



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

PRELUDE “Voluntary’ arranged from St. Cecilia Mass” by Gounod

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. *(Refrain)*

Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share. *(Refrain)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: God's goodness and mercy are always close.

WORSHIP SONG

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you, I want to see you (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up

Shining in the light of your glory

Pour out your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you, I want to see you (repeat)

Holy, holy, holy (3X)

I want to see you

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a "before" and "after," a "now" and "then"; that we may also say, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light, we pray. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Only You”

Men: Only You Women: can shake the mountains

Men: Only You Women: can calm the oceans

Men: Only You Women: can hold the heavens

In the palm of Your hand

Women: Tell me who Men: can look inside me

Women: Tell me who Men: can purify me

Women: Tell me who Men: still loves me deeply

More than I understand... Only You

With a word You spoke the heavens into place

Scattered stars and gave the earth its frame

Who are we that You should touch us with Your grace?

And who am I, oh Lord, that You should know my name?

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.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

(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 gratitude for God’s faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

“Absolution” by Guilmant

Lee Nelmes

(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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-12

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." ¹⁰"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. ¹¹He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." ¹²"Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Was Blind but Now I See"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

HYMN NO. 280

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

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 love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit keep you; as you dwell in the house of the Lord your whole life long.

POSTLUDE

“With Sounding Brass” by Nordman



Prayer Concerns: Robin Haug
Lily Meade
Dorothy Moritz
Charles Sutton (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
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 Bilsland)
David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
David Rankin (nephew of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
William McFadden (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Helene Lyons (friend of Cindy Anderson)

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

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of her parents Alice and Allen Cullis from Audrey Read; and given in celebration of their granddaughter, Isabelle's, 9th birthday from Don and Jan Millin. 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.



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

FOOD COLLECTION

The need for assistance is great right now and you can help! We still collect non-perishable food items for the Coordinating Council of Health and Welfare's Warminster Food Bank. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the bin right inside the double-glass doors closest to the office any Sunday directly before or after the worship service. This ongoing mission is coordinated by the Deacons. If you have any questions please contact Pam Sandee Wilson at 215-343-6060.

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.*



5th Annual WKM Golf Outing

(Benefiting West Kensington Ministry)



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
Hole Prizes, Door Prizes
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



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

MONDAY—Finance/Property Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

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
—Men’s Group 6 pm Home of Rick Rugel

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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