



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 150

"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice;

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end;

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore,

"Alleluia! Amen!"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

People: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

People: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

Leader: Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God; honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary; serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation; for to Christ belong the power and the glory of the Almighty.

People: Praise be to God.

WORSHIP SONG

"Were You There"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O---h, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him on the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him on the tree?
O---h, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him on the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
O---h, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb??

Were you there when God raised him from the dead?
Were you there when God raised him from the dead?
O---h, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the dead?

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through the Lordship of your Son, Jesus Christ, the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose, and creation finds its meaning. Reveal to the world the gracious rule of Christ, end all enmity among the nations, and bring us soon to his glorious, peaceable kingdom; through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“El Shaddai”

Chorus

El Shaddai, El Shaddai El Elyon na Adoni

Age to age you're still the same

by power of the name.

El Shaddai, El Shaddai Erkahm ka na Adoni

We will praise and lift you high El Shaddai.

Through Your love and through the ram

You saved the son of Abraham

Through the power of Your hand

You turned the sea into dry land

To the outcast on her knees

You were the God who really sees

And by Your might you set Your children free **(Chorus)**

Through the years you made it clear

that the time of Christ is near

Though the people couldn't see

what Messiah ought to be

Though your word contained the plan

they just could not understand

Your most awesome work was done

in the frailty of Your son. **(Chorus)**

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

"Thanks and Blessings Flow"

***** Congregation, please sing with choir on 4th verse (bold print) *****

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

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.
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Alle, alleluia!

***** All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God Whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. *****

Now thank we all our God; now thank we all our God!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

With humble hearts, trusting in grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore we pray: Break our rebellious will. Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace. Expose our insincere thoughts. Give us integrity in our quest for truth. Release us from the fear of death. Grant us courage in the face of evil. Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom. For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God has rescued us for the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Through Christ our Lord, we are forgiven.

(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

With gratitude, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

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

Almighty God, receive our offering for the sake of Christ our Lord. Make us worthy stewards of your gifts and generous citizens of the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Hope in Difficult Times”
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. 151 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

3 Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

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 blessing of God, holy Trinity, be with you, this day and forevermore.



Prayer Concerns: Family of Joe Mazeika

Dorothy Moritz

Karen Meade

Helen Murray (mother of Susan Zimmerman)

David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

Family of Marlene Tyler (friend of Eloyce Sturgeon)

Carol Daniels (friend of Bonnie Guenzel)

Trey McFadden (friend of Wendy Wirsch)

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)

Rima Mironas (mother of Dalia Lucas)

Bill Reiss (father of Robin Haug)

Ongoing Concerns: Debbie Edwards

Joan George

Kerry Zimmerman

Debbie Watson

David Rankin (nephew of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of her good friend, Teresa Tecce from Alice Bray; and given to the glory of God. Deacons Dottie Kieffer & 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. Pulpit flowers are needed for November 20, 27 & December 25. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting: **Sunday January 15th from 6pm to 8pm**

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.

AN EVENING WITH BEN FRANKLIN

The William Tennent House Association cordially invites you a banquet featuring Mr. Robert DeVitis as Ben Franklin. If you attended our banquet last December, you would remember him with Sam Davis who portrayed George Washington. This year Dr. Franklin will share with us little known facts about his life. We will also have historic documents on display. The date is Saturday, December 3rd at 6PM at the Christ's Home Community Center. Our entrée choices are beef, chicken, and vegan. The cost is \$45 per person. The reservation deadline is November 23rd. Join us for a great evening with Ben and help support the restoration of the William Tennent House. For more information contact Wendy Wirsch, 267-261-1274.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

There is an ongoing need at local food banks and pantries. Warminster Food Pantry has expressed an urgent need. During the month of November please consider buying an extra bag of groceries as you do your grocery shopping. Food donations may be placed on the stage in the auditorium. Any canned goods or non-perishable items in boxes, cans or plastic bottles can be donated. For more info, please contact Barb Landis.

Here's a list of suggested items that are most needed by our local food banks:

Canned Vegetables	Powdered Milk	Peanut Butter / Jelly
Canned Tuna/Fish/Meats	Fruit Juice (100%)	Granola Bars
Soups/Pasta/Chili/Fruit/Beans	Rice / Pasta in boxes/bags	Applesauce
	Cereal / Oatmeal	

MEALS FOR OUR CODE BLUE GUESTS - DECEMBER 2022

We are once again planning for our Code Blue guests at NWPC in December. Your generosity as a congregation has provided hot and nourishing meals in the past, and the need continues to be great. Please prayerfully consider the information below as you decide how you can help. And many thanks in advance - you are a blessing!

Suggestions for meals:

Some suggestions for meals: LASAGNE; MACARONI & CHEESE; HOT DOGS & BEANS; MEAT LOAF, MASHED POTATOES with GRAVY; PORK & SAUERKRAUT; HAM & SCALLOPED POTATOES; PEROGIES; BAKED ZITI with MEAT BALLS/SAUSAGE; CHICKEN & RICE; or any foods that have protein and are easy to chew. Some of our homeless guests have dental problems and are not able to chew hard or crunchy foods. Also please be moderate with spices and seasonings.

Instructions for providing meals:

PLEASE PREPARE CASSEROLE for **12 people** in disposable covered aluminum casserole-sized pans. (The kitchen crew will be dishing the meal that you bring into individual containers to serve our guests.) Historically, the number of guests starts to increase as we get into the month. We may eventually ask for casseroles to serve 20 or so people, so as the number of our guests increases, we will let you know how many folks we can expect to feed. If you choose to add rolls or dessert, these need to be put into individual sandwich bags. So no pies, puddings, etc. Cakes, cookies, doughnuts, etc are great. You can drop off the casseroles: 1) "Hot" to the church kitchen at **7 PM**, 2) earlier in the day (attach reheating instructions & call me so I make sure someone is there to receive them), or 3) frozen (again we'll need instructions & phone call).

Because of covid, we will follow the same changes as last year:

1) Everything needs to be disposable.

2) We will be asking for donations of certain items and will be using a **SignUp Genius** for these items and also one for the actual casseroles. (**See links and QR codes below**). The cooks no longer need to provide extra vegetables or salads; these items will be on the SignUp Genius for miscellaneous donated items. We will no longer be serving food cafeteria-style as we used to, but will be packaging the meals in the kitchen for individual distribution to the guests in the auditorium. Therefore, we will need to have a tighter handle on quantity of food so we can avoid waste.

REMINDER: You will only need to cook for that evening **if a Code Blue is called** (usually wind chill factor of 26 degrees or less). If there is no Code Blue called, you will receive a call or email in the morning (usually before 10 AM) as soon as we are notified. (If you have prepared the meal ahead of time and a Code Blue is not called, you could always freeze it for possible use later in the month.)

Thank you for your willingness to prepare a meal for our homeless guests.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated by all of us!

If you have any questions, or do not want to use Sign Up Genius, **please contact** Jan Helsel (H#215-343-3778) (email: jjhelsel@yahoo.com).



Dinners link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4faba723a4fa7-nwpc4>



Supplies link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4faba723a4fa7-nwpc5>

CHRISTMAS PARTY & NATIVITY NIGHT



On Saturday, December 10th, at 4:00pm we will hold a catered dinner, decorate the Christmas tree, and enjoy a visit from Santa. Following the dinner, at 5:30pm, the Sunday school kids perform in a LIVE Nativity complete with LIVE sheep, goats, and a donkey. It is a night full of fellowship as well as a great opportunity to reach out and share the gift of Christmas with the community around us. Please sign up on one of the sheets in the Narthex or Auditorium.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MISSION

Our Christmas shoeboxes will be delivered to Crossroads Community Center by Santa on December 14th. If you would like to pack a shoebox please sign up in the outer narthex and take a list of gift suggestions. Please pack your shoebox to match the age and gender you signed up for as these match the children who attend the after-school program at Crossroads. Bring them to the church wrapped and labeled by December 4th. If you have any questions contact Donna Mazeika: donna.mazeika@nwpc.net

POINSETTIAS

All those interested in making donations for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas time please notify Dorothy Smith (215-343-1142) by Sunday, December 4. Please fill out the form below indicating which option you prefer:

- I am interested in making a donation (any dollar amount). I understand the poinsettias will be delivered to shut-ins.
- I prefer to make a donation for a poinsettia (\$10). I understand I can pick up this poinsettia after the 7:00 service on December 24.

As all donations will be noted in the Sunday, December 11 bulletin, please designate what the wording should be for you:

(In memory of, from Mr. & Mrs. Smith, etc.)

All checks should be made payable to Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church, Attn: Poinsettias and forwarded to the church at 1401 Meetinghouse Road, Hartsville, Warminster, PA 18974.

(Signature)

WHOLYFIT

WholyFit is a women's ministry for your mind, body and soul. We use gentle stretching and holding poses to increase stability, strength and flexibility as we grow closer in worship. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the auditorium. Live music from Keith Rounds every first Tuesday of the month. We will not meet in the month of December so the auditorium can be used for Code Blue. Please contact Chelsea Rounds at mrsrounds@gmail.com for more information

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

TODAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

MONDAY— Admin/Finance Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY— WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

THURSDAY— Thanksgiving (Office closed~No Choir Rehearsal)

FRIDAY— Office Closed

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

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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.