



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

## WELCOME

### HYMN NO. 438

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

**People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

**People: In Christ we behold the Light of God.**

Leader: Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

**People: Glory to God forever. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit. The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit. That gift is available this day. May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine.

**People: Amen.**

## WORSHIP SONG

### "Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,  
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial,  
Of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,  
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh,  
And these are the days of Your servant David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise.

These are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in Your world,  
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,  
Declaring the word of the Lord! (Chorus)

There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah!  
There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah! (3x)

There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah!  
There is no one like our God! (Chorus)

*(You may be seated)*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **WORSHIP SONG**

*"Lord, You have My Heart"*

Lord You have my heart and I will search for Yours.

Jesus, take my life and lead me on.

Lord, You have my heart and I will search for Yours.

Let me be to You a sacrifice.

And I will praise You Lord, and I will sing of love come down.

And as You show Your face, we'll see Your glory here.

### **BAPTISM**

Remi Petersen

*(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**

*"Hymn of Devotion"*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin.

*(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

Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count. Through steadfast love and faithful care, God enriches us in every way. Therefore, do not delay! Let us offer to God ourselves this day, all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love of Christ.

## 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

We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
**2**To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: **3**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **4**I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5**for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— **6**just as the testimony of<sup>[c]</sup> Christ has been strengthened among you— **7**so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8**He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

“God Is Faithful”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Confession of 1967

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to people, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

## HYMN NO. 429

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission,

And the gospel go unheard,

Help us witness to your purpose

With renewed integrity;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
Daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us  
Share your children's liberty;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
All that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
To a just society:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

## **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's steadfast love and mercy lead you, and make your steps secure, keeping you forever safe on paths of righteousness and peace.



***Prayer Concerns:*** Family of Lavada Kennedy

Pauline Bush

Lily Meade

Dorothy Moritz

Family of Margaret Baker

Jennifer Young (niece of Alice Bray)

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)

William McFadden (friend of Wendy Wirsch)

Craig Marvill (friend 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 memory of Richard Goodman from his family; and given in loving memory of her mother, Virginia B. Haller from her daughter, Beth Haller. Deacons Leslie Bonner & Margaret Garr 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 12. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

## **MEN'S GROUP**

Next Meeting: **TONIGHT 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](mailto:pastormark@nwpc.net).



### **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!

### **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](mailto:mrsrounds@gmail.com) for more information.

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed)

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium  
—The Compassionate Friends 7 pm Lounge

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

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

## 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.