



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 361

"How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

People: The earth declares God's beauty.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: God's word shines forth in glory.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

**People: Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name. Let your steadfast love,
O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

WORSHIP SONG

"Power to Love"

Where there is hatred, help us love
Where there is injury, help us forgive
Where there is doubt, help us have faith
Where there is darkness, help us shine Your light

God grant us the power to love, to be instruments of your peace

God grant us the power to love, to be instruments of your peace (2X)

Where there is despair, help us have hope
Where there is division, help us seek unity
Where there is suffering, help us console
Where there is darkness, help us shine Your light (Chorus)

Help us seek to understand, over being understood.

Help us seek to love, over being loved

Help us seek to console, over being consoled

Help us seek to love You, with all our heart, minds, and souls. (Chorus)

For it is in giving that we receive

For it is in forgiving that we are forgiven

For it is in dying that we're born to eternal life. (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, who are we that you should care for us? Yet you surprise us with grace, infuse us with hope, and teach us a better way. Make us ever more faithful, and ever more grateful, as we watch for the coming of your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Your Love Never Fails”

Nothing can separate even if I ran away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes,
but You have new mercies for me everyday
Your love never fails

**You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails**

The wind is strong and the water's deep but
I'm not alone here in these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails

You make all things work together for my good. (4x)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Donna Mazeika

(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

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive. Trusting in the promises given at our baptism, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean. Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God.

(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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Sadie and Patrick Van Tassel, Trumpet

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In obedience to Christ and with love for our neighbors, let us bring our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

Keith Rounds

(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

Generous God, you pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of love. Accept these offerings for the sake of your children, that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace. In Jesus’ name we ask it. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:22-27

²²The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, ²³so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. ²⁵Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; ²⁷and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Dreaming of a Different World”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Page 12 Blue Hymnal)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna In the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest**

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.

HYMN NO. 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and every day until Christ comes to make all things well.



Prayer Concerns: Elaine Furgeson
Dan Wolfgang
Edie Stauch (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Family of Marge Kuhn (mother of Linda King)
Scot Schiavone (son of Bonnie Schiavone)
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)
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)

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

New Members Class
Sunday Morning September 18th

In the Lounge: 10:30 a.m.



We are glad you have been a part of our community and want to inform you about the upcoming opportunity to become a member of our church family. The Fall New Members classes will help you to become better acquainted with our faith community and our mission. Child care will be provided if necessary. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Pastor Mark Pastormark@nwpc.net



Save the Date!

This summer we will be doing VBS on Sunday, August 14th through Wednesday, August 17th. 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.



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of Bill Bohn by Carolyn and children; and given to the glory of God. Deacons Leslie Bonner & Margaret Garr 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 August 28th. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

WHOLYFIT™

August is an exciting month for WholyFit! WholyFit is a low-impact women's ministry for your mind, body and soul. It's held every Tuesday in the Lloyd Rickner Auditorium from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. There will be NO class on August 16th due to VBS. We will have live music from pianist and singer Mark Smith on August 30th. Live music from Keith Rounds happens every first Tuesday each month. If you are interested in WholyFit, please contact Chelsea Rounds at mrsrounds@gmail.com. God bless!



NWPC WEBSITE

Coming this week! The NWPC website is about to get a facelift! The new website will include more information and pictures such as a new Staff and Music page as well as many more new pages! The new website will be launched in the next few weeks!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

In an effort to save on postage and paper costs, future contributions statements are now available by email. Please email Marianne at financemanager@nwpc.net or call (X103) if you would like your contribution statements to be delivered to your email address.

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.

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.

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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

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
—Vacation Bible School 6 pm

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.