


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connect 2 | Today and October 19 
Today: *Conference Room* | October 19: *Friendship Hall*

If you’re looking to take a next step into community at NSCBC or are considering membership, we invite you to join us for Connect 2! We’ll be offering a class during the second service today, and the next one will be on Oct. 19. Pastor Richard will share about the identity and mission of our church and how the church can equip and support you in the ways God has gifted you.

Church Leadership Nominations Now Open! 
Due Sunday, October 12

The Nominating Committee invites you to recommend church members (including yourself) who might be a good fit for the Elder Board, Deacon Board, Nominating Committee, or Audit Committee. Your recommendations help us identify and prepare candidates for the ballot at our next annual meeting. Please complete the nomination form on Church Center or use the form available at the Hospitality Desk by Sunday, October 12. **Visit nscbc.org/nominating-committee.**

College Lunches
October 19

Quad break is coming up, and not every student can make it home. On October 19, we’d love to connect students with church families for a home-cooked meal and good conversation. If you are interested in **hosting** or **attending**, email Laura at laura@nscbc.org

Annual Youth Family Meeting | Today!
October 5

All youth (grades 6-12) and their families are invited and encouraged to come to our annual meeting that’s all about youth ministry! There will be refreshments provided. This is a great chance to connect with other families, meet youth leaders, learn more about what our youth ministry is about and most importantly, why we would love your youth to be involved.

An Evening of Dialogue: Women and Men in Eldership 
October 22 | 7:30pm | NSCBC

As we continue our discernment process regarding women and men serving together as elders at our church, we’re hosting an evening of dialogue to help us explore the Scriptures and understand the different convictions within our church family. **We’re glad to welcome two guests on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30pm: Derek Baker, Pastor of Center Grace Church in Beverly, and Jason Myers, Professor of New Testament at Gordon College.** They will help us explore the Scriptures from different perspectives in a spirit of generosity and respect.

This will be a chance for us to keep growing in understanding, ask questions, and continue discerning together as one church family.

CHURCH CENTER

Join our online community portal for events and more.

 This icon indicates a sign up or more information on Church Center. Join us at nscbc.churchcenter.com or download the Church Center app to get started.



CALENDAR

Today (10/5)	First Worship Service Sanctuary	9:15am
	Connect 2 Conference Room	11:00am
	Second Worship Service Sanctuary	11:00am
	Annual Youth Family Meeting Family Room	12:30pm
	Shine On Worship Zoom	6:30-7:30pm
Monday	Pick-up Volleyball Family Room	7:00-9:00pm
Thursday	MomCo Family Room	9:00-11:00am
	Choir Rehearsal NSCBC	7:00pm
Sunday (10/12)	First Worship Service Sanctuary	9:15am
	Second Worship Service Sanctuary	11:00am

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Bobby Warrenburg	Clay Range (Facilities)	Marcia Sidmore
Russ Bjork	Jon Rodgers (Personnel)	Nancy Stallard
Andrew Rennekamp	Kristin Gelinaz	Katie Alcott
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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 5, 2025

The Lord is Priest and King

And they sang a new song, saying:

*“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”*
Revelation 5:9-10

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

“All that is gold does not glitter,
Not all those who wander are lost.
The old that is strong does not wither,
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.
From the ashes a fire shall be woken,
A light from the shadows shall spring;
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,
The crownless again shall be king”

—The Riddle of Strider in *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Accordingly, two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God; the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self.

—Augustine, *The City of God*

The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven...Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

FIRST SERVICE | 9:15 AM

- **Nursery (Birth–2.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 208**
- **Preschool Worship (2.5–4.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 205**
- **Children’s Worship (4.5 yrs–2nd grade):** Children begin the service with their families, then will be invited partway through to the **sanctuary foyer**, where leaders will bring them downstairs to **Room LL1 in the new Children’s Wing**.

SECOND SERVICE | 11:00AM

- **Nursery (Birth–2.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 208**
- **Sunday School (Preschool–5th Grade):** Children should arrive before the service to their classrooms:
 - **Preschool:** Preschool Room (across from nursery)
 - **PreK/K:** Children’s Wing, Room LL4
 - **Grades 1–2:** Children’s Wing, Room LL2
 - **Grades 3–5:** Children’s Wing, Room LL3

PRAYER



Community Focus: Pray for the community at **Pilgrim Church** and their pastor **Valerie** after their church was vandalized. Praise God that the fire department responded promptly and extinguished the fire, and that no one was injured. Pray for the people of their church who feel sad, stunned, angry, and afraid, and for all those assisting in this crisis. We also pray for **Gateway Presbyterian Church** and their pastor **Elizabeth** who share space at Pilgrim Church.

Congregation Focus:

We pray for **Jessi Rennekamp’s father**, asking for God’s comfort and strength for Jessi’s family.

We lift up **Ryan Berger’s father, Robert**, who has been moved to hospice care due to his declining health. We pray for peace, God’s nearness, and support for the family.

We ask for God’s sustaining grace for **Heidi Duncan-Murray** as she continues to undergo chemotherapy. We pray for endurance and encouragement.

We ask for continued healing for **Paul Sidmore** as he recovers from heart treatment.

World Focus:

Pray for **Kara & Jachin:** pray for their work of reaching migrants through Spanish classes. Pray for good relationships to be built.

Submit prayer requests in the Church Center App or at nscbc.org/pray.

Support the mission of our church through giving online at nscbc.org/giving or leave a donation in our offering boxes located by the sanctuary doors.

SERVICE ORDER

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost | October 5, 2025

Prelude Blessed Assurance Sybil Coleman
Jon Rodgers

God Gathers Us to Himself

*Gathering Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy (#1) NICEA
*Call to Worship Sam Solberg
*Praise Is He Worthy Andrew Peterson (2018)
Before The Throne of God Above Bancroft (1863)
Confession & Assurance Sam Solberg
Prayer for Children (*First Service*)
*Passing the Peace

Children ages 4.5 - 2nd grade are invited to children’s worship

Life of the Church: Offering and Announcements Adam Kurihara
Kingdom-Centered Prayer Sam Solberg

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading Genesis 14:17-24 Mark Kulakowski
Annalise Nakoneczny
Sermon A Tale of Two Cities Bobby Warrenburg

God Moves Us to Respond

Prayer of Response Bobby Warrenburg
Invitation to Lord’s Supper
Apostles’ Creed
Communion
*Song of Response Remembrance Redman/Maher (2009)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

*Doxology
*Benediction Bobby Warrenburg
Postlude I Surrender All Sybil Coleman
Jon Rodgers

Our prayer team is located in the back of the sanctuary to pray for you after the service.

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SERMON NOTES

THIS SUNDAY @ NSCBC

Welcome!

Visiting? Please fill out a connect card and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by.

Need a Bible? See an usher to receive a gift Bible. Large print and children’s Bibles are available for use during the service.

Have questions? Find someone with a name badge or visit our Welcome Desk by the parking lot.