



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name.

People: Holy is He!

Leader: O Lord, you are a lover of justice,

People: You seek equity and have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.

People: Holy is He!

Leader: We praise your great and awesome name.

People: We come to worship you at your holy mountain.

WORSHIP SONG

“Holy is the Lord”

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing

[Chorus]

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty
Holy, Holy

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord our God, your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ. Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence. May we enter your house and pay homage to him whose infant arms were already reaching out to the ends of the earth that all might be gathered in. In your triune name, we pray.
Amen.

WORSHIP SONG

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness
'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song
Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me
And I'll never be alone

*Come Thou Fount come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of every blessing*

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jackie Garcia

(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

"Here in the Silence", with Christine Van Tassel, flute

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the transfiguration story, Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God's love, compassion and justice will be established on the earth. So let us confess before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. **Amen.**

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story, and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too we are God's beloved people. Be forgiven and restored to our right standing as God's beloved.

(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 is the giver of life and the resources therein. Let us now dedicate our lives and resources to the God in whom we live and move and have our being.

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 God, for the gifts we have received from your good creation. We now ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer here today so that they might be a sign of our commitment to serve you in all that we are and do. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"From Mountain top to Hilltop"

Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. Amen.

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!

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 sure foundation, uphold you. May the Spirit, holy wisdom, guide you. May God, perfect love, grant you peace.



Prayer Concerns: Howard Gilson
Robin Haug
Lily Meade
Dorothy Moritz
Donny Fiedler (cousin of Martha Post (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Jennifer Young (niece of Alice Bray)
Elsie Stoud (sister of Dottie Kieffer)
Eileen Kardon (friend of Laura Stillinovich)
Karin Hart (sister of Laura Stillinovich)
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)

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

NWPC 2023

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.

BINGO				
14	29	38	52	74
4	18	33	46	62
7	16	★	60	71
9	27	44	51	67
12	23	35	47	73

MISSION CORNER

BINGO~DINNER~BINGO

Save the date!

Saturday, March 18th 4pm—7pm



Proceeds to benefit our ongoing Mission projects AND Youth Group mission trip in June. There will be lots of gift baskets and food, and it will be a fun night! Tickets will be sold starting TODAY during Food & Fellowship. Adults are \$25, children are \$10.

If you would like to help, 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.*

WE WILL BE HAVING AN ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY

February 22nd at 10:am

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season in the church year known as Lent. Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter and to renew our life in the mystery of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, a biblical symbol of mourning and penitence. This ancient sign speaks of the fragility of human life and marks the penitence of the community of faith. We invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of Harry Kieffer from his wife Dottie; and by Charlotte Rugel in memory of loved ones. Deacons Leslie Bonner & Jen Kreisler 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.

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.



5TH ANNUAL WKM GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 15, 2023 Best Ball/Scramble Format

9:45 a.m. Shot-Gun Start (Sign-In/Registration starting at 8:45 AM)

~ Five Ponds Golf Club ~

Donation: \$175.00 per player



Includes: Lunch • Greens Fees and Cart • Putting Contest • 8 Hole Prizes, Door Prize
Post-Tournament Reception • A fun day to benefit a Critical Urban Ministry

Support Opportunities: Sponsor a Hole - \$250 • Sponsor or Donate a Prize - \$400 or prize value • Sponsor WKM logo Golf Balls - \$900 • Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Golf Outing - \$7500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Lunch - \$1500 • Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Reception - \$2500 • Silent Auction - Bid or Donate an Auction Item • Purchase Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle

To Register: go to www.westkensingtonministry.com, Click on the GREEN "Golfer Registration" icon. It's near the bottom of the home page.
More info? Contact: Chad Pilling – pillingcb@gmail.com

USHERS

We need occasional help ushering on Sundays. There will be an informational meeting after church at 10:30am TODAY, downstairs in the book 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.

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.*

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

TODAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

- Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
- Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium
- Concern Center Meeting 10:30 am Lounge
- Usher Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge
- Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room

MONDAY—Presidents' Day (Office closed)

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Ash Wednesday Service/Bible Study 10 am Sanctuary

THURSDAY—Red Cross Blood Drive 2 pm Auditorium

- Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—Private Function 10 am Auditorium

- William Tennent House Assoc. Fundraiser 7 pm Auditorium

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

- Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
- Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium
- Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room
- Bear Creek Presentation 10:30 am
- Private Function 12 pm Auditorium
- 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



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www.nwpc.net



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- 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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