



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 306

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Upon the gathering of your people,

People: pour out your spirit, O Lord.

Leader: Be near to us and speak to us,

People: and we will proclaim your glory.

Leader: If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

People: Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

Leader: God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Blessed be God's holy name!

WORSHIP SONG

“Everybody Praise the Lord”

I thank the Lord for what for what He's done in us

I thank the Lord for His Love

I thank the Lord for what He's gonna do in us

From the heavens above

I thank the Lord for the smile that He's put on my face

I thank the Lord for His grace

I thank the Lord for the joy that He has given to me

'Cuz now I know that I am really set free

Everybody Everybody

Everybody Praise the Lord!

Everybody Everybody

Everybody Praise the Lord! (2x)

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

"More Love"

**Chorus: More love, more power, more of you in my life.
More love, more power, more of you in my life.**

And I will worship you with all of my heart.
And I will worship you with all of my mind.
And I will worship you with all of my strength.
For you are my God. (*Chorus*)

And I will sing your praise with all of my heart.
And I will sing your praise with all of my might.
And I will sing your praise with all of my strength.
For you are my God. You are my God. (*Chorus*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jackie Garcia

(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

"A Clean Heart"

Sanctuary Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart.
Renew my spirit, renew my spirit. Create in me a clean heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart.
Renew my spirit, renew my spirit, create in me a clean heart.

A heart that's free to give as You have giv'n to me, a heart that's free to love as You have loved me,
a heart that really cares, a heart that always shares. Create in me a clean heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart.
Renew my spirit, renew my spirit. Create in me a clean heart.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we call out in need, the Lord will answer. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

(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

We bring nothing into this world, and when we depart from this life we will take nothing out of it. All that we have is a gift from God; therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.

(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 give you thanks and praise, generous God, for every good gift that comes from your hand: for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends, above all for the treasure of your grace. Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, taking hold of the life that really is life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Great Reversal”
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

HYMN NO. 460

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
Holy God, we praise Your Name;
Lord of all, we bow before You;
All on earth Your scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain,
Everlasting is Your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All apostles join the strain
As Your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name You,
While in essence only One;
Undivided God we claim You,
And adoring bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

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 sovereign Lord bless you, may the Christ of mercy keep you, and the Holy Spirit sustain you, in this life and the life to come.



Praises: For the birth of Lucas Harold Ferguson (grandson of John and Brenda Shaffer)

Prayer Concerns: Karen Meade
Dan Wolfgang
Mark Hennessy
Helene Lyons (friend of Cindy Anderson)
John Anderson (brother of Kris Richard)
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)

Ongoing Concerns: Debbie Edwards
Joan George
Kerry Zimmerman
Debbie Watson
David Rankin



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of Bill Robinson from his wife, Peg; and given in celebration of Richard and Diane Raab's 60th wedding anniversary on September 26th. Deacon Sandee Wilson will deliver the flowers. Each week the flowers can be a bright moment for someone needing prayers or praise. If anyone in the congregation has a person in mind to give the pulpit flowers to, please contact Cindy Anderson at 215-672-3219.



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



CASSEROLES

We are looking for volunteers to help with assembling casseroles for St Francis Inn on Sunday, October 2 immediately following brunch.

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 Wilson at 215-343-6060.

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!



SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Monies are now due for the bus trip 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 the Fulton Steamboat Inn at 12:30 p.m. Show begins at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$116. Checks should be made payable to NWPC. There are a few seats available for anyone else who might want to join us.

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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Sanctuary

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Casserole Assembly 10:45 am Auditorium
—Mary-Martha Circle 10:45 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

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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.