



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 417

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted lovingkindness
Hear Your people as they pray.
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

Here bestow to all Your servants
What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see what God has done.

People: God is awesome in God's deeds.

Leader: God turned the sea into dry land.

People: God's people passed through the river on foot.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.

People: Sing the glory of God's name.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Leader: Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land; bringing us
Across the river Jordan.

People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Leader: Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water:

People: God has brought us out to a spacious place. Our God is an awesome God!

WORSHIP SONG

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms,
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms,
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
just to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord." (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

"Amazed"

You dance over me, while I am unaware,
You sing all around, But I never hear the sound

*Lord I'm amazed, by you, Lord I'm amazed, by you,
Lord I'm amazed, by you, And how you love me*

You paint the morning sky, With miracles in mind
My hope will always stand, For you hold me in your hands (Chorus)

How deep, How wide, How great,
Is your love for me (2x) (Chorus)

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.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

"I Feel My Savior's Love"

I feel my Savior's love in all the world around me.
His Spirit warms my soul through ev'rything I see.
He knows I will follow Him, give all my life to Him.
I feel my Savior's love; the love He freely gives me.

I feel my Savior's love; its peacefulness enfolds me.
And when I kneel to pray, He answers tenderly.
He knows I will follow Him, give all my life to Him.
I feel my Savior's love; the love He freely gives me.

I feel my Savior's love and know that He will bless me.
I offer Him my heart; my Shepherd He will be.
He knows I will follow Him, give all my life to Him.
I feel my Savior's love; the love He freely gives me.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Since Jesus Christ was a descendant of David, Christ shared our humanity. He understands our struggles to be faithful. Yet even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Jesus came not to condemn or exclude, but to make us well, to make us whole. In his name we confess our sins and call out, "Lord, have mercy on us!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving! **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

Practicing gratitude can change our lives as individuals; it can change our life as a congregation. In the spirit of gratitude to God, our giving is not reduced to ethical duty but is elevated to delight and joy. As we offer to God these measured gifts, let us also offer unmeasured praise.

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

Like the shepherds in Bethlehem’s field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all things in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:11-14

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Part of Something Greater”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

We Believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN NO. 554

“Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
WE, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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 God keep watch over us and all nations; may Christ restore us, body and soul; and may the Holy Spirit help us to remain faithful, giving thanks to God our whole life long.



Prayer Concerns: Kari Watson
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)
Bill Reiss (father of Robin Haug)
Jonathan Wilson (son of Sandee Wilson)

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



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Jan and George Rounds in memory of her mother, Dorothy Danihel; and given in loving memory of their moms, Betty Stairs and Grace Traubel from Sally and Dave Traubel. The flowers on the communion table are given in memory of Jack Moore with love from Libby and family. Deacons Margaret Garr & Peg Kaelin 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.

Pulpit flowers are needed for October 30, November 13, 20, and 27. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.



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



PLEASE JOIN US!

Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook Off

Sunday, October 23rd 2 pm

MEN'S GROUP

First Meeting: **Sunday November 6th from 6:15pm to 7:45pm**

At Rick Rugel's 1741 Greenleaf Dr. Warrington, PA

This is your opportunity to get to know other men at NWPC better, and to participate in discussing the challenges we face in living a life of faith today. Please join us! For more information, or any questions you have you can talk to or email Pastor Mark or Rick Rugel.

Please *RSVP* so that we know how many will be coming.

pastormark@nwpc.net. Church Office: 215-343-6060

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



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!



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!.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE WILLIAM TENNENT HOUSE

The William Tennent House Association will have an Open House on Saturday, October 22nd from 10AM to 2PM. Parking is available at the Vamanos Childcare center next door. We will have tables set up outside with refreshments and information about the William Tennent House Association and the restoration of the William Tennent House. Mrs. Tennent will take groups into the house. For safety we are limiting the tour to the first floor. Our address is 880 York Road. The House is diagonally behind the Log College Monument and across the street from the Log College Condominiums. Come out to see the home of our founding pastor, the Rev. William Tennent, Sr.

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!

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
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge
—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

FRIDAY—Middle School/High School Hayride & Lockin 8 pm

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

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.