



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

### WELCOME

### HYMN NO. 324

*“Open My Eyes That I May See”*

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear. (Refrain)

Open my mouth, and let me bear,  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share. (Refrain)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.**

Leader: In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.**

Leader: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end;  
They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God!**

## WORSHIP SONG

"Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord (repeat)

Our God You reign forever

Our hope Our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God the everlasting God

You do not faint You won't grow weary

And You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

*(You may be seated)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our salvation, we thank you for the gift of faith. We thank you for all those who have taught us the good news. Kindle in us always this gift, this good treasure, that we may live the life to which you have called us, according to your purpose and grace. We pray in the name of the one who abolished death and brought life to light through the gospel, our Savior Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Beautiful Scandalous Night”

Go on up to the mountain of mercy  
To the crimson perpetual tide  
Kneel down on the shore  
Be thirsty no more  
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain  
Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall  
Cleanse your heart and your soul  
In the fountain that flowed  
For you and for me and for all

*At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree  
On that beautiful scandalous night you and me  
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white  
On that beautiful, scandalous night*

On the hillside, you were delivered  
At the foot of the cross justified  
And Your spirit restored  
By the river that poured  
From our blessed Savior's side

## 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.)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

Christine Van Tassel, flute

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We turn to God in praise and prayer not from a position of power and strength, but from the broken edges of our lives, from the broken edges of the world and the church. We offer our prayers of confession, trusting in the One who is reconciling all things.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We misuse the natural resources of the earth in carelessness and greed. By our habits and apathies, others are subjected to desolation, even despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation. Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve and to wander without rest. We wait on you, O God. We hope in you. You alone can restore all things, even us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy, and peace. Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: that God has the power to save us and has given us grace through all the ages. We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. **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)*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Before us is a world in great need, waiting in hope. We are a people holding treasure meant to be given away: the good news of Christ; resources of time, talents, and money. If we are to participate in God's steadfast love and mercy, we must give sacrificially to the needs of God's people.

## 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

Gracious God, you are good news for a weary world. You are hope for people in despair, and you are home to exiles. Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring this day. Use them according to your own purpose and grace. In Christ's name we ask it. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup>'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"We Can't Earn It"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **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, dedi-  
cated 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. 513**

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees.)  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees.)  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

### **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 steadfast love of God be upon you. May the grace of Christ Jesus our Lord be with you. May the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you, now and forever.



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

**Prayer Concerns:** Joanne Cochran  
Dorothy Moritz  
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)

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





### PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Edith Miller in memory of family and loved ones; and in thanksgiving for the faithful Neshaminy members who are no longer with us from Howard & Carolyn Gilson. Deacons Leslie Bonner & Doris Rowley 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

Join us for bible study at 10:00 A.M.

**This week we will be meeting back in the Auditorium**

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*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook Off**

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2 pm**



## CASSEROLES

We are looking for volunteers to help with assembling casseroles for St Francis Inn TODAY 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](mailto:mrsrounds@gmail.com). God bless!



## RAISE THE ROOF FOR HOMELESSNESS

The Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless (operating Code Blue and homeless outreach in Central Bucks) is holding its annual Fundraiser Gala, *Raise the Roof for Homelessness*, Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Doylestown Country Club. Please consider coming out for a fun night to support this mission. For details and ticket purchase, please visit [centralbucks-codeblue.org/RaisetheRoofEvent2022!](http://centralbucks-codeblue.org/RaisetheRoofEvent2022!).

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Monday, November 7, 2022

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Coordinator Name:** Don Millin

**You can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)**



Blood supplies are low and the need is great. Presently, significant precautions are being taken to ensure the safety of each donor and Red Cross volunteer involved in the donation process. They are staggering appointments to keep contact to a minimum, doing temperature checks before donors step inside, practicing social distancing, and sanitizing everything constantly.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Please consider a donation and sign up today to save a life!

## 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.

## CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE AT NWPC.NET

Thanks to Lisa Forbes, Lee Nelmes, Brenda Shaffer, Dennis Forbes, John Shaffer, Barb Louderback, and Bob Louderback for all of their work!

TODAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

—Christian Ed Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge

—Casserole Assembly 10:45 am Auditorium

—Mary-Martha Circle 10:45 am Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Sanctuary

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

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### Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor

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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.