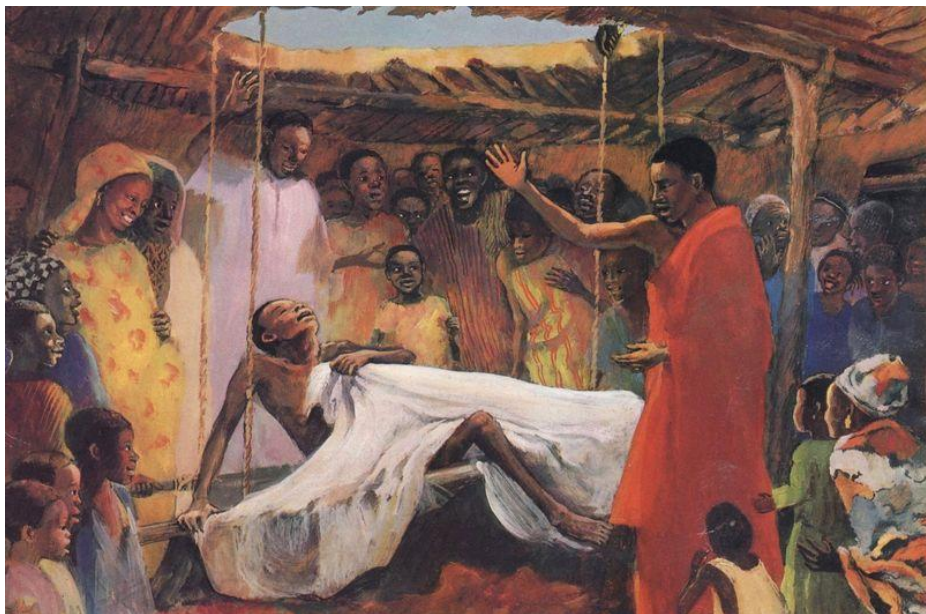


Newtown Square Presbyterian Church

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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: Debbie Weiss

Ushers: Joe Marchesani, Capt; Joe Kasuska, Glenn Bechtold

Acolyte: Ben Kazanjian

Acolyte Guide: Meghan Kazanjian

Fellowship Host: Men's Christian Fellowship

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
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

Ave Maria..... By Brugmüller

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

We trust in you, O God.

Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths.

*Lead us in your truth and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation*

Good and upright is the Lord our God.

Gathered together, we praise God's holy name.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 279**.....ST. AGNES

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, we forget what it is
to seek you in this world.*

*We praise earthly power and wealth,
while you call us to humility and service.*

*We withhold acts of compassion for others,
failing to see your face in theirs.*

*We offer hospitality only if it costs us little,
missing the chance to welcome you into our lives.
Forgive us, Holy God, and change our hearts.
Open our eyes, that we may see you
as Christ taught us:
Everywhere and in everyone.
In his name, 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. 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.*

We Are Forgiven

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit.
May we learn to follow.
May we learn to serve.
And may we learn to love.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 36Mark 2:1-12

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;
youth are dismissed for Youth Group & Breakfast Club.)*

ANTHEM

He Leadeth Me..... Tune by W. Bradbury / Arr. by M. McDonald
Sanctuary Choir

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

Living Waters for the World
Chester Eastside, Inc.
Gemma Services

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *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 the Holy Spirit,
Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.*

*The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.*

*The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.*

*In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

*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 725.....NYLAND**
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love..... Ghana Folk Song adapted by T. Colvin & S. Strite
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 354** BATTLE HYMN
“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

*The Solid Rock*By W. Bradbury / Arr. by R. Thygerson

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School & Youth Group
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM	Mission Fair

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
1:00 PM	Last Tuesday Book Club
6:00 PM	AA

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

10:00 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study
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Thursday, October 1, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, October 3, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on October 4th, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing church officers.

Worship Notes



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

Cover Art: JESUS MAFA. Jesus heals a paralyzed man, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/48306> [retrieved September 23, 2026]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

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)
- Hank Mumma (friend of Bob Bechtold)

Mission Fair



Join us at our **Mission Fair** TODAY. Following worship, we will be having our regular fellowship time with donated bagels from ***Original Bagel***. The Mission Fair is 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!!

All the coats have been sold. Thank you so much for your generosity! You can still donate to missions by donating directly at their tables or writing a check to NSPC with mission fair in the memo line. Thank you!

Announcements



Sermon Preview Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday, September 30th for the “Sermon Preview” Bible Study. Our preview discussion will cover John 6:1-14. 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. Bring a friend (or two!)* 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. ***This is the last week we will be collecting for this mission.*** 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.***” Stop by our table in the Gathering Room!

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. We will meet at noon. Suggestion is to gather at NSPC at 11:30 and carpool. 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 setting 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 this Thursday, October 1st! Registration is open:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Newtown%20Township>



It is time for a new directory! Please make sure to update your address, phone numbers, and email addresses with the church office. If you no longer have a landline, please let us know that as well! We would love to have updated pictures for the directory. If you are new to the church, please let us know you would like to be included in the Church Directory. Thank you!

Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 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 4-6 PM. Sign-up using the QR codes below! Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase during the event. We also ask that you bring a non-perishable donation to support Kids Against Hunger. Money donations will be donated to Rise Against Hunger. For use at the event, 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.

Sign Up to Volunteer:



Sign Up to Host a Trunk:



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

Friday
Office is Closed



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	Vacant
Moderator of Deacons.....	Margie Garwood
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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