



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 387

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
Eith Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

People: They have all gone astray, there is no one who is good, no, not one.

Leader: Have they no knowledge, those who devour God's people and do not call upon the Lord.

People: O that our deliverer would come! Lord, restore our lives and make us glad.

WORSHIP SONG

"Better Is One Day"

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

*Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(repeat)*

One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us. Make us glad in our salvation, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors and with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Amazing Grace (Your Love Came Down)”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*Because your love came down
Your love came down
Your love came down
And it saved me, it saved me*

Through many dangers,
Toils and snares
I have already come
'Twas grace that brought me safe this far
And grace will lead me home (Chorus)

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright-shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun (Chorus)

*Because your love came down
And it turned my life around
Your love came down
And it saved me, it saved me*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(We invite all children through 8th 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.)

ANTHEM

"With a Voice of Singing"

Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of our Lord overflows for us through the faith and love that are ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, saying, Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION\

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **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)

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

As a shepherd searches for a lost sheep, as a woman searches for a lost coin, God seeks us out to save us.

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

We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

15 Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. ⁸'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Everybody Counts or Nobody Counts"
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN NO. 101

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my 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 Ruler of the ages, the immortal and invisible one, go with you, this day and every day.



Prayer Concerns: Family of Elaine Ferguson

Karen Meade
Dan Wolfgang
Mark Hennessy
Anne Pursell (friend of Dottie Kieffer)
Sheha Ranade (friend of Beth Augustine)
Beth Moffa (friend of Beth Augustine)
Raydon Van Horn (great nephew of Beth Augustine)
David Louderback (nephew of Marge, cousin of Bob)
Christy Lessard (friend of Bill Watson)
Lyubov & family of Michael Farrel (family of Dalia & Jamme Lucas)
Tom Potts (father of Melissa Meade)
Amy Miller (Niece of Bill Watson)
Edie Stauch (friend of Sandee Wilson)
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)
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)
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)

Ongoing Concerns: Debbie Edwards

Joan George
Kerry Zimmerman
Debbie Watson
David Rankin

**MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
2022/2023 KICKS OFF TONIGHT!**

Youth in grades 6 – 12 are invited to join us from 6pm – 7:30pm this evening in the large youth room downstairs. We will kick off with a cell phone church scavenger hunt and ice cream sundaes.

We will also meet next Sunday, September 18th from 6pm – 7:30pm.

PARENTS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING!

Megan Cohen, a recovering addict, who grew up in Warrington as an average student and athlete in the Central Bucks School district, will be speaking to our youth and to our parents. Megan has talked to our youth on a few occasions, and we realized that it is equally important for parents to know her story and be aware of signs of drug and alcohol use in their teens and preteens.

MEGAN WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OF OUR CHILDREN.

If you do not have teens attending youth group but are close to teens and preteens (grandparents, aunts, uncles) and would like to hear her story, we invite you to attend!



**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



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by John Roushey and family in loving memory of Marge; and given in loving memory of Sager Colman from his wife, Lucy. The flowers on the communion table given in loving memory of her son David William Stroup by Dottie (Stroup) Kieffer. Deacons Margaret Garr & Dottie Kieffer 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.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 21ST

Join us for bible study at 10:00 A.M. in the **Sanctuary**.

Newcomers are always welcome!

Bible Study Series: Living a Spiritual Life

Many people assume that spirituality is about becoming emotionally intimate with God. That's a naïve view of spirituality. What we're talking about is living the Christian life. It's following Jesus. Spirituality is no different from what we've been doing for two thousand years just by going to church, singing, being baptized, learning to pray, reading Scripture, serving those in need. It's just ordinary stuff.

Eugene Peterson

WHOLYFIT™

WholyFit is a low-impact women's ministry for your mind, body and soul. It's held every Tuesday in the Auditorium from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. 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!

There will not be a WholyFit class on September 20th.

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 Sanctuary 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



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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

TODAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Library
—CPR/AED Class 10:45 am Youth Room
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
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—New Members Class 10:30 am Lounge
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Church Staff

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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.