



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: Eric Jones

Ushers: Collins Vokhiwa, Capt; Chosa Vokhiwa, Sue Denney

Acolyte: Thanthwe Vokhiwa

Acolyte Guide: Karen Shea

Fellowship Host: Robbyn Marchesani

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
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Flat..... By O. A. Mansfield

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 25 & Psalm 65:5)**

Lord, you are our God.

We will exalt you and praise your name,
for you do wonderful things.

*You offer a refuge to the poor
and a home to the needy in their distress,
a shade from the heat
and a shelter from the storm.*

O God of our salvation, send your Word of hope to us
and to all the earth.

May all people praise your holy name.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 34.....RUSTINGTON**

“Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!”

(Verses 1-2, 5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Faithful God, you are generous with your Word,
yet we receive it with hearts unready.
Sometimes they are as the hardened path,
and we waste your gifts of grace.
Sometimes they are as rocky soil,
with no depth for our joy to take root.
Sometimes they are as thorny ground,
because we are distracted by worldly concerns.
Forgive our frail and human ways
and cultivate in us the Spirit of trust.
May your Word enter our lives
and find us ready to grow in faith.*

(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.*

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 13-14 Matthew 13:1-9

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;
youth are dismissed for Youth Group.)*

ANTHEM

God Is All You Need..... By C. Martin & M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 199 Colossians 1:3-8

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 703**.....ST. CATHERINE
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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

Ride On, King Jesus.....African American Spiritual Arr. by H. Johnson
Jeysla Santos, 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 36** AR HYD Y NOS
“For the Fruit of All Creation”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on the Choral ‘Nun Danket Alle Gott’By W. Volckmar

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

Today, Sunday, October 11, 2026

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School & Youth Group
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
5:30 PM	Youth Group at Bates Motel (if not raining)

Monday, October 12, 2026

10:00 AM	Knitting
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Tuesday, October 13, 2026

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

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

10:00 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study
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Thursday, October 15, 2026

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, October 17, 2026

8:30 AM	Church Officer Retreat
10:00 AM	ACA

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 – 3:30

Friday

Office is Closed

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given in honor of the service and commitment of our elders, deacons, and other officers of the church, both past and present.

Cover Art: Gogh, Vincent van, 1853-1890. **Sower at Sunset**, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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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:

- Dennis White (friend of Joe Falcon)
- Joe Falcon
- Penny & the Doran Family (friends with Julia Altenburger)
- Peter Bowen (son of Jean Bowen)
- The Family of 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 (Nick Cuccia's birth mother)

Announcements



Sermon Preview Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday, October 14th for the “Sermon Preview” Bible Study. Our preview discussion will cover Colossians 1:9:14. We will meet at 10 AM in the conference room at NSPC and on Zoom (watch your email for the link!)



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!



FALL CHURCH CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, October 24 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Join the Buildings & Grounds Committee for our Fall Cleanup Day! Everyone is invited to lend a hand as we work together to care for our church

home. ***We'll have a variety of projects inside and outside the church, with jobs available for all ages and abilities.*** Come for the entire morning or just the time you have available — every helping hand makes a difference! Bring your gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, hand clippers etc. Feel free to bring refreshments to share with our volunteers. Come ready to work, enjoy some fellowship, and help us get the church and grounds ready for the season!



NSPC Garden Update

Well, the harvest season is coming to an end. Reflecting back, we've had quite a summer! It takes a village, and with the help and support of our gardeners and fellow church members, we made many improvements. New fencing was installed, which really helped keep the deer out. We now have a

Little Free Library and butterfly bench, with a variety of gardening books and books for children of all ages. **We're also proud to announce that we came in second place in the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Delaware County competition!** The judges were particularly impressed with the number of flower and pollinator beds we have. If anyone has an interest in obtaining a plot for next year, please speak with Jim Shea. It truly is very rewarding!

Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 10/11 Topic: Parable of the Sower / Bates Motel (5:30 PM)
- 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 11th (rescheduled due to the rain!), 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!



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!

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:**





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 (87)
- Travel Mouth Wash (91)
- Travel Hand Sanitizer (90)
- Individual Tooth Brush (75)
- Floss (98)
- Travel Deodorant (95)
- Bar Soap (52)
- Travel Q-tips (100)
- Chapstick (37)
- Band-Aids (75)
- Gallon Bags Zipper Top (100)
- Travel Wipes (100)
- Granola Bars (98)
- Individual mints / gum (53)
- Socks (96)
- Bottled Water (65)
- Instant coffee (62)
- Tea Bags (0)
- Or you can donate via cash or check with "Blessing Bags" in the memo line and we will shop for you!

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.....	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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