



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 426

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

WORSHIP SONG

“Majestic”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your Name in all the earth (2X)

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your Name in all the earth (2X)

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll Sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

I will worship You, I will worship You
I will worship You, I will worship You
We will worship You
We will worship You

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll Sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you remain constant through all of our striving, and patient with our ceaseless prayers. We seek your wisdom, yearn for your justice, and crave your blessing, for our own sakes and for the sake of the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ, who prays with us. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Sovereign”

Sovereign in the mountain air	All my hopes
Sovereign on the ocean floor	All I need
With me in the calm	Held in your hands
With me in the storm	All my life
	All of me
Sovereign in my greatest joy	Held in your hands
In my deepest cry	All my fears
With me in the dark	All my dreams
With me at the dawn	Held in your hands (2X)

*In your everlasting arm
All the pieces of my life
From beginning to the end
I can trust you
In your never failing love
You work everything for good
God whatever comes my way
I will trust you*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Donna Mazeika

(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

"Depth of Mercy"

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me,
Can my God His wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?
I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face,
would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned His hallowed name, put Him to an open shame.
There for me the Savior stands, shows His wounds and spreads His hands.

God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.
I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all. I surrender all!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

John & Melissa Keyburn, David & Maggie Bingham, and Dorothy Marét

CALL TO CONFESSION

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(Please stand if you are able)

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Glorify 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

Our God, who provides for our every need, invites us to give of ourselves as we work and wait for the coming reign of Christ. Trusting in the Spirit to sustain us in all things, let us share generously with those in need.

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

Eternal God, may these gifts be signs of your grace, and may our lives show forth the coming kingdom, that when Christ comes again he will find faith on earth. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Keep At It"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus, who called disciples, led them, gave them new names and new purpose and sent them out to preach good news. He washed their feet as a servant. He walked with them, ate with them, called them friends, rebuked them, encouraged them, promised to leave and then return, and promised to be with them always. He taught them to pray. He rejoiced, he sang, he feasted, he wept. We have confidence in Jesus, so we follow him, learn his ways, seek to obey his teaching and live by his example. We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him, as a branch in a vine. We have not seen him, but we love him. His words are to us words of life eternal, and to know him is to know the true and living God.

HYMN NO. 327

“O Word of God Incarnate”

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Savior,
Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
On all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims
By this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
We see You face to face.

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

Be of good courage, for the Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.



Prayer Concerns: Kari Watson
Joanne Cochran
Dorothy Moritz
Karen Meade
Dan Wolfgang
Craig Marvill (friend of Sue Rems)
Tim Godfrey (son in law of Sue Rems)
Helene Lyons (friend of Cindy Anderson)
John Anderson (brother of Kris Richard)
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 in memory of his parents, Jack & Phyllis Mekel, from their son Bob; and given in loving memory of David Wilson from his wife, Sandee. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Dottie Kieffer 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. in the Auditorium
Come and go in depth into that week's scripture to learn
not only what the passage is about, but how it is relevant in your life.
You can come and just listen or, ask any questions you would like.
Newcomers are always welcome!



Next Sunday, October 23rd, 2pm – Trunk or Treat/Chili Cook-Off
EVERYONE is invited to join us for this fun event! Decorate your car....**OR NOT!**
Hand out candy....**FOR SURE!**

Children should come in costume and will travel from car to car to collect their candy.
Our youth is decorating the lodge to be a haunted house (not too scary).

Anyone can make chili and enter the Chili Cook-off.
There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the outer narthex.
Please join us for this all-generational event!

MEN'S GROUP

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

At Rick Rugel's 1471 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

MONDAY—Admin/Finance Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Trunk or Treat & Chili Cookoff 2 pm Parking Lot

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.