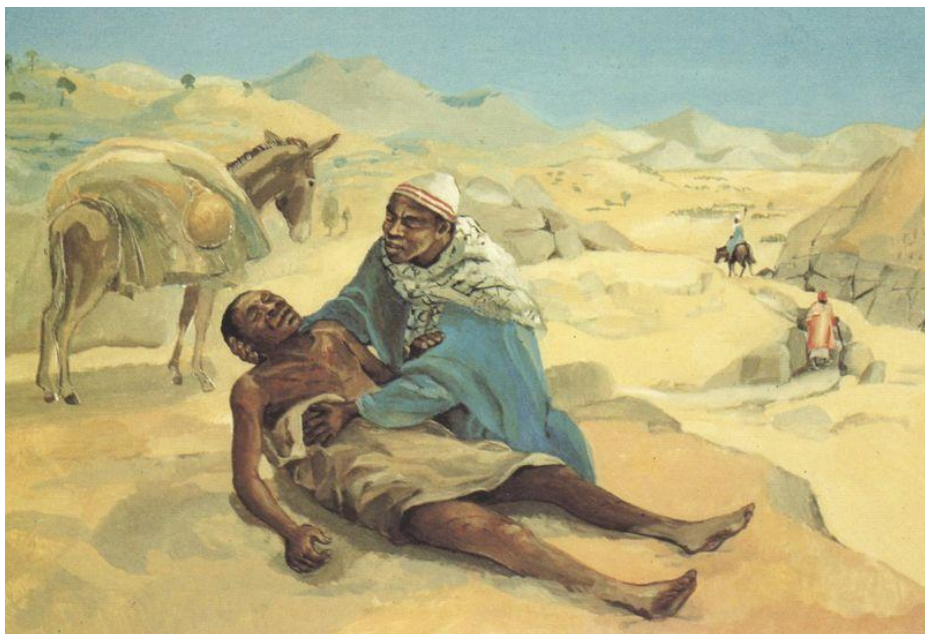




Newtown Square Presbyterian Church

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September 13, 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: Jennifer Gries

Ushers: Rich Digby, Capt; Meghan Kazanjian, Christian Kazanjian, Noah Kazanjian

Acolyte: Sarah McCarry

Acolyte Guide: Lynne Corle

Fellowship Host: Kick Off Luncheon

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
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

Dearest Children, God Is Near You..... By J.M. Macfarlane / Arr. by D. Gawthrop

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66)**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of God's name;

give God endless praise.

We join all creation to worship you, Lord.

We sing praises to you

and glorify your name.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 2.....ITALIAN HYMN**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you live for us—

yet we struggle to live for you.

You offer forgive to us—

yet we withhold forgiveness for others.

You love us endlessly—

yet we allow our love to become conditional and limited.

*Have mercy on us, God.
Help us to live for you,
to forgive as freely as you do,
And to love one another,
as you love us through Christ our Lord.*

(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!*

***RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 447**

We Are Forgiven

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

OT Page 163 Deuteronomy 6:4-9

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS..... Rev. Bill Searight

*(Children are dismissed for Sunday school following the Children's Message;
youth are dismissed for Youth Group.)*

ANTHEM*Here I Am, Lord*..... By D.L. Schutte
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 71-72Luke 10:25-37

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 63**.....AZMON

“The Lord Is God”

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

From Everlasting to Everlasting..... By B. Harlan
Soloists

***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 53** NOEL
“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

Kremser Tune: Kremser / By C. Callahan

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

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00 – 3:30

Friday
Office is Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, September 13, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School & Youth Group
11:00 AM	Kick Off Luncheon
11:45 AM	Deacons Meeting
5:30 PM	Youth Group Welcome Back Campfire

Monday, September 14, 2026

1:00 PM	Women's Ministry Bible Study
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Tuesday, September 15, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

10:00 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study
6:00 PM	Sing the Faith Hymn Sing
7:00 PM	Session Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026

10:00 AM	Sing the Faith Hymn Sing
6:00 PM	AA

Saturday, September 19, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Bob Arnold to the glory of God and in honor of his late wife, Debbie. “Happy birthday! I love and miss you every day. We will celebrate together someday.”

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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
- Mary Loomis
- Paula (Margie Garwood’s niece)

Mission Fair



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.

Helpful donations:

The Missions represented need our help in many ways. Financial donations can be made to NSPC with the specific mission's name in the memo line. Other miscellaneous donations can be made that day or dropped off in the Gathering Room boxes:

- Non-Perishable foods - distributed to various locations
- Gently used clothing for Chester Eastside (fold and package in a handled shopping bag)
- Used print cartridges in the jug on the Mission Table
- Flip tabs (Please put by the jug. At the fair, the children of the church will have a project to put them in the jug.) We are also looking for donations of individually packaged snacks.
- Women's monthly products (pads and liners only)
- Hats, gloves, scarves - new
- Winter coats gently used for Chester Eastside Ministries
- School supplies - Chester Eastside and Gemma Services
- Canine Partners Amazon list: [Canine Partners Amazon Wish List](#)

Coats for Sale!!

Winter will be here very soon. We have 20 new winter coats for children that we plan to donate to a mission! We would love for you to be a part of this by "buying" a coat to donate for \$20. This helps us to recoup the money to use for another future mission. The coats will then be provided to a mission in need of winter coats for children.

Announcements



Welcome back! Our Sermon Preview Bible Study is returning! Join us on Wednesday, September 16th for the “Sermon Preview” Bible Study. We will meet at 10 AM in the conference room at NSPC and on Zoom (watch your email for the link!)

Sing the Faith starts this week! *Join us on Wednesday at 6:00 PM and/or Thursday at 10:00 AM. Together, we will enjoy singing some of our beloved hymns while also learning about the stories and history behind them.* I hope these gatherings will be a joyful way for us to connect with one another and deepen our appreciation for the hymns that have been part of the worship and faith for generations.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

During the month of September, NSPC is once again participating in the **CWS Blanket Drive**. This vital program provides blankets to millions of people who may have little or nothing else. These blankets provide not only a means to help people survive but also to give them hope that someone cares about them. A

sample of the wool durable and water-resistant blanket hangs in the Narthex. If you would like to participate in this program you may use the envelope in the pew rack or send your donation directly to the church. Please write your check to NSPC with “CWS Blanket Drive” on the memo line. Thank you for your part to “*Blanket the world with love.*”

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies, we are having our first luncheon of the fall on Wednesday, October 7th at **Soprano's**. This restaurant is on the corner of Media Line Road and West Chester

Pike. They have given NSPC some discount nights in the past and have been most generous. We will meet at noon. Suggestion is to gather at NSPC at 11:30 and carpool. The parking lot is small and if we have a big group, it makes it easier to park. We will leave the parking lot by 11:45 so mark your calendars. Each person will pay at the register for their own lunch. 20% tip since we are a group. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 4th to Sue Bechtold so a number can be provided for set up. 484-832-8984 or Suebechtold1@gmail.com

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:



Youth Group Hayride Get Together at the Bates Motel! On Sunday, October 4th, the youth group will enjoy a frightful evening at the Bates Motel. Tickets can be purchased at <https://thebatesmotel.com> for the 6:30 PM time slot. If it rains, we will hold a Pizza, Pocus, and

Pumpkins event at the church!

Little Lights will meet **on the first Sunday of each month from 11:15-11:45** in the youth room downstairs. All Preschool through 6th grade children are invited to be a part of Little Lights at NSPC – a faith-filled time to grow, play and shine together! We will enjoy crafts, songs, and games. Join us as we learn to shine God's light together! ***Our first meeting will be on Sunday, October 4th!***



Join Our Kids' Junior Choir! All children preschool through 6th grade are invited to be part of our Junior Choir. We will meet two times a month and sing during the children's message once a month. Come join the fun as we sing, worship, and share our talents with all! More details are in the Newsletter!



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
- Cash or Check with "Blessing Bags" in the memo line

Church Officers:

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Rob Gray
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Paul Florence
Andy Tucker

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Rich Digby
Karen Shea



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Director of Youth & Families	Kristi Schaub
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PreK-1 st Sunday School Teacher	Beth McCarry
2 nd -4 th grade Sunday School Teacher	Debbie Villano
Nursery Attendants	Camryn Villano
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Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Meghan Kazanjian
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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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