



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 267

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2 The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky, (Refrain)

3 The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. (Refrain)

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**People: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and
Forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Let the Praises Ring”

Oh Lord my God in you I put my trust

Oh Lord my God in you I put my hope

Oh Lord my God in you I put my trust

Oh Lord my God in you I put my hope

In you... in you I find my peace

In you... in you I find my strength

In you... I live and move and breath

Let everything I say and do

Be founded by my faith in you

I lift up holy hands and sing

Let the praises ring

Oh Lord my God to you I give my hands

Oh Lord my God to you I give my feet

Oh Lord my God to you I give my everything

Oh Lord my God to you I give my life

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation and welcome us into your eternal home, where we will worship and serve you forever; through Christ our Savior. **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

(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.)

ANTHEM

"Teach Me Your Way O Lord"

Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even though we continually turn away from God, the Lord is eager to forgive. Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 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

Jesus teaches us that no one can serve two masters. We cannot serve both God and wealth. Let us entrust our treasure to the Lord who has provided so abundantly for us with generosity and grace beyond measure.

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

Who is like you, O Lord our God? You look with mercy upon the earth; you lift up the poor from the dust and give them a place at your table. Teach us to sing your praise forever and to show your love to those in need; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:3-9, 26-32

³'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundred-fold.' ⁹And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

²⁶He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' ³⁰He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Faith and Science"

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

"In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses

Chorus:

*And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known*

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet
The birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is to ringing. (*Chorus*)

I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling.
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. (*Chorus*)

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

Lead a life of peacefulness, of godliness and dignity, seeking what is good and acceptable and right in the sight of God our Savior. May the God of hope sustain you, the Holy Spirit keep you, and Christ the Lord walk with you, today 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)
Donald Fiedler (cousin of Sandee Wilson)
Ed Bray (brother of Alice Bray)
Ed Larlick (friend of Dorothy Smith)
Kate McCullough (cousin of Susan Zimmerman)
Rima Mironas (mother of Dalia Lucas)
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

TODAY 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 TODAY!

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 Alma McKenzie in loving memory of her mother, Anna B. Henninger; and given in loving memory of their mother Polly from the Anderson family. The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Charlie Kellar from his wife Betty Lou. Deacons Cindy Anderson & 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.



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
—New Members Class 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

MONDAY—Session Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary then Lounge
—Deacon Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary then Auditorium

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Sanctuary

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
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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.