



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 383

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll.
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to the work of Israel, to the work of Jesus.

People: We are called to spread God's love in this world.

Leader: We can do this work, as we are, because of the Holy Spirit.

People: By God's grace, we are salt. Leader: We purify, we cleanse, we bind, we bring out the best in people. People: By God's grace, we are light.

Leader: We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

People: By God's grace, we follow the commandments and the law.

Leader: We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

People: By God's grace, we are salt. We are light. God transforms us and uses us.

Leader: Let us worship our God, so full of transformative grace.

WORSHIP SONG

"Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits upon the throne

And unto the Lamb

Praise and glory wisdom and thanks

Honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever

Be to our God forever and ever

Be to our God forever and ever, Amen

And we the redeemed shall be strong, In purpose and unity.

Declaring aloud (*Chorus*)

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

"King Jesus"

All creation shook on that very day
The Lamb was slain
Then redemption came to anyone
Who would call His name

With power and with strength
You broke these heavy chains
And salvation reigned
And with a shout of praise
And with our voices raised

*King Jesus, You are victorious
You have conquered death with this life of love
King Jesus, You are victorious
You paid the final debt for all of us
King Jesus, You are victorious*

None can separate the very hope
And grace that He displayed
Neither height nor depth
Or anyone can steal the love He gave
And with a shout of praise
And with our voices raised (Chorus)

Bridge: Contemporary Worship Team

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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

"When the Storms of Life Are Raging (Stand By Me)"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

(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)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Like a spring whose waters never fail, God calls us to share what we have received. 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

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-11

58 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Therefore”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and God of might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

COMMUNION SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed Be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name (*Chorus*)

Chorus:

*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name (*Chorus*)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name (*Chorus*)

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 true light, shine upon you, that you may walk in righteousness all your days.

HYMN NO. 327

“O Word of God Incarnate”

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Savior,
Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
On all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims
By this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
We see You face to face.

POSTLUDE



- Prayer Concerns:*** Family of Janice Perkins
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)
David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
William McFadden (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
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)

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, 215-343-6060, ext. 104.

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Joseph Pataki and children in memory of Betty Pataki; and given in memory of her mother, Florence Bray from her daughter, Alice. Deacons Peg Kaelin & Don Millin 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

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

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!



USHERS

We need occasional help ushering on Sundays. There will be an informational meeting after church at 10:30am on Sunday March 19 in the lounge. Please consider helping and joining us on the 19th. "Many hands make light work." Call Peter Clayton at 215-343-2449 if you have any questions.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CONCERN CENTER VOLUNTEER?

Current members of the Concern Center and others who would like to be involved in the Concern Center are invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, February 19 at 10:30 in the Church lounge. The Concern Center works with the Deacons. The Center sends out cards to members who have friends or relatives who could use prayers and a little cheer. Cards are provided. Like the Deacons, the Concern Center provides a little sunshine to those who need a little help. The Concern Center, working with the Deacons, also answers calls for transportation, meals.

If you have any questions about the Concern Center, please call Joanne Cochran at 215-290-0079. We hope to see you at the meeting!

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, 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. Be a Hero and sign up to give blood. Every donation saves three lives!

Every registered donor will receive an Amazon \$10.00 gift card via email and will be entered to for a chance to win a trip to Florida for two.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP/MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Mark your Calendars for Saturday March 18th! 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/Esspresso, 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.*

BY FORCE AND ARMS

Join the William Tennent House Association in welcoming back Clint Flack and Annie Halliday of the Mercer Museum as they present "By Force and Arms" which is the second part of the Doan Gang of Bucks County series. This presentation will focus on the story of the famous Newtown Treasury robbery in October 1781. It will also cover other important robberies and events leading up until October 1782. The presentation will take place on Saturday, February 25th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, in the church auditorium. The cost is \$10 per person (\$12 at the door). Refreshments will be served. I hope our wonderful Neshaminy bakers will help us with some goodies. You don't want to miss this exciting event. For more information contact Wendy Wirsch 267-261-1274 or wbw42451@gmail.com



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!

SUMMER CAMP FOR NWPC KIDS!

Sunday June 18th- Friday June 23rd

2nd thru 5th Grades

We would like to offer this opportunity to your children this summer! For those of you who have older youth going on the mission trip, it is the same week. Please consider this prayerfully. It will be a chance for our children to grow in their faith while building relationships with each other and other children who will be there. Speaking from experience, some of my best memories are from church camp with my Sunday school friends. Donna

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

Register online at: Bearcreekcamp.org

Use code: NWPC23 (all caps) and Select Tier A

Cost: \$350.00

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. 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. 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 26th to do a presentation and answer any questions parents have.

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



Adult Mission Team – We are looking for volunteers to assist in rehabbing houses in Phoenixville this spring with our partner Good Works.

Good Works is a Christian nonprofit organization whose mission is: Transforming lives by repairing homes for low-income families and sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ. Our services are currently offered to homeowners in central & northern Chester County, PA. Repairs are provided at no cost to the homeowners and volunteers do most of the work.

Do you have construction/handyman skills? Perfect – your help and guidance is needed. No construction skills but are willing to follow directions and learn new skills? Perfect - there is work for you too. We have all sorts of skill levels. The tasks are varied so we can match people to the available tasks. There is always a supervisor to guide us.

Our group typically works at the same site or sometimes we split into two groups so you will always be with someone from our team.

We have four dates planned and you can sign up for one date or all four dates:

Thursday 3/23

Thursday 4/13

Thursday 5/18

Thursday 6/15

If you can't volunteer but would like to donate to Good Works please visit –
<https://www.goodworksinc.org/>

Contact Dave or Darlene Baker if interested @ dbaker@dbrobertsgroup.com in learning more about this volunteer opportunity. Example – Darlene has NO construction skills but has helped many times and learned lots of new skills.

Thanks to all for Making a Difference. Join us for the fun and fellowship and giving back.

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 received 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 **Spouse**
Cell Phone: _____ **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
- Annual Meeting immediately following the Worship Service
- 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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge

- Funeral Service for Bruce Dennis 11 am (Visitation at 10 am)

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

- Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
- Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium
- Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room
- Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Lounge

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



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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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