

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: Buff Biddle

Ushers: Chris Barnes, Capt; Andy Tucker, Irene Bernabeo

Acolyte: Natalie Andress

Acolyte Guide: Lynne Corle

Fellowship Hosts: Andy Tucker

Sunday School Attendance – Let your teachers know you are here!

Sunday school is for children Pre-K through grade 4. The teachers are in their rooms preparing for class. By signing in, they know you are here and are expecting you! *(This also saves time with not taking attendance in class.)* Scan the QR code here:



Are you visiting us today?

We would love to get to know you!
Please sign in using this QR code:



THE LORD'S DAY
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE *Here I Am, Lord*arr. Hayes
Joann Mitchell, Flute

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 113):**

Who is like the Lord our God,
high above the heavens in glory?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who raises the poor from the dust
and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who makes light shine in darkness,
gives joy in sorrow,
and brings life out of death?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 642**.....HELELUYAN
“Heleluyan, We Are Singing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

*You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.*

(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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 10Genesis 12:1-9

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Rev. Bill Searight
(Children are dismissed for Sunday school following the Children’s Message.)

ANTHEM*O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace*Tye
NSPC Quartet

*O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace, Eternal source of love,
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire with heaven above.
As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son,
so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.*

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 233.....1 Peter 2:1-12

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 744.....FESTAL SONG**
“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

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...

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*I’m Gonna Sing*.....Besig
NSPC Singers

*I’m gonna sing when the spirit says, “Sing!”
And obey the spirit of the Lord!
I’m gonna pray, when the spirit says “pray”.
(All night, all day.) and obey the spirit of the Lord!
I’m gonna shout, when the spirit says “Shout.”
And obey the spirit of the Lord!
I’m gonna pray “hallelujah!”
Sing, pray, shout, “Hallelujah”
and obey the spirit of the Lord!
Sing, pray, shout, “Hallelujah, Lord!”*

***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 24**HOLY MANNA
“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE***Lord of the Dance*.....arr. Hayes
Joann Mitchell, Flute

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

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
- Lois Peck
- Tracy Binder (Pat Deluca's cousin)
- David DiGirolamo (Dennis's Father)
- Randy Keaton & family (Lauren Snyder's father)
- CB (Coworker of Sara Cuccia)
- R. V.

Worship Notes



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

Thank you to Joann Mitchell for enhancing our worship this morning with her musical talent!

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UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ NSPC*

Today, Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
11:30 AM	Worship Committee Mtg.

Monday, September 22, 2025

10:00 AM	Sermon Talkback
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Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
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Thursday, September 25, 2025

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, September 27, 2025

10:00 AM	ACA
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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:30

Friday Closed

General Announcements



Christmas in September

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner. Each year, some NSPC Elves shop for bargains for the children who are cared for by Gemma Services. In previous years, we have been extremely fortunate to find bargains after Christmas with 75% off for toys. These were then saved for our next Christmas delivery. Unfortunately, this past year there were no such bargains. The Elves did their search, and a few

things were located but nowhere near the number of toys we have donated from NSPC in the past. We are still hoping to find some bargains. ***Would you be willing to donate towards the cost of what we have been able to spend so far? Or maybe you might even find some bargain toys before Christmas?***

Whatever you can do to help Gemma is most appreciated. There are usually about 70 children living on the Gemma Campus. *There is a poster in the Gathering Room with donation envelopes. If you would like to be an elf and pay for some of the items we were able to find, please take an envelope.* Questions to our Gemma Representatives:

Ginny Berman tezcuco13@gmail.com

Sue Bechtold suebechtold1@gmail.com



All Ladies:

Wednesday 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

We only have 3 spots left! 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.



**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!



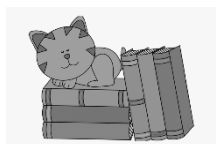
Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 9/21 What IF Series
- 9/28 What IF Series
- 10/4 Youth in church
- 10/12 Breakfast Club



Our annual youth outing to the **Bates Motel & Hayride** is on Sunday, October 12th. Tickets can be purchased for the 6:30 PM time slot. If it rains, we will have a pizza, pocus, and pumpkin event at the church!



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 – Sunday, 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. I hope you can join me!

Rise Against Hunger Announcements



Join us on October 1st for our KiWi Fro-Yo Rise Against Hunger fundraiser! KiWi Yogurt (beside ACME in the Newtown Square Shopping Center) is donating 25% of their sales on October 1st to Rise Against Hunger at NSPC.

You do need to mention the fundraiser or bring in a flyer to get “credit” for purchase. We will have flyers beginning in next week’s bulletin!



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. 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. *We are putting collected bags in the former choir room downstairs.* PLEASE, PLEASE feel forward to share with family and friends. See the September newsletter (pg. 13) for a list of accepted items!



Thank you to everyone who ate out at Freddy’s on Wednesday night! We appreciate your support and as soon as we know how much we earned, we will announce it!



Thank you to everyone who donated to or helped with our flea market and youth refreshment table! We appreciate your hard work, donations, and support!

Church Officers:

SESSION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Moderator: The Rev. Bill Searight

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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 Kazanjan
Spiritual Director	Jacki Tase
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Jane Fioravanti
Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....	Meghan Kazanjan
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Co-Treasurer	Heather Impriano
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Communion Coordinator	Carol Guest
Presbyterian Women.....	Ginny Berman

Plus...all the members of NSPC

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