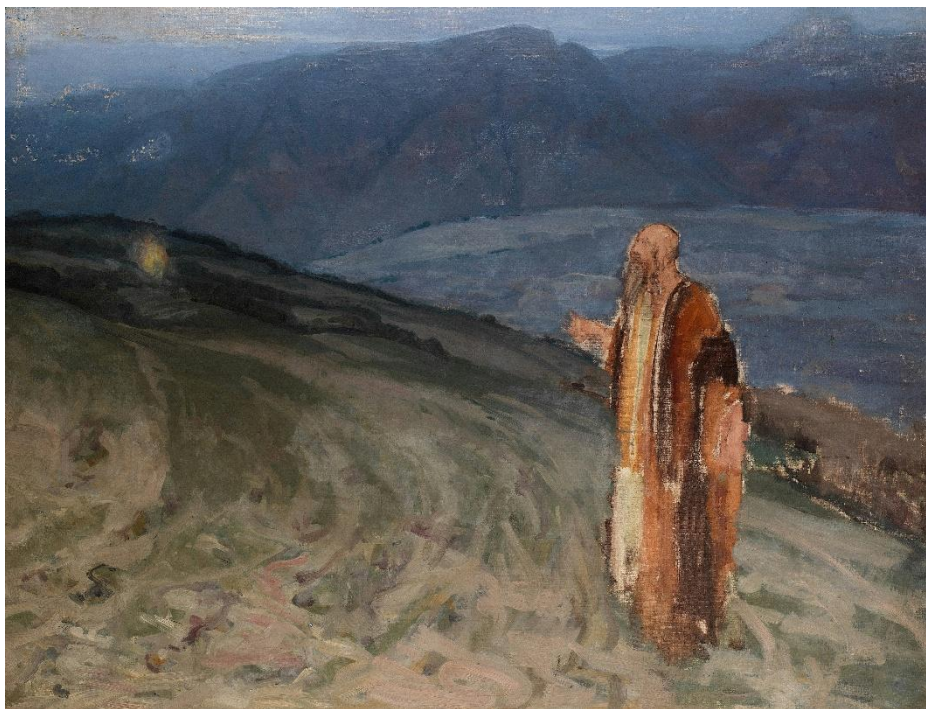




Newtown Square
Presbyterian Church

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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: Ed Arraya

Ushers: Grant Snyder, Capt; Jessica Servano, Irene Bernabeo

Fellowship Host: Karen Shea

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
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me..... By W. B. Bradley / Arr. by B. C. Dockery
Stephen Lee, Clarinet; Emma Knowles, Flute

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)**

O give thanks to the Lord;
make known God's deeds of power.

Sing to the Lord;
tell of God's wonderful works.

Give thanks and shout praises to the Lord.

Sing to the Lord;
tell of God's wonderful works. Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 331**.....NATIONAL HYMN
"God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and gracious God,
we confess that we are often self-absorbed
and care most for our own self-interests.
We confess that our first instinct is self-preservation.
We confess that we have too often prayed for You to spare us
when You most need us to serve You.

*Forgive us our desire to be safe
and inspire us to risk more,
knowing that You are ready to help
and support us in all times and in all places.
We pray in Jesus' name, amen.*

(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends, hear the good news: Christ died for us.

*Believe the good news: Christ rose for us.
Trust the good news: 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

OT Page 50.....Exodus 3:1-15

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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus..... By H. Lemmel / Arr. by C. Davis
Emma Knowles, Flute

*O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free.*

*Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conqu'rors we are!*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 18Matthew 16:21-28

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
“Keeping Our Eyes on God”

- I. God's ways.... or people's ways?
 - A. Of neighbors and rice paddies
 - B. Living out our faith
 - C. Christians ARE different!
- II. What do we learn from Moses at the burning bush?
 - A. God knows us and calls us by name
 - B. Recognition of God's holiness
 - C. God's call to each of us
 - D. God expects us to respond in obedience
- III. God's call at the burning bush is Jesus' mandate in Matthew 16
 - A. Put God first
 - B. Take up our cross
 - C. Follow in obedience
- IV. Where is our focus?
 - A. We lose our way when we take our eyes off God
 - B. Keeping our eyes and hearts on God gives us hope and peace.
 - C. Good advice for the journey!

***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 52.....GO DOWN MOSES**

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

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

Where Jesus Is, 'Tis Heaven..... By C. F. Butler / Arr. by Haryoung Cho

Stephen Lee, Clarinet

*Since Christ my soul from sin set free,
This world has been a heaven to me;
And 'mid earth's sorrows and its woe,
'Tis heaven my Jesus here to know.*

*Once heaven seemed a far-off place,
Till Jesus showed His smiling face;
Now it's begun within my soul,
'Twill last while endless ages roll.*

*O hallelujah! yes, 'tis heaven,
'Tis heaven to know my sin's forgiven;
On land or sea, what matters where?
Where Jesus is, 'tis heaven there.*

***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 826**..... CRUCIFER

“Lift High the Cross”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Jubilation By J. Koerts / Arr. by F. Lopez

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, August 30, 2026

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

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

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

Thursday, September 3, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, September 5, 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 – Thursday
9:00 – 3:30*

*Friday
Office is Closed*

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Marge DeYoung in honor of Ginni Condo's birthday. Happy birthday, Ginni!

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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
- Jerry Schauer
- Kathy Saybolt

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
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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