



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 473

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. *(Refrain)*

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight. *(Refrain)*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. *(Refrain)*

For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. *(Refrain)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

People: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

People: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

People: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

Leader: Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Leader: Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Leader: Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

WORSHIP SONG

“All Creatures of our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia Thou burning sun with golden beams
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

Chorus:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O sing ye! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice! (*Chorus*)

And everyone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on God your care! (*Chorus*)

All creatures, your Creator bless, And worship God, in humbleness
O sing ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16:7-11

⁷I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“The Blessing”

The Lord Bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (2X)

Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen

The Lord Bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace

Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen (2x)

May God’s presence go before you and behind you and beside you
All Around you and within you God is with you God is with you
In the morning in the evening in your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing God is for you God is for you (2x)

Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen (2x)

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.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

"A New City of Joy"

I'm-a building up a city, a new city of joy.

I'm-a building up a city, a new city of joy.

No more cryin', no more tears, gone is every doubt and fear.

I'm-a building up a city, yes, I am, a new city of-a joy.

I'm-a building up a city, a new city of hope.

I'm-a building up a city, a new city of hope.

Mansions built of golden praise, founded on amazing grace.

I'm-a building up a city, yes, I am, a new city of-a hope.

Lift your eyes, behold the sight; find a city bathed in light.

Raised in peace for all to see, shining for eternity.

I'm-a building up a city, a new city of love.

I'm-a building up a city, a new city of love.

See the gates are open wide, all are welcome, come inside.

I'm-a building up a city, yes, I am, a new city of love.

I'm-a building, building up a city.

I am a-building up a city.

I'm building a city of joy. I'm building a city of hope. (I'm building a city of love.)

I'm building up a city. I'm building up a city.

I'm-a building a new city of joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ is risen. Yet we often act as if he is still in the tomb. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

"Jesus came and stood among [the disciples] and said, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20:19). Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace. Alleluia. **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

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Let us gratefully give of our offerings in praise of Christ’s ministry through us and for us.

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

Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You are gracious and generous in your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ’s behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ’s spirit. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:45-52

⁴⁵Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place^[a] and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed." ⁵¹He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"A Dangerous Savior"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN NO. 399

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

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 God who loves and resurrects us give you a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit and new birth into a living hope.



Prayer Concerns: Erin Yeager

Family of Robert Schofield (friend of Wendy Wirsch)

Audrey Rauch (sister of Darlene Baker)

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)

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)

David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

David Rankin (nephew of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

Ongoing Concerns: Charles Sutton

Dorothy Moritz

Karen Meade

Debbie Edwards

Joan George

Kerry Zimmerman

Debbie Watson

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of their parents Virginia & Eddie Helsel and Sue and Frank Henderson from Jan & Jim Helsel; and given in memory of David Wilson, Pinky and Fred Becker by wife and daughter, Sandee Wilson and given to the glory of God. The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Patricia Winey on her birthday from her husband Don. Deacons Dottie Keiffer & Linda King 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.

MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting: April 23rd 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!



**SAVE THE DATE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 16TH thru JULY 19TH
6–8 PM**



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.*

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 Sanctuary 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.



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
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

MONDAY—Finance & Property Team 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—The Compassionate Friends 7 pm Lounge

THURSDAY— Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium
—Men’s Group 6 pm Rugel Home

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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ENVELOPE:

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