

Newtown Square Presbyterian Church

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September 7, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE *Divernire*Einauldi

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46)**

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

*Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble in its tumult.*

Be still and know that the Lord is God!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 401**.....GATHER US IN
“Here in This Place”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.*

*We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. 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.*

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 1..... Genesis 1:1-5

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS.....Rev. Bill Searight
(Children [Pre-K – 4th grade] are dismissed to Sunday School following the Blessing of the Backpacks. Youth Group will remain in worship.)

ANTHEM*Adoration*.....Steele/Fettke
NSPC Quartet

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him; the Lord is His name!
Fear not to enter His presence in poverty.
Bearing no gifts to present at as your own.
Truth in its beauty and love in its purity.
These are the offerings to lay at His throne.
We worship You, Lord. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 148-149..... Acts 27:13-26, 33-38

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 815.....FESTAL SONG**
 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

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.....God Is Here!.....Abbott’s Leigh/Ferguson
 NSPC Singers

<i>God is here! As we your people</i>	<i>Here our children find a welcome</i>
<i>Meet to offer praise and prayer,</i>	<i>In the Shepherd's flock and fold;</i>
<i>May we find in fuller measure</i>	<i>Here as bread and wine are taken,</i>
<i>What it is in Christ we share.</i>	<i>Christ sustains us as of old.</i>
<i>Here, as in the world around us,</i>	<i>Here the servants of the Servant</i>
<i>All our varied skills and arts</i>	<i>Seek in worship to explore</i>
<i>Wait the coming of the Spirit</i>	<i>What it means in daily living</i>
<i>Into open minds and hearts.</i>	<i>To believe and to adore.</i>

<i>Here are symbols to remind us</i>	<i>Lord of all, of church and kingdom,</i>
<i>Of our lifelong need of grace;</i>	<i>In an age of change and doubt,</i>
<i>Here are table, font and pulpit;</i>	<i>Keep us faithful to the Gospel;</i>
<i>Here the cross has central place.</i>	<i>help us work your purpose out.</i>
<i>Here in honesty of preaching,</i>	<i>Here, in this day's dedication,</i>
<i>Here in silence, as in speech,</i>	<i>All we have to give, receive;</i>
<i>here, in newness and renewal,</i>	<i>We, who cannot live without you,</i>
<i>God the Spirit comes to each.</i>	<i>We adore you! We believe!</i>

***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.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world—
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN 821**.....HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
“My Life Flows On”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE***Postlude in G*.....Vockner

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

There will be a meeting of the congregation of Newtown Square Presbyterian Church TODAY immediately following worship. All members of NSPC are asked to remain in the sanctuary for the meeting.



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
- Lois Peck
- Tracy Binder (Pat Deluca’s cousin)
- Rabiya Bower (Sara DiGirolamo’s friend)
- Helen Walter (Joe & Laurie Falcon’s friend)
- Randy Keaton & family (Lauren Snyder’s father)
- CB (Coworker of Sara Cuccia)



NSPC Weekly

September 7, 2025

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 light refreshments and fellowship in the Gathering Room following the service.



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Marge DeYoung in honor of Kristi Schaub.

Worship Leader: Rebecca DiPersia

Ushers: Allen Corle, Capt; Lynne Corle, Jack Chidester, Ed Robinson

Communion Servers: Buff Biddle, Ginni Condo, Rich Digby, Laurie Lynch, Grant Snyder, Debbie Weiss, Rick Weiss

Communion Preparers: Paul Florence & Geoff Cudd

Acolyte: Camille Impriano

Acolyte Guide: Lynne Corle

Fellowship Hosts: Rally Day Luncheon

To Give to NSPC:



Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:30

Friday - Closed

THIS WEEK

Today:

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

Monday, September 8, 2025

10:00 AM Sermon Talkback
1:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:00 AM Men's Christian Fellowship

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

10:00 AM Quiet Morning

Thursday, September 11, 2025

6:00 PM AA

Saturday, September 13, 2025

10:00 AM ACA

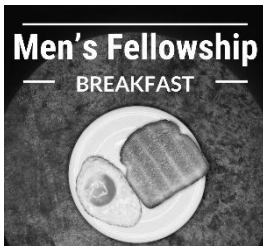
*Wednesday Morning
September 10th
10 am - 12 pm*



Spend a Quiet Morning

Led by Jacki Tase, Spiritual Director
Call the church office (610-356-8063),
or email nspc3600@gmail.com to RSVP

General Announcements



Save the date! The Men's Fellowship Group would like to invite you to share in a morning of fellowship with the brothers of our congregation on **Saturday, September 13th from 9:00- 11:00 AM**. Save the date. Pastor Bill will give the message and breakfast will be included. Let us know you are coming - RSVP to

office@newtownsquarepres.org Questions? See or email Doug Tase
dougase@gmail.com



The Men are having a Breakfast on Saturday, September 13th. Would you be able to provide help with Breakfast Food for that day? The food can be dropped off at 8:30 AM cooked and ready to serve all perishable foods or nonperishable donations can be dropped during the week when the office is open. Still Needed: 2 breakfast casseroles, 2 containers of fresh cut fruit, half & half, muffins, lemonade, and soft spread butter. Please contact Sue Bechtold if you can volunteer!



All Ladies:

Thursday October 8th, we are planning a luncheon together at EMJ's in Berwyn. There is a section of the restaurant being set aside for 20 guests. 3 ladies took a road trip for lunch, and we were very pleased. Separate bills are available.

RSVP: to Sue Bechtold to get on the list of 20: 484-832-8984
Carpooling from the NSPC parking lot would work since parking at EMJ's is limited. Our reservation is for 11:30. Carpools leave at 11AM promptly. Arrive by 10:50 to be safe. Thanks.



Help is needed for Hosting Fellowship Hour

The Deacons meet every second Sunday of the month. It would be a tremendous help if we had hosts from the congregation on those Sundays. We still need help for November 9th and December 14th of this year. Please

contact Heather if you can host. Ask friends if they would like to "co-host", if you are unsure that you can provide for by yourself. There are instructions in the kitchen, attached to the metal shelves. I can answer any questions you may have. Thanks for your help. Margie Garwood



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

**Our next blood drive is
scheduled for October 23rd**

2:00 PM—7:00 PM. Let's make this our biggest drive to date! Give the gift of life. Sign up now!



Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 9/7 Youth in Worship / Rally Day
- 9/14 Breakfast Club
- 9/21 What IF Series
- 9/28 What IF Series



Welcome Back Campfire & S'Mores. The Youth Group's first event of the year is on Sunday, September 14th at 5:30 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:





We are currently collecting **gently used children's books**—both **religious** and **non-religious**—to help grow our library for the **Youth and Family Ministries**. These books will be used to encourage reading, spiritual growth, and quality family time within our congregation. We're also looking for any **old VeggieTales DVDs** you may no longer need! These beloved stories continue to inspire and teach valuable lessons, and we'd love to share them with the next generation. If you have items to donate, please drop them off at the youth and family ministries office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Trunk or Treat Volunteers! It's almost time for **Trunk or Treat at NSPC – Saturday, October 26th** from 4:00 – 6:00 PM and we need your help to make it a fun, safe, and welcoming event for our community! We're looking for volunteers to:



- **Plan & organize** activities and decorations
- **Host a trunk** (decorate your car and hand out treats)
- **Help with set-up/clean-up**
- **Assist with refreshments and games**

Whether you love to plan, decorate, serve, or simply lend a hand, there's a place for you! If you'd like to be part of this fun outreach, please contact Ms. Kristi @ kristi@newtownsquarepres.org or text 610-945-7089. ***The first planning meeting will be Sunday, September 14th at 7:00PM via zoom.*** I hope you can join me!

Sunday School Registration

Sunday school is for children ages 4 through grade 4. We have a new Sunday school sign-up that we will ask you to complete each week, so that we can let your child's teacher know to expect them in the classroom at the start of Sunday school. Stop by the registration table in the Gathering Room to complete this form before the start of worship. If you arrive late, you can scan the QR code here:



Rise Against Hunger Announcements

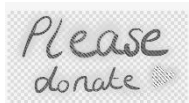


Join us for our Freddy's fundraiser on Wednesday, September 17th between 4-8 PM. Use the flyer insert and the church will receive 15% of the sale! All proceeds will go to Rise Against Hunger.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! NSPC Rise Against Hunger Flea Market... There will be a Flea Market on September 20th at NSPC parking lot. It is to raise money for Rise Against Hunger. We have vendors signed up for parking spots, the youth group is hosting a refreshment table, and we have received a lot of

donations for a church table! Please volunteer to help run our church table, even an hour or two is a huge help! There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room. Or contact Margie Garwood for more information!



Donation Request for the Youth: Flea Market – September 20th

The youth will be running a **refreshment table** to help fundraise for future events during the Flea Market. We are asking for donations of:

- Bottled water cases
- Pre-packaged chips and treats
- Individually wrapped baked goods (please label clearly for allergy considerations)

Deadline for donations (except baked goods): September 17th

**Baked goods may be dropped off the morning of the Flea Market.
9:00 AM**



Clothing Drive for Rise Against Hunger

In order to raise funds to participate in our Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event in March 2026, we will be hosting a clothing drive. As you are fall cleaning/organizing please consider bagging your unneeded clothing items. See below for items which are accepted as well as additional instructions. The company will pick up our donations on Saturday, November 1, 2025. We will be paid 20 cents/pound. But we need a minimum of 100 bags for them to come and collect. We think this will be easily doable. Stay tuned for additional information regarding dropping off your contributions at the church as the date gets closer. PLEASE, PLEASE feel forward to share with family and friends. See the September newsletter (pg. 13) for a list of accepted items!

Church Officers:

SESSION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Moderator: The Rev. Bill Searight

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Rebecca DiPersia	Ed Arraya	Sue Bechtold
Joe Falcon	Buff Biddle	Sara DiGirolamo
Laurie Lynch	Jane Fioravanti	Jennifer Gries
Jim Shea	Joe Marchesani	Doug Tase

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Margie Garwood

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Betsy Bender	Kathy Donovan	Bob Arnold
Rich Digby	Margie Garwood	Nicolle Arraya
Robbyn Marchesani	Marg MacDonald	Paul Florence
Barbara Nicolardi		Andy Tucker

Reflections



In Ministry Together at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church:

Pastor	The Rev. Bill Searight
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
Director of Music	Ting Ting Wong
Director of Youth & Families	Kristi Schaub
Church Office Manager	Heather Impriano
PreK-2nd Sunday School Teacher	Beth McCarry
3 rd -6 th grade Sunday School Teacher	Debbie Villano
Nursery Attendants	Grace McCarry & Sadie Kazanjian
Spiritual Director	Jacki Tase
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Jane Fioravanti
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Meghan Kazanjian
Clerk of Session	Buff Biddle
President, Board of Trustees	Jim Shea
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Co-Treasurer	Rich Digby
Co-Treasurer	Heather Impriano
Head Usher.....	Grant Snyder
Communion Coordinator	Carol Guest
Presbyterian Women.....	Ginny Berman

Plus...all the members of NSPC

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