

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 to the sanctuary foyer, where leaders will bring them downstairs to Room LL1 in the 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 - 5th Grade: Classrooms in Children’s Wing

NSCBC is hosting our friends from Pilgrim Church as they rebuild after a fire that severely damaged their building last fall. They will be holding their Sunday service today at 11:00am in the Conference Room. Please extend a warm welcome when you see them on Sunday mornings!

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2026

The LORD is Our Peace

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...

—Ephesians 2:13-14

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

“Figaro, you know what I wish?
I wish that my little Pinocchio might be a real boy.”

— Geppetto, *Pinocchio* (1940)

“Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

—Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Easter, *Book of Common Prayer* (1662)

“Man’s love for God must always be very largely, and must often be entirely, a Need-love. This is obvious where we implore forgiveness for our sins or support in our tribulations. But in the long run it is perhaps even more apparent in our growing—for it ought to be growing—awareness that our whole being by its very nature is one vast need; incomplete, preparatory, empty yet cluttered, crying out for Him who can untie things that are now knotted together and tie up things that are still dangling loose.”

—C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

WELCOME!

- Visiting?
- Please fill out a connect card and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by, or visit nscbc.org/connect
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burnout: Spiritual Practice for Recovery & Resilience 

September 13 and 20, October 4 and 18 | 7:00-9:00pm | Living Room

A four-session cohort for anyone who wants to better understand or recover from burnout, as well as those who want to grow more resilient.

All are welcome, including friends and colleagues who do not attend NSCBC.

College Student Events:

BRUNCH – Sunday, Sept. 13 | 10:30am | Friendship Hall
APPLE PICKING & BAKING – Friday, Sept. 18 | 4:15pm | Start at NSCBC
Reach out to laura@nscbc.org for details!

Lost & Found

Please swing by the Lost & Found (set up in the hallway next to the Living Room) and pick up any items you may have left behind at the church. Items remaining after **today** will be tossed or donated.

The Five Realities of Spiritual Formation

 *Sept. 20 & 27 | 11:00am | Conference Room*

Most of us are carrying something we know we need to process more honestly: a relationship, a wound, a pattern we can't break. In this practical, interactive two-part class, Jim Longhurst will take us to Jesus' words about the vine and the branches in John 15, helping each of us name a specific reality we're facing and take concrete next steps rooted in staying connected to Jesus.

GriefShare

 *Sept. 21, 2026 - Jan. 4, 2027 | Mondays | 6:30pm | Friendship Hall*

GriefShare is a weekly group offering understanding, support, and practical help for those navigating grief. Come to share, listen, and find hope alongside others who understand. Learn more at nscbc.org/griefshare

Connect One

 *Sept. 27, 2026 | 12:30pm | 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!

Have You Registered For the All-Church Retreat?

 Our annual "Life Together" retreat will be held at Camp Brookwoods on **October 23-25, 2026**. All details are on **Church Center** and at nscbc.org/retreat. We now have single-day options available as well (a separate registration in Church Center.) The registration and final payment deadline is September 27.

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.



SERVICE ORDER

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 13, 2026		
Prelude		
God Gathers Us to Himself		
*Gathering Hymn	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (84)	CWM RHONDDA
Call to Worship		Scott Hwang
*Praise	Before The Throne of God Above	C. Bancroft (1863)
	Come Away From Rush and Hurry	NETTLETON
Confession & Assurance		Scott Hwang
Prayer for Children <i>(First Service)</i>		
*Passing the Peace		
<i>(First Service) Children ages 4.5 - 2nd grade are invited to children's worship</i>		
Life of the Church: Offering and Announcements		
GriefShare Testimony		Jessi Rennekamp
Kingdom-Centered Prayer		Scott Hwang

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading	Genesis 25:21-34	Maria Reiss <i>(First Service)</i> Shannon Read <i>(Second Service)</i>
Sermon	A Surprising Choice	Bobby Warrenburg
Prayer of Response		Bobby Warrenburg
*Praise	Christ Is Mine Forevermore	CityAlight (2015)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

Benediction		Bobby Warrenburg
Postlude		
<i>Our prayer team is located in the back of the sanctuary to pray for you after the service</i>		

**Congregation stands as able | All songs used by permission. CCLI License #329436.*

Captions and translation available at nscbc.org/captions.

The sermon and service recordings are available at nscbc.org.

CALENDAR

Today (9/13)	First Worship Service Sanctuary	9:15am
	College Brunch Friendship Hall	10:30am
	Second Worship Service Sanctuary	11:00am
	Resilience Cohort - Session#1 Living Room	7:00pm
Wednesday	Mid-Day Prayer Living Room	11:30am
Friday	College Apple Picking & Baking NSCBC	4:15pm
Sunday (9/20)	First Worship Service Sanctuary	9:15am
	CORE: Middle School Group Living Room	11:00am
	Spiritual Formation Group Conference Room	11:00am
	Second Worship Service Sanctuary	11:00am
	Youth/Parent Discussion Friendship Hall	12:30pm
	Shine On Worship Supper Family Room	5:30pm
	Resilience Cohort - Session#2 Living Room	7:00pm

PRAYER

Community Focus:

Pray for the **new college semester** that has begun, and for students feeling the pressure of a new school year. Pray that students wouldn't get caught up in an environment defined by productivity or competition, but would find that the North Shore is a great place to connect with others and be a real home for them.

Congregation Focus:

Give thanks that after more than six years of searching, NSCBC has appointed a **church planting resident!** In October we'll welcome **Fabricio and Ruth Fernandes** to our church, where Fabricio will train and prepare to plant a church on the North Shore. Pray for their move, for an easy and joyful settling in to this community, and for the good works God has already prepared for them here.

Pray for our ongoing search for a **youth pastor**. Pray for wisdom for those leading the process, for the right person to be found in the right time, and for our current youth ministry to keep thriving even in this in-between season. Pray too that whoever eventually steps into this role would come to a community already marked by freedom, not a program to be managed and optimized, but a place where teenagers, already carrying so much pressure to perform in every other part of their lives, can find somewhere that isn't one more thing to prove themselves at.

Sign up for our **Prayer Newsletter** at nscbc.org/weeklyprayer
Submit a **prayer request** 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.