

# The Newtown Presbyterian Church

March 7, 2010

8:00, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

~ Girl Scout Sunday~

**Welcome** Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad \*\*

**Prelude** "Andante" Giovanni Pergolesi

**Call to Worship** (Leader, **People**, **ALL**)

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

**Let those who have no money come and eat.**

Listen, so that you may live!

**God has made with us an everlasting covenant.**

Our glory is in the Lord our God,

**The Holy One of Israel.**

O Lord, I will bless you as long as I live.

**I will lift up my hands and call upon your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast.

**My mouth praises you with joyful lips.**

I praise you, O God, for you have been my help.

**IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS I SING FOR JOY!**

\* **Hymn No. 482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" \*\*

\* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Patient God, how trying we must be. You have told us, you have shown us, you have come among us. Still, we look away, ignoring, forgetting, rejecting your purposes for us. Have mercy on us. Forgive us for what we have done, and for what we have not done. Tell us again. Show us again. Come among us again. With grace anew, come among us again, so that we might start fresh, and receive the life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* **Assurance of Pardon**

\* **Gloria Patri**

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 55: 1 - 9

**Hymn No. 521** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (9 & 10:45)

**Prayers of the People**

**Congregational Response** (Unison)

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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**Offering Our Gifts to God** (9 & 10:45)

**Offertory** "Lamb of God" Georges Bizet (9 & 10:45)

Susan Rheingans

\* **Doxology** (9 & 10:45)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise God in Christ in Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Anthem** "Sanctus" from Requiem G. Fauré (9 & 10:45)

Chancel Choir

**Sermon** "Tending"

**Text:** Luke 13:1-9

**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Leader, **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.**

**Choir Response:** "Great Thanksgiving" Healey Willan

arr. J. Moore

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread** (hold to eat together)

**Sharing of the Cup** (drink as it is received)

**Prayer after Communion**

\* **Hymn No. 281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**                      “Voluntary Adagio”                      Francis Linley

\*All who are able may stand                      \*\*Late comers seated

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In the Pulpit:                      Rev. Wonjae Choi, Associate Pastor  
Assisting                      Rev. G. W. “Blake” Blakesley, III, Pastor  
Director of Music:                      Jason Moore  
Organist:                      Nancy Gibbs

**Assisting in today’s services:**

**Communion Preparers:** Dorle Ramanujam and Sharon DeKorte  
**Communion Servers: (9:00)** Duane and Joyce Buck, Bob and Cathy Lambert, Don and Jan Rife

**(10:45)** Tom and Sue Beresford, Jan Fortna and M.R. Rozzi

**Ushers: (9:00) Team E** Ron Blough, Captain; Roy and Joan Grabner, Dan Silfies, Sue Sliker, Gordon Todderud, Debbie Walter

**(10:45) Team F** Rick Heine, Captain; Sal Cappa, Linda

Bowen, Kay DeWitt, Bill and Jeanne Nagel, Robin Vannotte

**Greeters: (9:00)** Kathy and Jeff Denlinger

**(10:45)** Ray and Elaine Low

**Deacon Flower Delivery:** Diane Nadler and Nancy Bowers

**Girl Scouts: (9:00)** Allison Wray, Madeline Wray, Mary Kate Eshelman

**(10:45)** Sarah Minton, Jen Salvatore

**Stephen Ministry**

is grounded in Jesus’ command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care needed to support them. *Newtown Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

Call Rev. Wonjae @ 215-968-3861 or [revwonjae@newtownpres.org](mailto:revwonjae@newtownpres.org).

**In preparation for worship, take the opportunity to speak to God, respecting each other's desire to meditate. At the close of the service, greet one another with joy.**

**Welcome to the Newtown Presbyterian Church!**

We are happy to have you share our service of worship. Whether you are a visitor or a newcomer to the area, we ask that you sign the Ritual of Friendship Pad with your name, full address, (please print) and phone number so we may contact you personally. Infant and Toddler Nursery are provided during the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. services. Please see an usher for details.

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The **chancel flowers** are given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fulton in loving memory of their parents. The flowers on the windowsills are given by Marilyn and Dennis Winfrey in loving memory of their son, Ryan.

**Confidential Prayer Chain** – If you would like to request prayer for a special concern, the Prayer Chain is always ready to join in prayer with you. Call Marcia Scull at 215-968-2489 or the church office.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - Please join us at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday morning in Pastor Blakesley's office to study the word of God and share with one another as we pursue our spiritual journeys. We encourage you to join other seekers of the word gathered around the table to offer your thoughts during this study. Coffee will be served and new insights will be gained.

**NPC Dinner and Game Night** - Join us on Sunday March 14, 5:00 dinner, 6:00 games in Ettenger Hall. Enjoy a yummy dinner prepared by the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth group as they raise funds for their summer mission trip to VA . After that, it's BYOD2S (**Bring Your Own Dessert 2 Share**) along with fun and games. (drinks provided). We'll have a variety of "gaming" areas set up – come wow us with your Pictionary talent, join in a dazzling game of Bunco or amaze us with your acting talent during charades. These are just a few of the many games we have planned!! Have a favorite game? Bring it! To help us plan for food, please sign up on the *Sign Up Sheet* located on the Congregational Life Bulletin board in the hallway outside the Pre-K classrooms. Questions? Contact Kathy Denlinger [kathyd0528@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyd0528@yahoo.com) or Laurie Skoroda [lauriebu@comcast.net](mailto:lauriebu@comcast.net) .

**March WEBS** – The Women's Evening Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, March 24, following the Lenten service, in Ettenger Hall. All women are invited. If you have any questions about WEBS, call Lynn Blakesley at 215-579-3399.

**DEACONS' EASTER BASKETS**

If you know of a family who is going through a difficult time, and could use one of our Easter meals (which includes a ham or turkey and side dishes), please contact the church office by March 17. The meal would be available for delivery on Saturday, March 27. You can deliver the meal to the family, or if you prefer, a member of the Deacons could do the delivery. All submitted names will be kept confidential.

**Cremorial Information Meeting** - A cremorial was installed 5 years ago in the rear of the cemetery at our Old Historic Church on Sycamore St. Twenty-seven families from our congregation have purchased space in this cremorial, and there is very little remaining. We are making plans to install a second cremorial by the first unit. Many newer members in our congregation may be unfamiliar with what a cremorial is and that our church has one. Our committee of Walt Jamison, Ed Cunfer and Caron Williams thought it would be appropriate to have a short informational meeting about cremorials, and our plans. We will meet this morning at 10:15 a.m. in room 211. Anyone with interest in this is welcome. If you have questions please call Walt Jamison at 215-968-4070

**Blood Drive** – While Team USA is done representing us proudly, the games are just over a week away for Team Blood Drive, and everyone is invited to be part of the team! The big day is Tuesday, March 9, and the drive will be held from 1:30 until 7:30 in Ettenger Hall. For more information, please call Ed Ketterer at 215-757-7248 or email him at [supercodexvi@yahoo.com](mailto:supercodexvi@yahoo.com). Come out and proudly represent NPC for this great event!

**Apportionment** – The apportionment for each confirmed church member is \$21.00. If you have not paid your apportionment, please remember to include it in your offering.

**NPC Career Networking Group** – The purpose of the group is to assist those who have been down-sized or laid-off, or think they might be! We talk about the common challenges and how to maximize opportunities to land the next job. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 16.** The Career Networking Group is NOT limited to our congregation! If you have a friend or neighbor they are absolutely WELCOME! We meet the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays** of each month **at 7:00 p.m/ at the church.** Please join us! If you have information about possible job opportunities, please send information to or contact:

Mike Bishop – 215-595-4216 [mbishop43@comcast.net](mailto:mbishop43@comcast.net)

Ed Johnson – 215-968-6284 [etj1@comcast.net](mailto:etj1@comcast.net)

**Newsletter Deadline Change** – February was a challenging month for getting the March newsletter in the mail. Every internal deadline we have was hindered by snow, and so the final product was pushed back and back. So if you haven't received your newsletter in the mail, it is just delayed and will arrive shortly. Because of the delay in getting the March newsletter out, the **deadline for the April newsletter is pushed back one week to March 17 at noon.**

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**Calendars**

**Today, Sunday, March 7, 2010 – Girl Scout Sunday - Communion**

8:00 a.m. Worship - Communion (Sanctuary)  
 9:00 a.m. Worship - Communion (Sanctuary)  
 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (PO)  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour (EH)  
 10:15 a.m. Cherub Choir (213)  
 10:15 a.m. Congregational Life (201)  
 10:15 a.m. Cremorial Information Meeting (211)  
 10:45 a.m. Worship – Communion (Sanctuary)  
 2:00 p.m. Preschool Praise (213)  
 3:00 p.m. Celebration Singers (213)  
 4:00 p.m. G2G (213)

**Weekly Calendar: March 8 – 13, 2010**

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|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday    | 7:00 p.m.        | Job Networking Event (EH)      |
|           | 7:30 p.m.        | Monday Night Bible Study (B-1) |
| Tuesday   | 6:30 a.m.        | Men's Bible Study              |
|           | 10:30 a.m.       | Staff Meeting (PO)             |
|           | 1:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Red Cross Blood Drive (EH)     |
|           | 7:15 p.m.        | Deacons (EH)                   |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m.        | Lenten Service (Sanc)          |
|           | 7:30 p.m.        | Flying Solo (211)              |
|           | 7:30 p.m.        | A.A. (B-1)                     |
|           | 7:45 p.m.        | Stephen Ministry (208)         |
|           | 7:45 p.m.        | Trustees                       |
| Thursday  | 7:00 p.m.        | Canon Ringers (B-2)            |
|           | 8:00 p.m.        | Chancel Choir (EH)             |

**Next Sunday, March 14, 2010**

8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
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 3:00 p.m. Celebration Singers (213)  
 4:00 p.m. G2G (213)  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Groups  
 5:00 p.m. Dinner and game night (EH)