



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 481

“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”

Praise the Lord, God’s glories show, Alleluia!
Saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
All that see and share God’s love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!
Tell the wonders, sing God’s worth, Alleluia!
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!
Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!
All that God for us has done, Alleluia!
All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams

People: so our souls long for you, O God.

Leader: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

People: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Leader: My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan.

People: Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers wash over me.

Leader: Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

People: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

WORSHIP SONG

“Carry Your Love”

We are called out; we are ransomed
we are not of the world we're in
We are chosen; we are blessed
to bring light to God's children
So Creator sow Your seed give us life in community
Wake us from our sleep this is Your time; this is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking

*Under Your grace we are led by Your Spirit
You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son
Give us Your Word; we are eager to hear it
Ready our hearts to carry Your love*

You are sunlight; You are morning
You're the hope of a brand new day
You are comfort; You are blessing
and You wipe all our tears away
So change us from within render miracles from our sin
Remind us once again this is Your time, This is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking.

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days
I want to praise
the wonders of your
mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath
all that I am
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord
on the earth let us sing
power and majesty praise to the king
Mountains bow down
and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name

I sing for joy
at the work of your hand
Forever I'll love you
forever I'll stand

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Donna Maxzeika

(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.)

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

Ordination of Linda Goodman & Erin Nelmes

Installation of Elders—Beth Augustine, Jim Flick, Linda Goodman, Erin Nelmes, John Shaffer

Installation of Deacons—Beth Haller, Linda King, Patrick Van Tassel

CHOIR ANTHEM

"My Feet Are Tired, But My Soul Is Resting"

Soloists-Sue Rugel & Wendy Uzelac

My feet are tired, but my soul is resting. My feet are tired, but my soul is resting.

My feet are tired, but my soul is resting: I'm walking for the glory of the Lord.

Hallelujah! (Hallelujah!) Hallelujah! (Hallelujah!) I'm walking for the glory of the Lord.

My feet are worn, but my soul is shining. My feet are worn, but my soul is shining.

My feet are worn, but my soul is shining: I'm walking for the glory of the Lord.

I'm walking for the glory of the Lord.

Hallelujah! (Hallelujah!) Hallelujah! (Hallelujah!) I'm walking for the glory of the Lord.

My feet cry out, but my soul is singing! My feet cry out, but my soul is singing!

My feet cry out, but my soul is singing: I'm walking for the glory of the Lord.

I'm walking for the glory of the Lord.

Hallelujah! (Hallelujah!) Hallelujah! (Hallelujah!) I'm walking for the glory of the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

As thirsty people wandering through this season of Lent, we seek God's forgiveness and grace in this moment of honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are more aware of our thirst for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well today desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." Come, drink deep, and know that you are forgiven. **Amen.**

(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 generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

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

God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ’s ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing and the destitute. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?” ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” ¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” ¹⁶He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” ¹⁷“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” ¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.

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²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” ²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” ²⁷Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ³¹Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” ³³Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” ³⁴“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.” ³⁹Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴²They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Looking for You”
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(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. 326

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, springing up like living water, fill your heart, and flow through your life.



Prayer Concerns: Robin Haug
Lily Meade
Dorothy Moritz
Jerry Furr (friend of Barb & John Landis)
Donnie Fiedler (cousin of Sandee Wilson)
Wesley Roche (friend of Sarah Vollman-Hull)
Russ Levo (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Charles Frijia (friend of Steve Uzelac)
John Anderson (brother of Kris Richard)
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)
Leslie McCartney (sister of Gail Bilmland)
David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
David Rankin (nephew of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

Ongoing Concerns: Karen Meade
Debbie Edwards
Joan George
Kerry Zimmerman
Debbie Watson

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Mr. and Mrs. Meade in memory of her father, Francis Almestead; and given in loving and adoring memory of his wife, and the mother of their three children, Patty Danihel from Rick, Matt, Kevin and Brian Danihel. Deacons Dottie Keiffer & 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.



MISSION CORNER

Come One, Come All

BINGO night March 18th from 4 pm to 8 pm

Come have dinner and lots of fun Bingo games, prizes, baskets to chance off
Adults \$25.00 Children \$10.00 Tickets on sale at Food & Fellowship or at nwpc.net

Proceeds to benefit ongoing Mission projects and Youth Mission Trip in June

SEE YOU THERE!

BINGO			
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EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 2pm for children ages 2 – grade 5. Children will be divided into age groups. If you would like to help we are in need of the following donations: Plastic Eggs, Individually wrapped candy (NO NUTS OR NUT BUTTER!!!), prizes (i.e. chocolate bunnies, small stuffed animals, children's books, bubbles, balls, coloring books, small board games, fast food, Dairy Queen or coffee shop gift cards {\$5})

Bring you children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews neighbors!! All are welcome!

Please bring donations in by SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH



SAVE THE DATE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 16TH—JULY 19TH

MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting: March 26th from 6PM to 8PM

At Rick Rugel's – 1471 Greenleaf Drive
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 Pastor Mark or Rick Rugel. Please let us know if you plan to join us so we know how many will be coming. See you then. Should be a good time!



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.

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.

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

THE GIANTS OF VILLAINY-THE DOAN GANG OF BUCKS COUNTY

Clint Flack and Annie Halliday of the Mercer Museum return to present the third and final part of the Doan Gang of Bucks County series, "The Giants of Villainy." This presentation will explore the aftermath of their biggest robbery including court proceedings, executions, and exile. Also covered will be the details of the Halsey cabin shootout in 1783. Please join the William Tennent House Association for this presentation on Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at 7PM at the Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$10 per person prior to the event or \$12 at the door. We're hoping some of the wonderful Neshaminy bakers will help us out with refreshments.



EASTER LILIES

All those interested in making donations for lilies to decorate the sanctuary at Easter please notify Dorothy Smith (215-343-1142) no later than Friday, March 31. Please fill out the form below indicating which option you prefer:

I am interested in making a donation (any dollar amount). I understand the lilies will be delivered to shut-ins.

I prefer to make a donation for a lily (\$10). I understand I can pick up this lily after the 9 o'clock service.

As all donations will be noted in the Sunday, April 9 bulletin, please designate what the wording should be for you:

(In memory of, from Mr. & Mrs. Smith, etc.)

All checks should be made payable to Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church, Attn: Easter Lilies and forwarded to the church at 1401 Meetinghouse Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

(Signature)

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

TODAY—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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—The Compassionate Friends 7 pm Auditorium
—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—Bingo Night 4 pm Auditorium

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



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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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