

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connect 1

February 22 / 12:15pm / Friendship Hall

Connect 1 is an opportunity for those who are newer to come say hi, share a meal, and get to know our staff and leadership. It's also a time to learn more about who we are as a church, including our vision and values. We'd love to see you there!



Watch for announcements about **Connect 2** on **March 8**, the next step for those interested in membership at NSCBC.

VBS Registration

July 20-24 / NSCBC

While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. During VBS kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals! **Priority registration for NSCBC attenders and Beverly Farms residents is now open.** Regular registration opens March 1st.



Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

February 28

Signup on Church Center to join us for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner! Families in our church community open up their homes to welcome surprise guests for dinner - you don't know who you're having dinner with until you arrive at their home! This is an NSCBC community favorite, and a great way to make some new friends!



Decorating for Night to Shine

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We're getting ready for Night to Shine on February 13 and could use your help! Join us next Sunday after the second service to help decorate and set up—making balloon arches and centerpieces, setting up tables and chairs, decorating the church, and helping re-purpose spaces as needed (including some heavy lifting). **Pizza will be provided!**

Care Communities | Support Foster Families

We're looking for a few more people to join our Care Communities—small teams that come alongside foster families with practical, once-a-month support like providing a meal, helping with childcare, or lending a hand in simple, tangible ways. If you'd like to learn more or consider joining a team, please **reach out to laura@nscbc.org**!



MomCo

Dates: 2/5, 2/26, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, & 4/30 / 9:00-11:00am / Family Room

MomCo (formerly MOPS) encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders. The meetups include engaging speakers, interesting discussions, childcare, and coffee! Registration for this semester is open. **MomCo meets every other Thursday.**



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 (2/1)	First Worship Service Sanctuary	9:15am
	Sharon Ellis Ministry Share Friendship Hall	11:00am
	Second Worship Service Sanctuary	11:00am
Monday	GriefShare Friendship Hall	7:00pm
	Pick-up Volleyball Family Room	7:00pm
Thursday	MomCo Family Room	9:00am
Friday	Pick-up Soccer Family Room	7:30pm
Sunday (2/8)	First Worship Service Sanctuary	9:15am
	Second Worship Service Sanctuary	11:00am
	Night to Shine Decorating Family Room	12:15pm



NORTH SHORE

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 1, 2026

The Lord Makes Laughter

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

Psalm 126:1-2

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

"Joy, which was the small publicity of the pagan, is the gigantic secret of the Christian."

- G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

"Laugh and fear not, creatures. Now that you are no longer dumb and witless, you need not always be grave. For jokes as well as justice come in with speech."

- Aslan, *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis

"But now for many years I cannot endure to read a line of poetry: I have tried lately to read Shakespeare, and found it so intolerably dull that it nauseated me. I have also almost lost my taste for pictures or music. Music generally sets me thinking too energetically on what I have been at work on, instead of giving me pleasure. I retain some taste for fine scenery, but it does not cause me the exquisite delight which it formerly did...My mind seems to have become a kind of machine for grinding general laws out of large collections of facts, but why this should have caused the atrophy of that part of the brain alone, on which the higher tastes depend, I cannot conceive."

- Charles Darwin, *The Life and Letters of Charles Darwin*

"Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh."

-W.H. Auden

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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 | 11:00 AM

- **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



Congregation Focus:

We pray for **Heidi Duncan-Murray** as she continues chemotherapy.

World Focus:

We are grateful that our world partner, **Sharon E.**, has been able to visit and rest here on the North Shore for the last two weeks. As Sharon returns to her work, please pray that she would be able to maintain her Arabic language skills during a very busy season. Please pray for an increased sense of connection with the place where she lives and pray for God to protect from loneliness.

Night to Shine Focus:

Our honored guests request that we pray for:

- Strong faith in the Lord
- Good health, and safety in medical treatments
- The health and well being of their family members
- A happy new year, with friendships and fun times
- Blessings, grace and peace for everyone!

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

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Prelude Benjamin Pajunen

God Gathers Us to Himself

*Gathering Hymn The God of Abraham Praise (55) LEONI

Call to Worship Sam Solberg

*Praise Yes and Amen Chris Tomlin (2016)

God I Look To You Bethel (2010)

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 Richard Wallace

Kingdom-Centered Prayer Sam Solberg

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading Genesis 21:1-21 Care Oakes Tuck (9:15am)
Brooks Lemmon (11:00am)

Sermon His Name Is Laughter Bobby Warrenburg

God Moves Us to Respond

Prayer of Response Bobby Warrenburg

Invitation to Lord's Supper Bobby Warrenburg

*Apostles' Creed

Communion

*Song of Response Remembrance Redman/Maher (2009)

His Mercy Is More Getty (2022)

Doxology

God Sends Us Out to Serve

*Benediction Bobby Warrenburg

Postlude Benjamin Pajunen

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

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.

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