individual Tooth Brush
- Floss
- Travel Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Travel Q-tips
- Chapstick
- Band-Aids
- Gallon Bags Zipper Top
- Travel Wipes
- Granola Bars
- Beef Jerky
- Small individually wrapped candy (like for Halloween)
- Individual mints
- Socks
- Bottled Water
- Instant coffee
- Tea Bags



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-1 st Sunday School Teacher	Beth McCarry
2 nd -4 th grade Sunday School Teacher	Debbie Villano
Nursery Attendants	Camryn Villano
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Jane Fioravanti
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Meghan Kazanjian
Clerk of Session	Sara DiGirolamo
President, Board of Trustees	Robert Gray
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Co-Treasurer	Rich Digby
Co-Treasurer	Carole Connolly
Head Usher.....	Grant Snyder
Communion Coordinator	Carol Guest
Presbyterian Women.....	Ginny Berman

Plus...all the members of NSPC

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