



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: Rebecca DiPersia

Ushers: Eric Jones, Capt; Fred Villano, Marge DeYoung, Brent Villano

Acolyte: Sarah McCarry

Acolyte Guide: Lynne Corle

Communion Servers: Ginny Berman, Marg MacDonald, Barb Nicolardi, Jerry Schauer, Deb Villano, Debbie Weiss, Rick Weiss

Communion Preparers: Carol Guest & Laurie Lynch

Fellowship Host: Pat Deluca & Marg MacDonald

Are you visiting us today?
We would love to get to know you!
Please sign in using this QR code:



THE LORD'S DAY
World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

There is Beauty All Aroundby L. Lyon

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (Luke 13:29 and Psalm 63:5)

They shall come from east and west, from north and south.

They shall come to eat in the kingdom of God.

We come at Christ's own invitation.

Our souls shall be satisfied, as with a rich feast.

With joyful lips, our mouths shall praise you, O God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 409**.....ABBOT'S LEIGH

"God Is Here"

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we ask your forgiveness.

*We have sought eagerly after comfort and privilege,
but hesitated to seek after you.*

*We have demanded generosity,
without showing generosity to others.*

*We have wrapped ourselves in our wants,
forgetting to be gracious and grateful.*

*Forgive us and fill our hearts with your peace.
Teach us to share the gifts we have from you,
confident that they will be more than enough.
In Jesus’ 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
<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>	

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 97John 6:1-15

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.)*

ANTHEM

임하소서 'Come Upon Us'

Music by Duksin Choi, Words by Jungmi Song, Arr. by Chulho Kim
Sanctuary Choir; Violin Solo Azer Damirov

The Lord's Spirit

Right now, in this place

Come upon us

Alleluia

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 183-184Second Corinthians 9:6-10

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 612.....KREMSER**

“We Praise You, O God”

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, Joy of Man's Desiring.....by J.S. Bach
Azer Damirov, Violin

***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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN 610.....AZMON**
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

One Lord, One Faith, One Birth.....Tune Arelia by S. Wesley

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ NSPC*

Today, Sunday, October 4, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM	Worship Commission Mtg (Conf. Rm)
11:00 AM	Flu Shot Clinic
11:15 AM	Little Lights (Youth Rm)
6:30 PM	Bates Motel YG Outing

Monday, October 5, 2026

11:00 AM	Knitting Group
1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
6:00 PM	AA
7:00 PM	Personnel Committee Mtg (ZOOM)

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

10:00 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study
12:00 PM	Women's Luncheon at Soprano's
7:00 PM	B&G Meeting (In-Person)

Thursday, October 8, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Friday, October 9, 2026

11:00 AM	Christian Education Meeting
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Saturday, October 10, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA
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Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Marge DeYoung in memory of her husband, Bob.

Elements of the Communion Liturgy today come from the World Communion Offering Liturgy documents from 2025—curated by the PC(USA) Office of Special Offerings—and 2026—prepared by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM).

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
- Paula (Margie Garwood's niece)
- Hank Mumma (friend of Bob Bechtold)
- Bob DeYoung (son of Marge)
- Family of George McCook (friend of Betsy Miller)
- Gina
- Janene
- Nancy Self

Announcements



Sermon Preview Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday, September 30th for the “Sermon Preview” Bible Study. Our preview discussion will cover Matthew 13:1-9 & Colossians 1:3-8. We will meet at 10 AM in the conference room at NSPC and on Zoom (watch

your email for the link!)

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Mission Fair a huge success. From beginning to end we had a terrific experience. Information was given out and group projects successfully completed. Thanks for being a Mission Church!!



Ladies Luncheon

Our first ladies' luncheon of the fall is on Wednesday 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.

Today is the last day to RSVP to Sue Bechtold so a number can be provided for setting up. 484-832-8984 or Suebechtold1@gmail.com



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!



"Sock It to Me" Sock Drive

For the month of October, there will be a collection of socks, new or gently used clean socks for infants, children and adults sponsored by the Men's Fellowship. Their goal is to collect 250 pairs of socks. There

will be a donation box by the Mission Table at the top of the ramp. With winter approaching, this collection will be appreciated by our homeless population. Nancy Holt Timothy took a recent donation, and she said the recipients were so grateful. The donations will go to Chester Eastside and the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County, a long-standing emergency shelter and community support hub.



**American
Red Cross**

*Thank you to everyone who donated blood on
Thursday!* Your donation helps to save a life.

Thank you for making a difference!

Our next drive is this Thursday, January 28th! Registration is open: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Newtown%20Township>



Mark Your Calendars: Sing A Faith is 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.

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.

If 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!



Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 10/4 Topic: Feeding of the 5000 (AM) / Bates Motel (5:30 PM)
- 10/11 Topic: Parable of the Sower
- 10/18 Topic: Parable of the Mustard Seed / Breakfast Club
- 10/25 Mission Project: Blessing Bags / Trunk or Treat (4:00 PM)



Youth Group Hayride Get Together at the Bates Motel! TODAY, October 4th, the youth group will enjoy a frightful evening at the Bates Motel. Tickets can still 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 **TODAY 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!



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 100 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
Thank you for the donations that we have received! We need some more items to reach our goal. The number in the parentheses below notes the number we still need.

Items included:

- Travel Tooth Paste (89)
- Travel Mouth Wash (91)
- Travel Hand Sanitizer (91)
- Individual Tooth Brush (77)
- Floss (98)
- Travel Deodorant (95)
- Bar Soap (58)
- Travel Q-tips (100)
- Chapstick (82)
- Band-Aids (100)
- Gallon Bags Zipper Top (100)
- Travel Wipes (100)
- Granola Bars (98)
- Individual mints / gum (97)
- Socks (100)
- Bottled Water (65)
- Instant coffee (100)
- Tea Bags (96)
- Or you can donate via cash or check with "Blessing Bags" in the memo line and we will shop for you!

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:**





Nominations for Session and Deacons

The Session has called a congregational meeting to be held TODAY at **the conclusion of worship**, for the purpose of electing the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2029, Deacons for the Class of 2029, and Elder for the Class of 2028.

Members of the 2026 nominating committee are: Jen Gries, Chair; Aurelie Baradic, Rich Digby, Eric Jones, Cheryl Koch, Laurie Lynch, Robbyn Marchesani, Jerry Schauer

Those nominated for boards are:

Session, Class of 2029: Julia Altenburger, Chris Barnes, Aurelie Baradic, Carole Connolly

Session, Class of 2028: Jim Shea

Deacons, Class of 2029: Ginni Condo, Kathy Donovan, Margie Garwood, Joe Kasuska

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 – 3:30

Friday - 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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