

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 8:00 a.m. – Corporate Prayer (C-202)
- 1:00 p.m. – Celebration Orchestra Fall Kick-Off (Sanctuary Stage)
- 3:30 p.m. – GriefShare Support (A-205)
- 3:30 p.m. – Lamppost Reading Club Ice Cream Celebration (Grand Hall)
- 5:45 p.m. – “The Gathering” for High School (Auditorium)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- 9:00 a.m. – Mothers Morning Out
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing (Auditorium)
- 5:30 p.m. – Line Dancing (Auditorium)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 9:00 a.m. – Mothers Morning Out
- 10:30 a.m. – “Fit for Him” Ladies Exercise Class (Auditorium)
- 4:00 p.m. – Senior Men’s Bible Study “Last Lessons from Jesus” (A-205)
- 5:15 p.m. – Dinner Serving Line Opens; closes at 6:15 p.m. (Grand Hall)
- 5:45 p.m. – Nursery Opens (C-103)
- 5:45 p.m. – Kids’ Choir K–5th Grades (B-102B and B-104A)
- 6:00 p.m. – “The Gathering” for Middle School (803 Auditorium)
- 6:00 p.m. – Joyful Bells Kick- Off (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:30 p.m. – Combat Vets Support Group (C-303)
- 6:30 p.m. – TeamKID (Kdg–2nd Grade) (B-104B)
- 6:30 p.m. – Kids Quest (3rd–5th Grade) (B-103B)
- 6:30 p.m. – “God Loves Me” Preschool
- 6:30 p.m. – Wednesday Nights at NEPC Adult Options (see announcement #4)
- 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- 7:00 p.m. – REACH Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary Stage)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- 9:00 a.m. – Mothers Morning Out

## HAPPENING AT NEPC

1. **GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP**  
*Begins TODAY, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., A-205*  
GriefShare is a thirteen-week, biblical grief support group to help you face the challenges of losing a loved one and move toward rebuilding your life. The group begins today and runs through November 17. Open to the community. To register, call 451-4651 or email ewalter@nepres.com. Cost is \$15.00.
2. **LAMPOST SUMMER READING CLUB ICE CREAM CELEBRATION**  
*TODAY at 3:30 p.m., Grand Hall (for Club Members)*  
Enjoy ice cream as we draw for our PRIZES and celebrate YOU, young reader!
3. **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER THIS WEEK**  
*Wednesday, August 28, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m., Grand Hall*  
Join us for dinner and fellowship before the evening activities. Our menu will be BBQ Chicken, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls and Salad Bar. Cost is \$6.00/ Adults, \$4.00/Students (12 and up), \$3.00/Kids, \$25.00/Family Max. Pay at the door.
4. **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT OPTIONS**  
**The Reason for God:** Come sit with Tim Keller (via video) as he talks with six skeptics about the Christian faith – Led by Pastor Desch  
**Last Lessons from Jesus:** Is your focus on the timeless or the temporal? Come explore Jesus’s final lessons to his disciples – Led by Pastor Walter  
**Public Speaking for Church and Community:** Principles for you to use near and far – Led by Pastor Crow
5. **JOYFUL BELLS FALL KICK-OFF**  
*Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary balcony*  
Worship with handbells this fall! Ability to read music is required. Contact Haley Kovach at hkovach@nepres.com or 451-4614 if interested.
6. **NORTHEAST ARTS ACADEMY**  
Registration for the fall is OPEN! Private lessons in numerous instruments and various arts classes are offered. Visit <https://nepresbyterian.org/nea/> for details and email Haley Kovach at hkovach@nepres.com with questions.
7. **FOCUS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - REGISTER NOW!**  
*Begins Thursday, September 5, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.*  
Studying Joshua and Mark. Contact atumer@nepres.com or 331-3767.
8. **CONNECT – NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING**  
*Sundays, beginning September 8, 11:15 a.m., A-205*  
Join leaders Craig and Maria Currey as they share in an eight-week video series called “The God Who Speaks,” with interactive discussions and fellowship. Open to adults of all ages. Contact: mcurrey@nepres.com.
9. **CIRCLES RESUME MEETING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10**  
Women’s Circles meet on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Susan Craft at sfc58@sc.rr.com.
10. **MANOS A CORAZONES (HANDS TO HEARTS)**  
*Tuesdays, starting Sept. 10, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., A-103 (Kids Auditorium)*  
A bi-lingual after school program that offers parents/caregivers practice in conversational English, while their children play educational games. Volunteers needed – Spanish speakers a plus, but not necessary for interacting with the children. Contact Gert Wells, 586-3274 or gertrudewells@yahoo.com.

## SAVE THE DATE

11. **T.N.T. (THURSDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER) WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**  
*Begins Thursday, September 19, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Grand Hall*  
Contact Tara Fox at tfox@nepres.com or 451-4649.
12. **MEN’S BIBLE STUDIES AND “MEET & MEAT”**
  - ◆ **Men’s Bible Studies** – offered at a variety of times, including early morning and mid-morning. Email Pastor Josh at jdesch@nepres.com to get connected to a Bible Study today!
  - ◆ **Men’s Meet & Meat** – Mondays, September 16 and October 21.

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

<b>8:45 AM</b>		
<b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>		
<b>J.O.Y.</b>	<b>55+</b>	<b>C-301</b>

<b>10:00 AM – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b>		
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES</b>		

<i>Thrive</i>	<i>All Ages</i>	<i>Grand Hall</i>
<i>High School Middle School</i>		<b>803 Auditorium 803 Auditorium</b>
<i>NEPC Kids</i>	<b>K5 – 5th Grade</b>	<b>A-103</b>
<i>Nursery/Preschool</i>	<b>Infants – Age 4</b>	<b>Preschool area</b>

<b>11:15 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>		
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES</b>		

<i>Friendship Good News Sisters in Christ Harvest/Fellowship Grace</i>	<b>Seniors 55+ Women All Ages All Ages</b>	<b>C-201 C-203 C-302 C-301 Grand Hall</b>
<i>High School Middle School</i>		<b>803 Auditorium 803 Auditorium</b>
<i>NEPC Kids</i>	<b>K5 – 5th Grade</b>	<b>A-103</b>
<i>Nursery/Preschool</i>	<b>Infants – Age 4</b>	<b>Preschool area</b>
<i>Special Friends</i>	<b>Special Needs</b>	<b>B-105</b>

### Pastors

Dr. George Crow, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Eric Walter, *Pastor of Congregational Care*  
Rev. Josh Desch, *Pastor of Community and Discipleship*  
Rev. Jason Pittman, *Pastor of Next Generation Ministry*  
\* Rev. John Ropp, Jr., *Pastor of Visitation*

\* Part-time

### Session

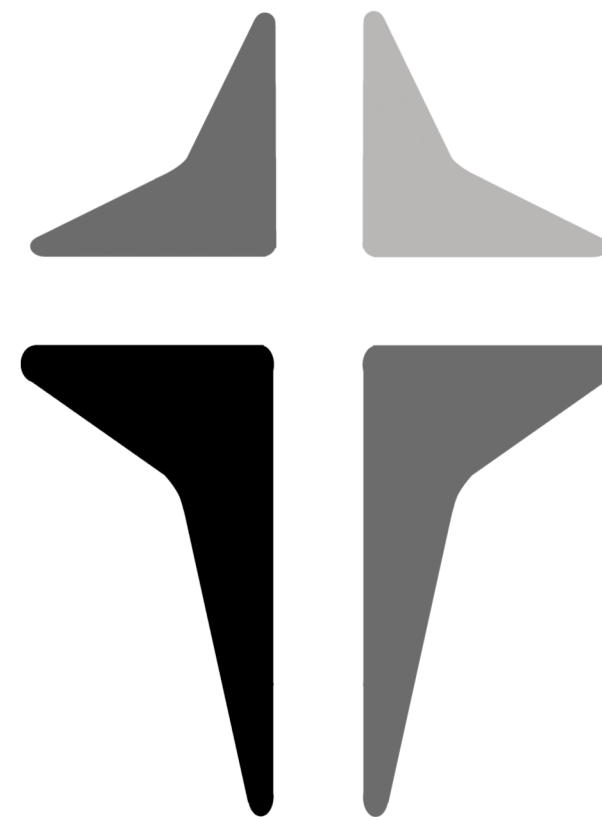
Avery Hilton *Clerk of the Session*  
*Class of 2020* – Edwin Crow, Harvey Galloway, Jim Landreth, Joel Reynolds, Bill Wood  
*Class of 2021* – Avery Hilton, Ben Jones, Ed Palekas, Ted Rausch, Ken Walsh  
*Class of 2022* – Ladd Lumpkin, Charlie Mauney, Joe Necker, Hollis Walker, Jim Walthes

### Board of Deacons

Bob Ley & John Pascutti, *BOD Chairman & Secretary/Chairman-elect*  
*BOD Class of 2020* – Steve Curlee, Jerry Daniel, Dick Frame, David Lighthart, Kent Puffenbarger, Doug Yeates  
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*BOD Class of 2022* – Matt Barnes, David Bradberry, Jamie Goodson, Jin Kang, David Knight, Mike Randall, Ott Renken, Ron Seftick, Bryan Tolar, David Winburn

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CONNECTING  
PEOPLE TO GOD  
AND EACH OTHER  
THROUGH CHRIST

Sunday, August 25, 2019

TRADITIONAL  
10:00 AM

CONTEMPORARY  
11:15 AM

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**TRADITIONAL  
10:00 AM**

**#Prelude:** *We Gather Together; Blessed Assurance; Count Your Blessings*  
Dr. Robert Jones, pianist

**#Call to Worship:** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* arr. Greer  
Chancel Choir; Jeremy Buzzard, Director of Music

**\*Opening Hymn:** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Hymn 8

**\*Apostles' Creed and Gloria Patri** Pastor Crow

**#Welcoming the Body of Christ**

**\*Hymn:** *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* Hymn 379

**\*Doxology** Hymn 624

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Ropp  
Ministry Focus: *Tom & Ann Austin, MTW Global Training & Development*

**Offertory:** *"In All Things God Works for Our Good"* Lloyd Larson  
*Based on Romans 8:28 and Jeremiah 29:11*  
*and scriptural reflections by Lynn Floyd Wright*  
Chancel Choir; Mitzi Vigrass, flute

And this we know, in the journey of life, whether green rolling hills, or the deserts bare and dry, in all things God works for our good, for we who love the Lord. In the lush verdant valleys where we walk sure and strong, or the rugged terrain unsafe and long; God has promised His help: "Fear not, I will guide you. Take my hand for my promises are true." And this we know...In the seasons of life, times of joy or despair, vict'ry and defeat; "I know the plans I have for you," says your God. "Plans to prosper you, not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future! Believe in me! Trust in me! For I am your God!" And this we know . . .

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**Scripture** James 1:26–27 (ESV)

**Message** Pastor Crow

**\*Congregational Benediction:** *"Spirit Song"* Wimber/arr. Fettke  
Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love;  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
He'll descend upon your life and make you whole.

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**\*Postlude:** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Tedd Smith  
Dr. Robert Jones, pianist

# Ushers will seat you at these times.

\* As the congregation stands, please feel free to remain seated as needed.



**Ministry Focus:**

**Tom & Ann Austin, MTW Global Training & Development Team**  
*After 25 years as MTW missionaries in Africa, they are now based in Atlanta. As part of this team, they provide training in leadership development and theological education to the next generation of missionaries engaging in cross-cultural ministry, mentoring them before being deployed to their respective fields.*

**CONTEMPORARY  
11:15 AM**

**Call to Worship**

*"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"*

Apostles' Creed

**Welcome**

Pastor Pittman

**Baptism of Julie Anne Humphries**

**Worship through Song**

*"O Praise the Name"*

*"There's No Other Name"*

**Worship through Prayer**

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**Worship through Giving**

*"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

**Worship in the Word**

Pastor Crow

**Worship in the World**

*"O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)"*



As we stand to sing, feel free to sit as needed.

Check midweek update weekly for a link to our Spotify playlist.



**The flowers this morning . . .**

*The pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God to celebrate the Retirement of Reverend John Ropp, Jr., 45 years of Christian Ministry, and in memory of his father, Reverend Doctor John Conway Ropp, Sr. by John's mother, Mrs. Sarah Beaty Ropp;*

*by Bill Crowley in honor of the anniversary of Bill and Brenda Crowley;*

*and to the glory of God.*

**"DOING PURE RELIGION"**

**Previous:** James 1: 25 *"But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."*

**THREE TOUCHSTONES OF "DOING" THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:**

**1. Using the tongue as a \_\_\_\_\_ to determine and address the source of one's own heart disorder.**

26 *"If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless."*

**2. Investing the \_\_\_\_\_ of time, energy and care into the pain of the vulnerable.**

27a *"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction,"*

**3. Striving to keep one's \_\_\_\_\_ life pleasing to God and free from the seductions of this world.**

27b *" . . . and to keep oneself unstained from the world."*



**SUNDAY FLOWERS SIGN UP**

If you wish to enhance the beauty of the Sanctuary by giving flowers for Sunday morning, please complete the form below. The cost is \$50.00.

___ September 1	___ October 27
___ September 8	___ November 10
___ September 15	___ November 17
___ September 22	___ November 24
___ September 29	___ December 1
___ October 6	___ December 8
___ October 13	___ December 15
___ October 20	___ December 22

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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