



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023

PRELUDE

"Prelude" by Dubois

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

People: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

Leader: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

People: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Leader: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

People: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

People: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be to God!

WORSHIP SONG

"The Earth is Yours"

Your voice it thunders the oaks start twisting
The forest sounds with cedars breaking
The waters see You and start their writhing
From the depths a song is rising
Now it's rising from the ground

**Holy, Holy Holy, Holy Lord
The Earth is Yours and singing
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
The Earth is Yours the Earth is Yours**

Your voice it thunders the ground is shaking
The mighty mountains now are trembling
Creation sees You and starts composing
The fields and trees they start rejoicing.

*Now it's rising from the ground
Now it's rising from the ground
Hear us crying out Hear us crying out*

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Holy Is Your Name”

Lord of all Lords, ancient of days
All glory to the name, we magnify and praise
Worthy and pure, truthful and right
Awesome in majesty, and glorious in might

*Holy is Your name, faithful and true
Beautiful Savior, we come to worship You
Holy is Your name, high above all
We come to praise You, now on your name we call*

Fairest of fair, God with us now
Let every tongue confess, and every knee will bow (Chorus)

You are holy, You are worthy, we call on Your holy name
You are holy, You are worthy, we call on Your holy name (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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Elevation in F Major Op. 39, No. 1” by Guilmant

Lee Nelmes

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

People: Thanks be to God!

(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

God gives us not only genesis life but the new life born of repentance, forgiveness, and resurrection. Therefore, with generous hearts, let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us in our baptismal covenant with God and each other.

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

Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13–4:11

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” **4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

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⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Which Voice Do You Listen To?"

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. 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)

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 God who called Jesus “beloved” speak blessing to you, beloved sons and daughters, and empower you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it.

POSTLUDE

“Postlude” by Stults



Prayer Concerns: Family of Lavada Kennedy
Pauline Bush
Lily Meade
Dorothy Moritz
Elsie Stoud (sister of Dottie Kieffer)
Eileen Kardon (friend of Laura Stillinovich)
Karin Hart (sister of Laura Stillinovich)
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)
William McFadden (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Craig Marvill (friend of Sue Rems)
Tim Godfrey (son in law of Sue Rems)

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 in honor of Alice Bray from Peg Kaelin; and given to the glory of God. Deacons Peg Kaelin & 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.

Pulpit flowers donations are needed for January 22, & 29 and February 5 & 12. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

MISSION CORNER

Gift Card Mission

Once again you have exceeded expectations on the GIFT CARDS mission. We had \$2775.00 to give to Crossroads in North Philadelphia, West Kensington Ministry, Oxford Circle in Frankford and some for Code Blue for Christmas.

Your generosity has put so many smiles on families struggling.
YOU are AWESOME!

Mission Team Meeting

Our next Mission Team meeting will be held next Sunday, January 15th at 10:45 am in the Book Lounge

Help with Our Youth Project

NWPC Youth will be doing a project for MLK Day of Service during youth group, on Sunday evening, January 15th. We will be putting together Female Care Kits for the prison ministry at Crossroads Community Center. If you would like to contribute you can take a tag from the board in the outer narthex and bring that item back next Sunday, January 15th. Thank you!





WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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!

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.

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. Please contact Chelsea Rounds at mrsrounds@gmail.com for more information.

GIFTS OF STOCK

Gifts of Stock are always welcome as donations toward the Unified Budget, Dedicated and Capitol Campaign Funds. If you are considering a gift of stock or would like more information, please be in touch with Marianne Tierney, our business manager by email at financemanager@nwpc.net. Marianne is in the office Monday thru Thursday from 9-2:00 if you would like to stop by her office or by phone at ext. 103.

*Thank
you*

Thank you to the Mission Team for making our hallways a bit brighter
by replacing all of the light bulbs.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium
—Mary-Martha Circle 10:45 am Lounge
—Mission Team Meeting 10:45 am Book Lounge
—Youth Group 6pm-8pm Youth Room

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor
Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth
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.