



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: Dianne Hirt

Ushers: Jim Shea, Capt; Rob Gray, Crystal Gray, Terri McCarthy

Fellowship Host: Paul Florence and Jack Chidester

Summer Sunday School Teacher: Kristi Schaub & Youth

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
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour..... By R. Lowly / Arr. by W. Reske

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 124)**

The Lord is on our side. Let everyone say:

The Lord is on our side.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord made heaven and earth. God protects us.

The Lord is the one who sends help. Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 269**.....LANCASHIRE

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, we confess that we who call ourselves your church
are often not solid rocks.*

*We confess that we are sometimes fragmented
over angry words or thoughtless actions.*

*We confess that we do not always stand firm in the time of trial,
but allow ourselves to be shaken by violent disagreements or
eruptions of prejudice*

*Forgive us, and make us strong and steadfast,
that we may become the foundation of your world
of justice, love, and peace.
We pray in Jesus' name, amen.*

(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:
*In Jesus Christ, we find love and forgiveness for all our sins.
In the name of Jesus, we are loved and 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 18.....Matthew 16:13-20

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
*(Children are dismissed for Summer Sunday school following the Children’s
Message; youth can remain in worship or assist in Summer Sunday School.)*

ANTHEM

The Wonders of His Hands..... By G. Davis / Arr. by C. Kirkland
Cheryl Koch, Violin

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 49Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
“Waiting and Working in the Desert”

1. Battleships...and Cruise ships
2. Lectionary reading: the Hebrew midwives
 - a. Obedient to serving God only
 - b. So, Moses lived...in the King's palace!
 - c. Shifra and Puah knew they were on a battleship
3. Too many of us think the church is a cruise ship
 - a. We come to church only to receive
 - b. We must BE the church--we must meet others' needs
 - c. There has to be a balance of giving and receiving
4. Are we waiting for a mint on our pillows?
 - a. Or is the church a beacon to the sick and hurting?
 - b. Do we "tip" God...or do God's ministry?
5. Moses became a great leader
 - a. He heard God's call
 - b. He freed his people from oppression
 - c. He knew he led a battleship.....

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)**

We believe there is no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good

with those who love God,

who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

*nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 318**.....ST. PETER
“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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

The Lily of the Valley Step by Step..... By W. Hays & A. Simpson / Arr. by R. Oh
Michael Talento, Saxophone

***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 700** I'M GONNA LIVE
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name By O. Holden / Arr. by B. Johnson

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, August 23, 2026

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

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

Thursday, August 27, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, August 29, 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
Office is Closed*

*Tuesday - Friday
9:00 – 3:30*

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.

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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)
- 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.

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



Welcome Back Campfire & S'Mores. The Youth Group's first event of the year is on Sunday, September 13th at 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Join us for some S'mores and fellowship! Bring a chair or blanket and a water bottle. Sign up to

bring something! Use the QR code:





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
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Co-Treasurer	Carole Connolly
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Plus...all the members of NSPC

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