

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* HYMN 775 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

\* BENEDICTION

\* SENDING MUSIC

\* *Please stand if you are able.*

**Nancy Timothy**

Nancy Wolfe Timothy is the parish associate at the Newtown Square Presbyterian Church. She retired as pastor of the Lansdown Presbyterian Church in July, 2021. Nancy is the mother of three sons and seven wonderful grandchildren--ranging in age from 2 to 18. She can be found volunteering at the Upper Darby Food Cupboard three mornings a week and teaching a Bible Study at Westgate Hills Nursing Home once a week! She also loves attending kids' soccer games...and is the mom to two newly adopted kittens (Ebed and Obed-- how well do you know your Bible names????!!)

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**Sunday, September 3, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**

*Nancy Wolfe Timothy, Guest Pastor*  
*Megan Prescott-Ezickson, Director of Music Ministry*  
*Donna DeRose, Liturgist*

WELCOME

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us each by name as we gather on holy ground.

All: We come to this place, seeking to know the great I AM.

One: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN 614 *Great Are You Lord*

(Ushers will collect blue prayer request cards)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace.

*(continue in a moment of silent confession until song begins.)*

HYMN 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: By the grace and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

\* RESPONSE *Glory To God, Who's Goodness Shines on Me* HYMN 582

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\* GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father* HYMN 581

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 37:1-4; 12-28, Genesis 45:1-15

SERMON "When Life's in the Pits" Nancy Wolfe Timothy

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed