



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

### WELCOME

### HYMN NO. 391

### "Take My Life"

1 Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose,  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Peace be with you.

**People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit.

**People: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

Leader: Sing praise to God, who gathers us here;

**People: from the ends of the earth we come.**

Leader: With a word of promise, a spring of water, a loaf of bread, and a cup of wine,

**People: God turns our mourning into dancing, our sorrow into joy.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Your Love Never Fails”

Nothing can separate even if I ran away  
Your love never fails  
I know I still make mistakes,  
but You have new mercies for me everyday  
Your love never fails

**You stay the same through the ages**  
**Your love never changes**  
**There may be pain in the night**  
**But joy comes in the morning**  
**And when the oceans rage**  
**I don't have to be afraid**  
**Because I know that You love me**  
**Your love never fails**

The wind is strong and the water's deep but  
I'm not alone here in these open seas  
Your love never fails  
The chasm is far too wide I never thought I'd reach the other side  
Your love never fails

You make all things work together for my good. (4x)

*(You may be seated)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. **Amen.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Give Me Jesus”

In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
Give me Jesus

*Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
Just give me Jesus*

When I am alone  
When I am alone  
Oh, when I am alone  
Give me Jesus

When I come to die  
When I come to die  
Oh, when I come to die  
Give me Jesus

## **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**

“Revelation Song”

Debbie Flick

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

*(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 what shall we come before the Lord this day? We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing Christ’s love. Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world.

### 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

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"The Foolish Cross"  
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 John 4:7-12

**Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.**

## HYMN NO. 92

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
Two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love  
And my unworthiness.

## 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 Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine brightly on your path as you walk the way of justice and peace. And the blessing of God—the Creator, Healer, and Giver of Life—bless you and keep you always.



**Prayer Concerns:** Family of Betty Neely  
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 Bilslan)  
David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)  
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)

## NWPC 2023

**Our 2023 Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 5th  
in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.**

### Contributions

budget 2022: \$470,000 Actual: \$455,355

### 2022 Endowment

Starting: 807,127 Ending: 1,006,970

Thank you for your faithful giving during 2022. For our budget for 2023, we are hoping you will prayerfully consider a 10% increase in your giving. For example, if you gave \$2,000 in 2022, then we are asking for an increase to \$2,200. This will allow us to continue to support our church's mission and keep us strong going forward.

### HANDBELLS



An intergenerational handbell choir is forming to play at Easter and we would like YOU to participate! Calling anyone, ages 10-100. No experience required. Practice is on Sunday, 10:30, starting February 5th. After the service, you have time to sip your coffee, eat your bagel and come to the choir room to ring! If interested, please contact Suzanne Zak Carver, [Suzanne.zak@nwpc.net](mailto:Suzanne.zak@nwpc.net), 215-343-6060, ext. 104.

### PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of their cousin, Ronald McCrindle from Marion and Isabel McLauchlan; and given to the glory of God. Deacons Cindy Anderson & 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.



### 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!



## YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP/MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

**Mark your Calendars for Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>!** The Mission Team and Christian Education Team will be hosting a Dinner/Bingo Night/Auction Fundraiser. The money raised will support our Youth Mission Trip and other Missions we support as a church. We are in need of baskets for BINGO Prizes and items for the Auction. You can help by asking businesses you know to make donations or by donating and putting together a basket.

**Here are a few basket suggestions:** Outdoor things for kids (bubbles, chalk, water toys, goggles, fun floats), Fire Pit with smores kit, Grill with tools, Plants and/or stuff to plant (think veggie garden too), Fishing basket (rod, tacklebox), Movie and Candy, Girl scout Cookie and Wine basket, Family Game Night, Outdoor Games, Golf related items, Pet grooming/Pet toys, Coffee/Tea Basket/Espresso, Massage/Facial, Hair Salon, CrockPot/Cookware, Lottery Tickets, Margarita/Taco night, Beach Chair/Cooler/Towels, Legos, National Park Pass, hiking stuff, FitBit, Book Club, Arts/Crafts, Ice Cream Sundae, Knitting/Crocheting Basket

**Suggestions of places to call for donations:** Restaurants, Bowling - Thunderbird, Bowlero, Urban air, Sky zone, Lawn and garden centers - Holly Days, Gasper, Breweries - Artifacts, Crooked Eye, Warwick, Mini Golf - Merry Mead, Freddy Hill, iFly, Bucks County River Tubing, Gym Membership, Michaels

*If you don't have time or can't think of something to do  
you can also donate money for us to buy items for baskets and prizes.*

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Coordinator Name:** Don Millin

**You can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter NWP**



Blood supplies are low and the need is great. If you've donated in the past - THANK YOU and we look forward to seeing you again on February 23rd. If you haven't ever given blood, PLEASE consider making this your first time. The need is continuous and the satisfaction of helping others with what truly is "the gift of life" is rewarding. If you have questions, you can contact Don at PSU2242@gmail.com or 267-402-0040. Please consider a donation and sign up today to save a life!



# BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!

## SUMMER CAMP FOR NWPC KIDS!

Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>- Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

2nd thru 5th Grades

**Bear Creek Camp** in the Poconos Mountains (1 hour and 40 minutes from NWPC)

**[Bearcreekcamp.org](http://Bearcreekcamp.org)** (ELCA: Lutheran Church in America)

Bear Creek Camp's overnight camping program, is a traditional camp program centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living and small group development. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout their week to meet their group's spiritual, social and developmental needs.

### **What do we do at camp?**

Camp sessions begin on Sunday afternoon and end Friday afternoon. Campers spend their time living and playing together: swimming, boating, hiking, worshipping, playing games, discussing their faith, camping, making arts and crafts, learning about the environment, singing and much more.

### **Where do we live at camp?**

Campers live in a cabin according to their gender and grade. Each cabin is paired with another to make a Quest Group. Quest Groups form the campers' main family group for their time at camp.

Camp Director Collin Grooms will be with us on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> to do a presentation and answer any questions parents have.

**NWPC Cost: \$350.00 per child**

**(NWPC will provide a coupon code for registration)** Registration by March 31

*\*If cost is an issue please speak with Pastor Mark or Donna.*

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Outreach Team and Deacons are in the process of updating our church directory and need your help! Please fill out the Church Directory form which you will receive in the mail or you can find below. Once completed, your form may be deposited in the bins marked "Church Directory Form", found on a table in the Narthex outside of the sanctuary or in the auditorium, or can be mailed to the church office. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

### NWPC Directory Information Form *(Please print all information)*

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(required) *Last* *First*

**Spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name* *Home Phone Number*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City* *State* *Zip Code*

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse**  
**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse**  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am willing for the above information to appear in a secure section of the church website.

\_\_\_\_ Please remove my name from the membership rolls of NWPC.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print all information)*

# 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  
—William Tennent House Assoc. 2 pm Lounge

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

## WAYS TO GIVE



**ONLINE:**

[www.nwpc.net](http://www.nwpc.net)



**ON YOUR PHONE:**

- Open the camera on your phone
- Point the camera at the QR code
- Follow phone prompts to give via credit card



**ENVELOPE:**

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