



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Day
December 25, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest! [Refrain]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus is among us!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

People: Christ is born!

WORSHIP SONG

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Chorus:

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent floods by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Chorus)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. (Chorus)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

On this day, Gracious Lord, you come to us as Word, as light, as flesh. Teach us to know you so well that our lives may befriend this world you have made, in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

Good news of great joy

For every woman, every man

This will be a sign to you

A baby born in Bethlehem

Come and worship, Do not be afraid

A company of angels
Glory in the highest
And on the earth peace among
Those of whom His favor rests
Come and worship, Do not be afraid

*My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord
My soul magnifies the Lord
He has done great things for me
Great things for me*

Unto you a child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Let every heart prepare His throne
And every nation under Heaven
Come and worship, Do not be afraid (Chorus)

Bridge: Contemporary Worship Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even on this day of celebration, let us come before the Holy One of Israel confessing our sins with contrite hearts, so that we may not deceive ourselves, but instead know the truth of our forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Incarnate God, by the light of your goodness and mercy, our failing to see your true light is clear: we have not loved you, we have not loved our neighbors, we have not loved ourselves. Our feet have not brought good news to the poor nor have our voices defended Earth and its creatures and plants. Forgive us, blind us with your holy honesty, so that we may more clearly see your will, and walk with sure steps into the way of wholeness and peace. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, beloved of the Holy One, in Christ Jesus, God has blessed all creation and called you to truth. As a minister of the gospel, and by the authority of church's witness, I proclaim to you forgiveness for all your sins. From this day forth, let your lives be given to the light, so that all the world will know the power of rebirth through Christ, Our Lord.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

For the sake of those in need, for the care of the church in proclaiming Christ's birth, and for all that God calls us to do, let us gather our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

"Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

(Please place your offering in the plate in the Narthex as you enter/exit the Sanctuary.)

(Please stand if you are able)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

These gifts, O God, are first from you, signs of your bounty meant for all your children. We joyously give you thanks for all that we have and are and ask your blessing on our offerings. Turn our lives to your will as we receive and as we give, for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

⁸Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“For Unto You”

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. 53

“What Child Is This”

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

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

Now may the true light shine on you. May the Son sent by God be your guide and strength. May you go in peace and live in hope, in Jesus' name.



Prayer Concerns: Lily Meade
Family of Sara Maull
Family of Joe Mazeika
Dorothy Moritz
Cathy Shaheen
Mel and Geremi Freceiro (friends of Sandee Wilson)
Jeff Smith (friend of the Darreffs)
Joanne Umbrecht (friend of Dorothy Smith)
Susan Cable (friend of Dorothy Smith)
Leslie McCartney (sister of Gail Bilsland)
Helen Murray (mother of Susan Zimmerman)
David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
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)
Sheha Ranade (friend of Beth Augustine)
Beth Moffa (friend of Beth Augustine)

Ongoing Concerns: Karen Meade
Debbie Edwards
Joan George
Kerry Zimmerman
Debbie Watson
David Rankin (nephew of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given wishing a Merry Christmas to everyone; and wishing our “Neshaminy Family” a blessed Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year from Jill and Peter Clayton. The flowers on the communion table are given in gratitude for our wonderful music program from Dorothy Moritz. Deacons Margaret Garr & 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

TODAY—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

SUNDAY—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor
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Rev. Sameh Shaker, Pastor of Visitation
Dr. Suzanne Zak Carver, Director of Music
Keith Rounds, Contemporary Music
Marianne Tierney, Business Manager
Cheryl Overton, Church Administrator

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.