

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: Julia Altenburger

Ushers: Rich Digby, Capt; Christian Kazanjian,

Acolyte: Ben Kazanjian

Acolyte Guide: Sue Bechtold

Fellowship Host: The Copeland Family

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 **10:00 AM**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth..... Tune: Dix / Arr. by C. Callahan

Stephen Lee, Clarinet

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90)**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth....

Or ever You had formed the earth and world.

From everlasting to everlasting, You are God!

A thousand years in Your sight are like Yesterday.

From everlasting to everlasting, You are God!

Let us worship our incredible God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 729**.....I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages,
we confess that we are far better at talking about love
and declaring love than living it out.
We confess also that much of the love we profess for you
never finds expressing in our attitudes and actions
toward our sisters and brothers.

Forgive us, we pray
and convince us that the kind of love taught by Jesus
is not an option we may choose,
but a mandated expectation for followers of Christ.
Help us to be more loving to you
and to all we meet.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were yet sinners, Christ lived and died for us.
We are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 581** **Gloria Patri**

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
NT Page 203 .....I Thessalonians 2:1-8

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; youth are dismissed for Youth Group.)

ANTHEM
Simple Thanks ..... By D. Besig
Sanctuary Choir
Stephen Lee, Clarinet

SCRIPTURE READING
NT Page 24 ..... Matthew 22:34-46

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

SERMON .....**Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy**
"Doing the Balancing Act"

I. Balance is hard
   A. In the circus
   B. And in life

II. Jesus shows us how to balance what's most important--love
   A. Love of God--Deuteronomy 6:5
   B. Love of others: Leviticus 19:18
   C. Love of self

III. Paul tells us how love looks when lived out
   A. Verse 2: Hope in God (Love God)
   B. Verse 4: Share the Good News (Love of others AND self!)
   C. Verse 8: Deep care for all (Others and self!)

IV. The Pharisees cared about rules
   A. Jesus said only love mattered
   B. The Pharisees didn't want to love
   C. How about us?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** ***(Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1)
What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own but belong body and soul,
both in life and death, to my faithful savior Jesus Christ.
He preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by the Holy Spirit,
He also assures me of eternal life
and makes heartily willing and ready,
from now on, to live for Him.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 203**.....CHEREPONI
"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.....By J. Haydn / Arr. by W. Fritchie
Stephen Lee, Clarinet

***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 828** ..... MORE LOVE TO THEE
"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**
Festal March ..... By E.R. Kroeger

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

UPCOMING EVENTS. This Week @ NSPC

Today, Sunday, November 8, 2026

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

Monday, November 9, 2026

10:00 AM	Knitting
7:00 PM	ACA

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

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

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

10:00 AM	Pastor's Bible Study

Thursday, November 12, 2026

6:00 PM	AA

Saturday, November 14, 2026

10:00 AM	ACA

Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given by Jack Ryder in honor of his parents, Don and Joan Ryder.

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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)
- Kathy Saybolt
- Paula (Margie Garwood's niece)
- Hank Mumma (friend of Bob Bechtold)
- Gina
- Janene
- Nancy Self (Nick Cuccia's birth mother)
- Mitzi Mikelson (Mother of Mary Loomis)
- Bayard Anderson
- Mike Savage (friend of Jack Ryder)

Announcements



Bible Study will resume on Wednesday!
Join us on Wednesday, November 11 for our "Sermon Preview" Bible Study. Our preview discussion will cover Luke 10:1-10 and Ephesians 1:3-14. 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
Men's Fellowship is continuing their sock collection for two more weeks! Please bring new or gently used clean socks for infants, children and adults. 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.

Your donation helps to save a life. Our next drive is Thursday, January 28th. Thank you for making a difference! Registration is open: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Newtown%20Township

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!

Chester Eastside Information

We have received and then donated many, many clothing bags. household items and children's books in the last few weeks. It would be wonderful if we could continue to donate and deliver these things to such a worthwhile organization. To do this, we need 3 more volunteer drivers. I was thinking of 1 delivery per week and then having 2 substitute delivery people. Therefore 6 volunteers for this mission would work. Plans are not finalized and I would love your input.

Also please give me suggestions on where to have the donation box. This past month it was by the Mission Table. Your thoughts and help are appreciated on this. So far, we are using a cardboard box. If we go through with the mission perhaps someone has a large plastic bin that might be more presentable. To make delivery easier for the people packing their cars and delivering, please put items folded in shopping bags for easier carrying. Thanks.



Help us wish Paul Crossan a very happy 103rd birthday!

Paul Crossan, a longtime member of NSPC, will be celebrating his 103rd birthday on November 17. Paul served our church as an usher, a Deacon, an Elder, Clerk of Session and Co-Scoutmaster of our Scout troop. He was active in many other ways such as a member of the Men's Bible Study and the Khaki Krew (the men who staffed the annual Mother-Daughter dinners). Paul has been unable to worship with us for a number of years but continues to support our church. It would be a nice gesture if we could shower Paul with birthday cards and Thank Yous this year. No doubt Paul would appreciate knowing that he is still part of his church family and that we appreciate all he did and does for us. Paul's address is *Paul Crossan, Wellington Memory Care, 1361 Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380*.

Youth Announcements

Youth Group Schedule

- 11/8 Topic: The Widow's Mite
- 11/15 Topic: Zaccheus / Breakfast Club
- 11/22 Mission Project / Caring for Friends / Friendsgiving (5 PM)
- 11/29 Topic: A Child Called Immanuel



Kids' Junior Choir will sing during worship on Sunday, November 22nd. Our next rehearsal is after worship on Sunday the 15th. **The lyrics for November's song is in your weekly Sunday school email.** All children preschool through 6th grade are invited to be part of our Junior Choir. Come join the fun as we sing, worship, and share our talents with all!

Little Lights will meet again **on the first Sunday of December 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!





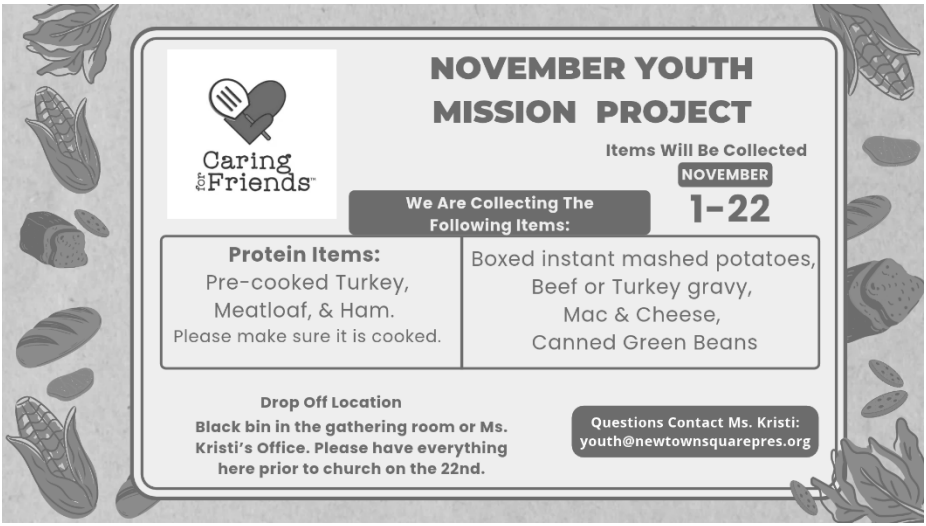
Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 20th during worship. The pageant is open to all children to participate in. Please check your weekly Sunday school emails or the November newsletter for the rehearsal schedule. Please let Ms. Kristi know if you plan to participate. Thank you for being a part of this annual tradition!



The Youth Group **Friendsgiving Get Together** is on Sunday, November 22nd from 5-8. We will celebrate being thankful and work on a mission project for Caring for Friends.

RSVP to be a part of this fun, annual event →



Church Officers:

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Moderator: The Rev. Bill Searight

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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Moderator: Margie Garwood

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Margie Garwood	Paul Florence	Rich Digby
Marg MacDonald	Andy Tucker	Karen Shea

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-1st Sunday School Teacher ..... Beth McCarry
2nd-4th grade Sunday School Teacher ..... Camryn Villano
Nursery Attendants ..... Sadie Kazanjian & Grace McCarry
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Co-Treasurer ..... Carole Connolly
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Plus...all the members of NSPC

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