



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

PRELUDE

"Tender Savior, Trusted Lord"

Handbell Ringers

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain:

*All glory, laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. *(Refrain)*

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. *(Refrain)*

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! *(Refrain)*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

People: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD;

People: the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

People: you are my God; I will extol you.

WORSHIP SONG

"Were You There"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O---h, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him on the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him on the tree?

O---h, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him on the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O---h, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb??

Were you there when God raised him from the dead?

Were you there when God raised him from the dead?

O---h, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when God raised him from the dead?

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:12-19

²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Hosanna"

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna, hosanna

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

I see a generation
Rising up to take the place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees
[Chorus]

Bridge: Contemporary Worship Team

[Chorus]

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

"Jubilate, Alleluia!"

(Handbell Ringers: Dave Baker, Lynne Friedel, Jan Helsel, Jamme Lucas, Kyle Montgomery, Sue Rugel, Sue Rems, Jack Roushey, Sadie Van Tassel, Ondine Van Tassel, Patrick Van Tassel, Christine Van Tassel, and Ida Zimmer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to follow Jesus to the cross by confessing all that turns us from our Savior's path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abba God, Father of Jesus, forgive our lack of respect and attention as your son enters this most painful of weeks. We, like the disciples, fall asleep when Jesus asks us to stay awake and pray. Our minds wander as he sets his path straight for Jerusalem to speak truth to power on our behalf. We are careless with our faith, while Jesus acts with extraordinary love. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our inattention. Forgive our careless and self-serving attitudes. Remind us, this Holy Week, of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ. Let us not take this gracious gift for granted. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 118:1)

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

(Please stand if you are able)

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

"Gloria Patri"

**Glorify 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 has given us everything, including the life of God's son. Let us honor God by giving generously of ourselves in return.

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

God of grace, you amaze us with your grace and the depths of your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless the energy, intelligence, imagination and love we put into furthering Christ's ministry among your people. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-36

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Holy Tears"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN NO. 89

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
Ride on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.

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

Go in peace, assured of God's presence with you, with the mind of Christ Jesus as your path and guide, and the constant companionship of the Holy Spirit.

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Handbell Ringers



Prayer Concerns: Sharon Burrink (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Rima Mironas (mother of Dalia Lucas)
John & Angela Norvaisas (cousins of Dalia Lucas)
Joe O'Neill (brother of Mike O'Neill)
Chris Lodwig (son of Karen Lodwig)
Paul R. (friend of Jan Millin)
Family of Maryann Pierce (relative of the Bilslands)
Family of Steve Shepherd (friend of the Bilslands)
Robin Haug
Lily Meade
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)
Martha Post (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Jennifer Young (niece of Alice Bray)
Elsie Stoud (sister of Dottie Kieffer)
David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
David Rankin (nephew of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

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

JOIN US FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP APRIL 6th AT 7pm

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days, remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 "The Meal Jesus Gave Us" Pastor Mark

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of Thomas Hammonds & Joseph Kennedy from Todd and Ruth Kennedy; and given in loving memory of Rod from the Anderson family. Deacons Leslie Bonner & Jen Kreischer 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.



**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 or Sandee Wilson at 215-343-6060.



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 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.



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



THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 10:45 am
—Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm Outside

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

THURSDAY— Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7 pm

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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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