



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

## WELCOME

## HYMN NO. 487

“When the Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round  
In joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky  
From depth to height reply:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
Through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is good and loving to the faithful. Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

**People: God is good! Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Love the Lord your God,

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Love your neighbor as your self,

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Do this and you will live!

**People: Let us worship God!**

## WORSHIP SONG

“O Praise Him”

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside  
The sound of angel's awe, the sound of angel's songs  
And all this for a King, We could join and sing  
All to Christ our King

How constant how divine  
This love of ours will rise  
Oh how constant how divine  
This song of ours will rise, will rise

*O praise Him, O praise Him  
He is holy, He is holy*

Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise  
The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones  
And all this for a King  
Angels join to sing  
All for Christ the King (Chorus)

How infinite and sweet  
This love so rescuing  
Oh how infinitely sweet  
This great love that has redeemed  
As one we sing

Alleluia, Alleluia  
He is holy, He is holy

*(You may be seated)*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ, that through the witness of our lives the gospel may be proclaimed to all people.  
**Amen.**

### **WORSHIP SONG**

*“Vast as the Heavens”*

Your love, oh Lord  
As vast as the heavens  
It is overwhelming to me  
Your faithfulness reaches the skies, the skies  
Your righteousness towers over these mountains  
Of struggle in my life (Repeat)

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*(We invite all children through 5th grade to come up to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message for them. They will then be dismissed to their Sunday School teacher, or if you prefer they may return to their seats with you.)*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## **RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE**

*“Gloria Patri”*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“It is Well With My Soul”*

Dave Baker, Euphonium

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

In gratitude for all that God has done for us, let us present our gifts to God.

### **OFFERTORY**

Suzanne Zak Carver

*(Please place your offering in the plate in the Narthex as you enter/exit the Sanctuary.)*

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, receive these gifts, which are the product of our labors, and let us not forget the better part of our offering, which is our devotion to the words of life we have received from Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 18: 1-15

**18** The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, ‘My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ <sup>10</sup>Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“God’s Joke”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** Confession of 1967

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to people, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

**HYMN NO. 155**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail,  
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
For Christ the Judge shall come  
To glorify the saints  
For their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## **CHARGE**

Go out into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold onto what is good. Render no one evil for evil. Uplift the fainthearted. Support the weak. Laugh with those who laugh and mourn with those who mourn. Do this in a spirit of joy and appreciation for you are God's child. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The God of reconciliation bless you, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you this day and forevermore.



***Prayer Concerns:*** Karen Meade

Donald Fiedler (cousin of Sandee Wilson)  
Ed Bray (brother of Alice Bray)  
Ed Larlick (friend of Dorothy Smith)  
Kate McCullough (cousin of Susan Zimmerman)  
Larry Arnold (friend of Sandee Wilson)  
Rima Mironas (mother of Dalia Lucas)  
Margaret Litchko (friend of Sandee Wilson)  
Family of John Hansen (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Kristen Post (cousin of Debbie Watson)  
Bill Reiss (father of Robin Haug)  
Jonathan Wilson (son of Sandee Wilson)  
Lester Weinraub (friend of John Shaffer)  
Shawn Moyer (nephew of Debbie Watson)  
David Rankin (nephew of Debbie Kapinos & Paul Rankin)  
Marlene Tyler (friend of Eloyce Sturgeon)  
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)  
Amy Miller (niece of Bill Watson)

***Ongoing Concerns:*** Debbie Edwards  
Lynda Comstock  
Betty Neely  
James Phillips  
Patricia Phillips  
Joan George



## PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of Robert, Muriel, and Richard Goodman from their family; and given in celebration of their daughter's Krissy, birthday from Jan & Don Millin. Deacons Dottie Kieffer & Don Millin will deliver the flowers. Each week the flowers can be a bright moment for someone needing prayers or praise. If you know of someone please let the assigned deacons delivering flowers know after the service.

Pulpit flowers are needed for July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.



## Save the Date!

This summer we will be doing VBS on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is "Compassion Camp; Changing the World with Lovingkindness." As always we will be looking for lots of leaders and helpers so please put these dates on your calendar! You can register your children on the website electronically or you can pick up a registration forms in the auditorium during coffee hour.

## BOOK BAGS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES



The mission team will be purchasing backpacks and school supplies for our annual summer drive. If anyone is interested in donating to defray the cost monetary donations may be made electronically, via check or cash (please specify for school supplies). We will be assembling the backpacks in early to mid-August. If you have questions or are interested in helping please contact Barb Landis.

# WHOLYFIT™

WholyFit is a women's ministry. We've been worshipping with our minds, bodies and souls at Neshaminy since 2016. It's low impact and great for all ages and physical abilities. We are taking a break in July but will resume meeting every Tuesday night from 7-8 pm in the Lloyd Rickner auditorium on August 2. Every first Tuesday of the month features live music from Keith Rounds. Please note no class on August 16th due to Vacation Bible School. Email Chelsea Rounds at [mrsrounds@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrounds@gmail.com) if you are interested in WholyFit Devotional Exercise.



## FOOD COLLECTION

The need for assistance is great right now and you can help! We still collect non-perishable food items for the Coordinating Council of Health and Welfare's Warminster Food Bank. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the bin right inside the double-glass doors closest to the office any Sunday directly before or after the worship service. This ongoing mission is coordinated by the Deacons. If you have any questions please contact Sandee Wilson at 215-343-6060.

## NWPC BUS TRIPS

### PHILLIES



Save the date for a bus trip that has been planned with you in mind: Phillies bus trip on Friday, August 19, 2022 to see the Phillies play the New York Mets. We will be leaving the church at 4 pm sharp and returning at 11:30 pm. Cost is \$54, which is all inclusive including gratuities. Invite your family and friends. Thirty-five tickets have been purchased.

Look for sign-up sheets after the church service in the Auditorium as well as in the church office during the week. Checks should be made payable to NWPC and either dropped off at the church or mailed into the church. Contact person is Dorothy Smith and she can be reached at 215-343-1142 or email her at [drsmith524@verizon.net](mailto:drsmith524@verizon.net).

### SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**



A bus trip has been planned to travel to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see "David". The date is Tuesday, November 15, 2022. We will leave the church at 10:45 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. We'll be having a lunch at Fulton Steamboat Inn at 12:30 p.m. Show begins at 3:00 PM. Cost is \$127 for 30 people and \$116 for 40 people. Checks should be made payable to NWPC.

Deadline for monies is October 1. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142 or email her at [drsmith524@verizon.net](mailto:drsmith524@verizon.net).

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

TODAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge  
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium  
—Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room  
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge  
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium  
—Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room

## Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor  
Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth  
Rev. Sameh Shaker, Pastor of Visitation  
Dr. Suzanne Zak Carver, Director of Music  
Keith Rounds, Contemporary Music  
Marianne Tierney, Business Manager  
Cheryl Overton, Church Administrator

Remembering that the members of Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church are the ministers and missionaries of our faith community, our Pastoral Staff and Support Team provide leadership and specialized ministries.