SERMON NOTES

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.

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

GIVING UPDATE

General Fund Update For Sept. 2026 & Budget Comparison

	Actuals	*Budget thru Sept. 30*
General Fund Income	$ 805,047.37	$ 792,498.03
Less Expenses	$ 875,643.92	$ 871,436.58
Net Difference	($70,596.55)	

STAFF AND LEADERS

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NORTH SHORE
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 2026

The LORD Rescues Us

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

–Ephesians 2:4-5

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

"A Death blow is a Life blow to Some
Who till they died, did not alive become–
Who had they lived, had died but when
They died, Vitality begun."

– Emily Dickinson, "A Death blow is a Life blow to Some"

"'Rat!' he found breath to whisper, shaking. 'Are you afraid?' 'Afraid?' murmured the Rat, his eyes shining with unutterable love. 'Afraid! Of HIM? O, never, never! And yet - and yet - O, Mole, I am afraid!' Then the two animals, crouching to the earth, bowed their heads and did worship."

– Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

"Everyone has noticed how hard it is to turn our thoughts to God when everything is going well with us. We 'have all we want' is a terrible saying when 'all' does not include God. We find God an interruption. As St. Augustine says somewhere, 'God wants to give us something, but cannot, because our hands are full - there's nowhere for Him to put it.'"

–C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday we'll be gathering for **one service at 10:00am.**
Join us afterwards for:

BUILDING CAMPAIGN KICKOFF LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 18 | 11:30AM | FAMILY ROOM
We'll be hosting an **all-church meal** to celebrate the culmination of years of preparation and officially launch our Building Campaign!

Register by tomorrow on Church Center or on the sign-up sheet by the gym so we can get an accurate count for food and child care.

Church Leadership Nominations | Due Today!

Recommend any church members (including yourself) who might be a good fit for the Elder Board, Deacon Board, Nominating Committee, or Audit Committee. Complete nomination forms by **today.** Forms are available at the **Welcome Desk**, as well as online at Church Center and **nscbc.org/nomcom**

Connect 2

November 1 | 11:00am | 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! You will hear about the identity and mission of our church and how the church can equip and support you in the ways God has gifted you. **Register on Church Center or email office@nscbc.org**.

Men's Hike

November 7

NSCBC's annual men's hike is set for the weekend of **November 7!** We have 20 bunks reserved at Lonesome Lake hut which we'll hike to (with options to add a few extra peaks for those interested!), and enjoy good food and fellowship. To reserve your bunk, call the Service Center at (603) 466-2727 select option #2, (Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm), and use NSCBC's group number: 785495.

Pick-up Volleyball

All skill levels are welcome (ages 15+). Play runs **Mondays** from **7:00–9:00pm**, with pick-up style games as people arrive. Play is competitive but fun - so expect music, laughter, and a good time!

Join the Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays | 7:00pm | Family Room

Our Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7pm. We are preparing to sing on Sunday, November 1, December 6, and Christmas Eve. All are welcome. Come experience making music with others in a supportive and fun community.

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

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost | October 11, 2026

Prelude

God Gathers Us to Himself

*Gathering Hymn	And Can It Be (396)	Sagina
Call to Worship		Shauna Kurihara
*Praise	Mighty To Save	Hillsong (2006)
	Jesus Strong and Kind (362)	CityAlight (2019)
Confession & Assurance		Shauna Kurihara
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	Richard Wallace
Life of the Church: Forming The Future Invitation	Bobby Warrenburg
Kingdom-Centered Prayer	Shauna Kurihara

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading	Genesis 32:22-32	Shannon Read *(First Service)* Scott Miller *(Second Service)*
Sermon	Israel: He Who Wrestles With God	Bobby Warrenburg

God Moves Us to Respond

Prayer of Response		Bobby Warrenburg
*Praise	Only A Holy God (11)	CityAlight (2016)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

Member Sending *(First Service)*	The Solberg Family Neil Schaeffer
Benediction	Bobby Warrenburg

Postlude

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

**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 (10/11)	**First Worship Service** | Sanctuary	9:15am
	CORE: Middle School Group | Living Room	11:00am
	Second Worship Service | Sanctuary	11:00am
	College Lunches at Home	12:30pm
Monday	**GriefShare** | Friendship Hall	6:30pm
	Pick-up Volleyball | Family Room	7:00pm
Wednesday	**Mid-Day Prayer** | Living Room	11:30am
Friday	**Friday Morning Prayer** | Conference Room	6:30am
Sunday (10/18)	**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** | Sanctuary	10:00am
	BUILDING CAMPAIGN KICKOFF | Family Room	11:30am
	Shine On Worship Supper | Family Room	5:30pm
	Burnout - Session #4 | Living Room	7:00pm

Answered Prayer:

Welcoming Fabricio & Ruth Fernandes

We're giving thanks that after more than six years of searching, NSCBC has appointed a church planting resident! In October we'll welcome Fabricio & 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 into this community, and for the good works God has already prepared for them here. Pray too that as they step into something entirely new, they would know freedom, not the pressure to prove this residency was worth the wait, but the confidence of a gift already given, with everything still to unfold.

PRAYER

Pray for healing for **Maya Long** who fell and broke her foot in September.

Pray for **Dave and Jen Cox**, as they embark on an 18-day trip to visit missionary staff in 5 cities in Europe. Pray for wisdom, compassion and discernment as they seek to care well for these servants.

Pray for **Jean McKenna** who is recovering from a spine injury after falling. Please pray for wisdom for her and her family as they discern the best next steps for her care.

As we prepare to kick off our **Forming the Future capital campaign**, pray for the many hands working in advance of this event! Pray for our communications team, preparing materials, videos, a website, and written information; pray for the event planning team as they sort out the important logistical details of the luncheon; and pray for our steering team as we plan the launch so that all might see themselves playing a part in this pivotal moment in the story of our church.

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.