

Newtown Square Presbyterian Church

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October 12, 2025



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: Doug Tase

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

Acolyte: Chiwa Vokhiwa

Acolyte Guide: Karen Shea

Fellowship Hosts: Lynne Corle, Nancy Kermon & Joe Kasuska

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
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE *Fly* Einaudi

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 66):

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Sing to the glory of God's name.

All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

Sing to the glory of God's name.

Let us give glory to God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 39**.....FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when we are in need,

we cry out for your mercy and healing.

Yet we confess that too often we are confident in our own strength,

We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise.

It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded.

It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting our weaknesses and fears.

*Jesus, have mercy on us.
Help us to grow in compassion for all people.
Redirect our paths so that we may return to you, offering our praise
and gratitude, now and always. Amen.*
(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure:
If we have died with Christ,
we will also live with Him.
We will also reign with Him.
Our sin is 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

OT Page 731Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
This is the Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
(Children are dismissed for Sunday school following the Children’s Message.)

ANTHEM*Enter Not into Judgment*Atwood
NSPC Quartet
*Enter not into judgement with Thy servant,
O Lord, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

NT Page 80.....Luke 17:11-19

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy
“Seeing with the Eyes of God”

- I. Jeremiah and Luke share an element of surprise!
 - A. Seeing the world through God's eyes
 - B. Salvador Dali's picture
 - C. God's perspective is different from ours
- II. Jeremiah's correspondence with Jewish exiles in Babylon
 - A. Jeremiah is battling false prophets
 - 1. He tells the captives in Babylon the hard truth
 - 2. "Seek blessing in God's discipline"
 - B. IF, BECAUSE, and REGARDLESS Christians
 - C. A "regardless" follower tries to see through God's eyes
- III. Luke's story: GRACE HAPPENS!
 - A. First story: Jesus' compassion for ten lepers
 - B. Second story: Despised enemy is the hero
 - C. I Chronicles 1: God knows us all by name
- IV. Very different lectionary readings: same conclusion
 - A. God is at work in our toughest circumstances
 - B. God loves the people we want to hate
 - C. Life is MUCH better when we look with God's eyes
 - D. God's love for us never falters!

***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 22.....ROEDER**
 “God of the Sparrow”

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*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*.....arr. Temple/Barnard
(Prayer of St. Francis)
NSPC Singers

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.
Make me a channel of your peace.*

***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 817**DUNLAP’S CREEK
“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

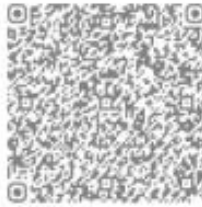
***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE***Sonata K.288*.....D. Scarlatti

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

Don't miss Chantal Freeman's recital next Sunday (10/19) at 5pm with Ting Ting Wong at the piano. It's a free concert with suggested donation. Find the event details here: Dans Ma Voix Recital Series: Black Composers in Recital:



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)
- Randy Keaton & family (Lauren Snyder's father)
- CB (Coworker of Sara Cuccia)
- Allen Corle

UPCOMING EVENTS.

*This
Week @
NSPC*

Today, Sunday, October 12, 2025

10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
5:30 PM	Youth Group Outing to Bates Motel

Monday, October 13, 2025

10:00 AM	Knitting Group
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Tuesday, October 14, 2025

8:00 AM	Men's Christian Fellowship
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Wednesday, October 15, 2025

7:30 PM	CE Meeting
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Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:00 PM	AA
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Saturday, October 18, 2025

10:00 AM	ACA
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Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Glenn & Sally Bechtold in gratitude and recognition of the Rise Against Hunger Committee and all of their hard work to raise money!

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Announcements



**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!



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: Sue Bechtold & Ginny Berman

Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 10/4 Youth in church
- 10/12 Breakfast Club
- 10/19 What IF Series
- 10/26 What IF Series



Our annual youth outing to the **Bates Motel & Hayride** is TONIGHT. 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!



Sunday School Substitute Teacher List

Christian Education is looking to gather a pool of people in the event a substitute is needed to teach Sunday School for PreK-1st grade or 2nd-4th grade during the 2025-2026 school year. If a sick call occurs, a text message will go out to Sunday School Sub List Pool seeking coverage. Teaching materials are provided and will be reviewed with you by

Kristi. Interested in teaching our young children, but not every week? This is a great opportunity for you!

- Paid \$40 each week via check (\$50 if have a teaching degree)
- Child Abuse and Criminal Background Clearances required. If you don't have your clearances, we can provide the links to submit.
- W9 Form will need to be completed

If you are interested, please contact Kristi Schaub (kristi@newtownsquarepres.org) and Sara DiGirolamo (sjr5030@gmail.com).

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
- **Enter the Bake-Off Competition** (sign up below)
- **Host a trunk** (decorate your car/hand out treats; sign up below)
- **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!



Host a Trunk at Trunk or Treat! Win a trophy and gift card for best decorated trunk! Use the QR code to register your trunk. Rules and guidelines for trunks are included. We hope you can join us and make this a wonderful community outreach event!



Trunk or Treat Bake-Off - *Calling all Boo Bakers, do you dare to enter your tasty, yet terrifying treat in the Trunk or Treat Bake-Off? All ghosts and goblins at the NSPC Trunk or*

Treat can sample your sweet treat and cast their vote for the most delicious dessert. Entries can be any type of dessert, and do not have to be Halloween themed. At the end of the event, all votes will be counted, and the winner wins a spooktacular prize (\$25 Gift Card)! For any larger desserts (cakes, cookie cakes, brownies, etc.) they can be brought in whole and cut up into smaller pieces at the event. Sign up here →
Any questions, please contact Sara DiGirolamo at sjr5030@gmail.com.



Volunteer to help to make this event a fun and safe community event. We need people to help run our face painting, games, hayrides, registration table, & our refreshments table. Please sign up here:



Please Help: The youth group is hosting a trunk at Trunk or Treat! We are looking for donations of Halloween candy and small Halloween treats (stickers, tattoos, etc.) You can drop them off in the youth office.

Rise Against Hunger Announcements



Thank you to everyone who stopped in for a sweet treat on Wednesday. We raised \$100 for Rise Against Hunger.



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. ***Bring your items from now until October 31st. We are putting collected bags in the former choir room downstairs.*** PLEASE, PLEASE feel forward to share with family and friends. See the October newsletter (pg. 16) for a list of accepted items!

Church Officers:

SESSION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Moderator: The Rev. Bill Searight

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Rebecca DiPersia	Ed Arraya	Sue Bechtold
Joe Falcon	Buff Biddle	Sara DiGirolamo
Laurie Lynch	Jane Fioravanti	Jennifer Gries
Jim Shea	Joe Marchesani	Doug Tase

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Margie Garwood

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Betsy Bender	Sara Cuccia	Bob Arnold
Rich Digby	Kathy Donovan	Nicolle Arraya
Robbyn Marchesani	Margie Garwood	Paul Florence
Barbara Nicolardi	Marg MacDonald	Andy Tucker

Office Hours:

Monday Closed

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:30

Friday Closed

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
Clerk of Session	Buff Biddle
President, Board of Trustees	Jim Shea
Moderator of Deacons.....	Margie Garwood
Co-Treasurer	Rich Digby
Co-Treasurer	Heather Impriano
Head Usher.....	Grant Snyder
Communion Coordinator	Carol Guest
Presbyterian Women.....	Ginny Berman

Plus...all the members of NSPC

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