

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

*Today is NSCBC’s last day of hosting our friends from Pilgrim Church. Their service will take place at 11:00am in the Friendship Hall. Please extend a warm welcome when you see them, and pray as they finish rebuilding after a fire severely damaged their space last year.*

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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 20, 2026

The LORD Blesses Us

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.*  
—Ephesians 1:3-4

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

“We love those who know the worst of us and don’t turn their faces away.”  
— David Zahl, *Low Anthropology*

“Every one of us is shadowed by an illusory person: a false self. This is the man that I want myself to be but who cannot exist, because God does not know him...I use up my life in the desire for pleasures and the thirst for experiences, for power, honor, knowledge and love, to clothe this false self and construct its nothingness into something objectively real...but there is no substance under the things with which I am clothed. I am hollow...the secret of my identity is hidden in the love and mercy of God...I cannot hope to find myself anywhere except in Him. Ultimately the only way that I can be myself is to become identified with Him in Whom is hidden the reason and fulfillment of my existence.”  
—Thomas Merton, *New Seeds of Contemplation*

“Courageous - that’s how you see me; Successful - that’s how you believe in me; Happy - that’s what you expect of me; but...Emptiness - that’s what is inside of me.”  
—Anonymous

WELCOME!

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

Connect 1 | Next Sunday!  
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!

Youth Ministry Info Session  
Today / 12:30 PM / Friendship Hall

All parents are invited to a youth ministry info session following the second service today. At this session you will meet our new interim team, youth leaders, other parents, and learn about this upcoming year in youth ministry.

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.

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 | Starts Tomorrow  
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](https://nscbc.org/griefshare)

Church Leadership Nominations

Recommend any church members (including yourself) who might be a good fit for the Elder Board, Deacon Board, Nominating Committee, or Audit Committee. Complete the nomination form on Church Center by **October 11**.

Building Campaign Kickoff Celebration  
October 18 / 11:30am / Family Room

We'll be having an all-church lunch (following one service at 10am) to celebrate the culmination of years of preparation and congregational input as we launch our six-week campaign to steward our building for ministry now and for the next 200 years.

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](https://nscbc.churchcenter.com) or download the Church Center app to get started.



SERVICE ORDER

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost | September 20, 2026

|                                                                                           |                                                                                 |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Prelude                                                                                   | My Tribute                                                                      | Sybil Coleman                       |
| God Gathers Us to Himself                                                                 |                                                                                 |                                     |
| *Gathering Hymn                                                                           | O God Beyond All Praising (676)                                                 | THAXTED                             |
| Call to Worship                                                                           |                                                                                 | Sarah Bartley                       |
| *Praise                                                                                   | God Is For Us                                                                   | CityAlight (2018)                   |
|                                                                                           | O Come To The Altar                                                             | Elevation (2015)                    |
| Confession & Assurance                                                                    |                                                                                 | Sarah Bartley                       |
| Prayer for Children (First Service)                                                       |                                                                                 |                                     |
| *Passing the Peace                                                                        | (First Service) Children ages 4.5 - 2nd grade are invited to children's worship |                                     |
| Life of the Church: Offering and Announcements                                            |                                                                                 | Laura Range                         |
| Testimony                                                                                 |                                                                                 | Jim Pocock<br>Elevate New England   |
| Kingdom-Centered Prayer                                                                   |                                                                                 | Sarah Bartley                       |
| God Speaks to Us Through His Word                                                         |                                                                                 |                                     |
| Scripture Reading                                                                         | Genesis 27:5-19                                                                 | Tim Marton<br>(First Service)       |
|                                                                                           |                                                                                 | Jessi Rennekamp<br>(Second Service) |
| Sermon                                                                                    | Love's Labour's Lost                                                            | Bobby Warrenburg                    |
| God Moves Us to Respond                                                                   |                                                                                 |                                     |
| Prayer of Response                                                                        |                                                                                 | Bobby Warrenburg                    |
| *Praise                                                                                   | Goodness of God                                                                 | Bethel (2018)                       |
| God Sends Us Out to Serve                                                                 |                                                                                 |                                     |
| Benediction                                                                               |                                                                                 | Bobby Warrenburg                    |
| Postlude                                                                                  |                                                                                 |                                     |
| Our prayer team is located in the back of the sanctuary to pray for you after the service |                                                                                 |                                     |

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Captions and translation available at [nscbc.org/captions](https://nscbc.org/captions).  
The sermon and service recordings are available at [nscbc.org](https://nscbc.org).

CALENDAR

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Today (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 Min. Parent Discussion   Friendship Hall   | 12:30pm |
|               | Shine On Worship Supper   Family Room            | 5:30pm  |
|               | Resilience Cohort - Session#2   Living Room      | 7:00pm  |
| Monday        | GriefShare   Friendship Hall                     | 6:30pm  |
|               | Pick-up Volleyball   Family Room                 | 7:00pm  |
| Wednesday     | Mid-Day Prayer   Living Room                     | 11:30am |
| Thursday      | MomCo   Family Room                              | 9:00am  |
|               | Living Theology Cohort Meeting   Friendship Hall | 6:30pm  |
| Sunday (9/27) | 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 |
|               | Connect 1   Friendship Hall                      | 12:30pm |

PRAYER

Pray for successful surgery for **Tim Marton** on September 23 to remove a bone spur and reattach a bicep muscle to the bone.

Pray for **Jessie Alexander's aunt Jen**, who was recently hospitalized. Pray for recovery and comfort for Jen as she deals with Lyme, pneumonia, sepsis, and a UTI.

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](https://nscbc.org/weeklyprayer)  
Submit a prayer request at [nscbc.org/pray](https://nscbc.org/pray)

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