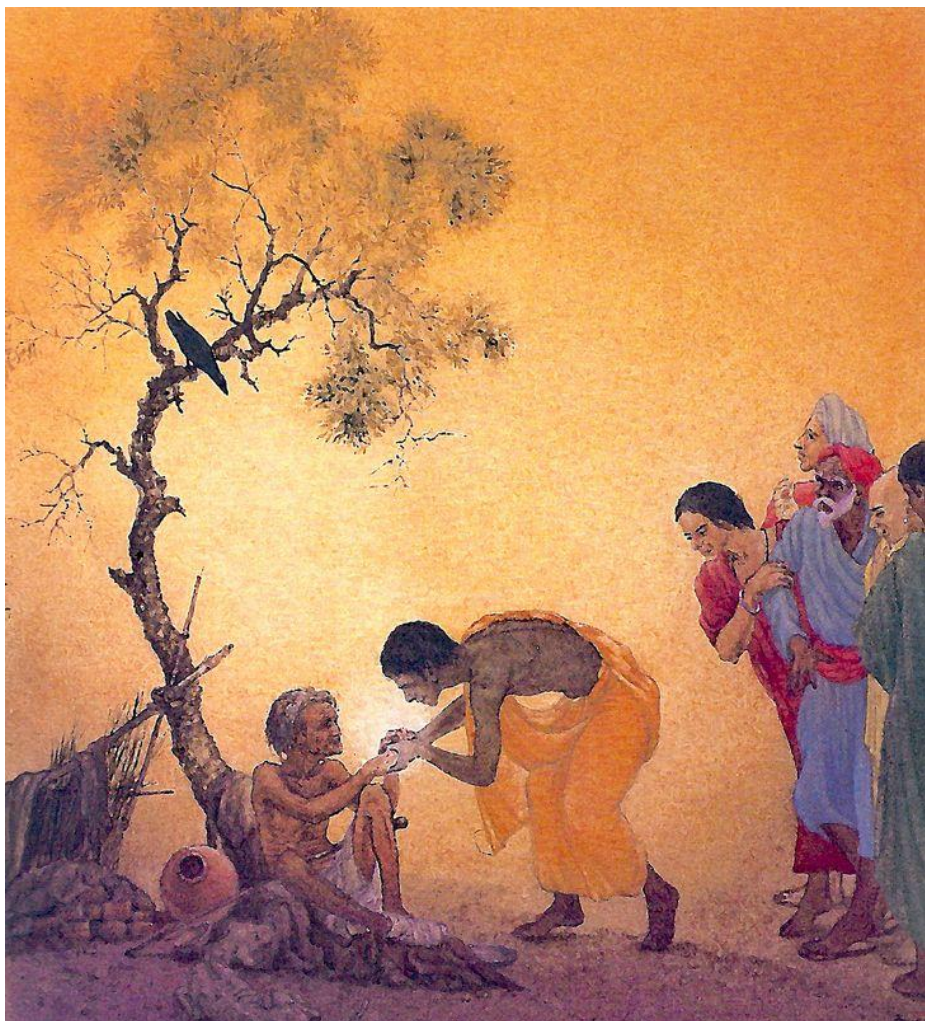


Newtown Square Presbyterian Church

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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: Dennis DiGirolamo

Ushers: Chris Barmes, Capt; Doug Lynch, Irene Bernabeo

Acolyte: Camille Impriano

Acolyte Guide: Debbie Weiss

Fellowship Host: Ginni Condo & Marge DeYoung

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:



Interested in becoming a member of NSPC?

Would you like to learn more about Newtown Square Presbyterian Church or explore becoming a member? Grab a snack and drink in the Gathering Room and then join Pastor Bill in the Conference Room **today at 11:15AM**. You can learn more about NSPC, ask questions, and,

if you choose, become a member of our church!

THE LORD'S DAY
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

It May Not Be on the Mountain Height..... By C.E. Rounsefell

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145)**

I will extol you, O God, our true ruler.

I will bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

God's greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,

and declare your mighty acts.

We shall proclaim the power of your awesome works,

and declare your greatness to all.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

God's greatness is unsearchable.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 20.....ROYAL OAK**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, creator of life
and giver of all good gifts:
We confess that we fall short of your goodness.
We demand much, while offering little in return.
We take from your creation, without caring for it.
We worry about our few needs,
passing by those whose needs are overwhelming.
Give us mercy, Lord, and restore us to you.
May your steadfast love guide us
as we seek to live faithfully everyday.
In the name 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!*

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 447	We Are Forgiven
<i>We are forgiven. We are forgiven.</i>	
<i>Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.</i>	
<i>We are forgiven. We are forgiven.</i>	
<i>Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.</i>	

CHILDREN’S BIBLE PRESENTATION..... Rev. Bill Searight
*(Children are dismissed for Sunday school following the Bible Distribution; youth
are dismissed for Youth Group.)*

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 155Romans 5:6-11

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

ANTHEM

I Love You, Lord..... By L. Klein / Arr. by J. Schrader
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 35-36Mark 1:40-45

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 God,
whom Jesus called Abba Father.*

*In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.*

*But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.*

*Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.*

*Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.*

*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 435.....IN BABILONE**
“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness..... By W.M. Runyan / Arr. by Hyuck Yeon
Jeysla Santos, Soprano; Ting Ting Chen, Soprano

***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 726** KELVINGROVE
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on ‘Picardy’Traditional French Melody / Arr. by D.F. Wagner

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, September 20, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School & Youth Group
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM	New Member Class Meeting (Conf. Rm)

Monday, September 21, 2026

7:00 PM	Youth & Family Ministry Mtg
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Tuesday, September 22, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

10:00 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study
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Thursday, September 24, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, September 26, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 – 3:30

Friday
Office is Closed

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Dolores Hart in memory of Shirley and Homer Hart.

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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
- 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 (fold and package in a handled shopping bag) & Children's books for Chester Eastside
- 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.)
- Individually packaged snacks for Ronald McDonald House
- 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!!

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 be divided between Gemma Services and Chester Eastside for children. See Bob Bechtold during Fellowship Hour to "purchase" a coat!

Announcements



Our Sermon Preview Bible Study is back! Join us on Wednesday, September 23rd 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!)

We had a great turnout at our first month of Sing a Faith. Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us! *We will do this again next month on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00 PM and Thursday, October 22nd at 10:00 AM.* We will enjoy singing some of our beloved hymns while also learning about the stories and history behind them. Let’s continue to connect with one another in this joyful way 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

Youth Group Schedule

- 9/20 Topic: Healing of the Leper
- 9/27 Topic: Healing of the Paralytic / Breakfast Club / Mission Fair
- 10/4 Topic: Feeding of the 5000 (AM) / Bates Motel (5:30 PM)
- 10/11 Topic: Parable of the Sower



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

Save the date! Our ***Annual Trunk or Treat*** is on Sunday, October 25 from 3-5 PM. Sign ups will be coming soon! We are collecting donations of:



- Individually wrapped candy
- Individual bags of pretzels
- Individual Goldfish crackers
- Individual bags of chips
- Other individually wrapped treats
- Quarters or coins

Donations can be labeled "Trunk or Treat" and placed in the black Youth bin in the Gathering Room or dropped off in Kristi's office. Please drop off by October 18th. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make this a fun and memorable event for our church families and community! Questions? Please email kristi@newtownsquarepres.org.

Church Officers:

SESSION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Moderator: The Rev. Bill Searight

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Ed Arraya	Sue Bechtold	Lynne Corle
Buff Biddle	Sara DiGirolamo	Joe Falcon
Jane Fioravanti	Jennifer Gries	Rob Gray
Joe Marchesani	Doug Tase	Laurie Lynch

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Margie Garwood

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Ginni Condo	Bob Arnold	Jack Chidester
Kathy Donovan	Nicolle Arraya	Pat Deluca
Margie Garwood	Paul Florence	Rich Digby
Marg MacDonald	Andy Tucker	Karen Shea



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	Camryn Villano
Nursery Attendants	Sadie Kazanjian & Grace McCarry
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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