



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 460

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Holy God, we praise Your Name;
Lord of all, we bow before You;
All on earth Your scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain,
Everlasting is Your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All apostles join the strain
As Your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name You,
While in essence only One;
Undivided God we claim You,
And adoring bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been walking, Lord,

People: on roads of uncertainty and fear , on roads of exhaustion and doubt, on winding roads that have led us here.

Leader: Join us on our journey, Lord.

People: By your presence, refresh our spirits, set our hearts ablaze, and give us new direction.

Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP SONG

“Almighty/Step by Step”

Almighty most Holy Lord
Faithful through the ages
Almighty most Holy Lord
Glorious Almighty God
(Repeat)

Oh God You are my God and I will ever praise You (2x)
I will seek You in the morning
I will learn to follow your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

I will follow You all of my days
I will follow You all of my days
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And I will follow You all of my days

(You may be seatedd)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 51:3-5

³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Watchman”

Tell me watchman now what of the morning
Is the end of the night coming soon
I've been waiting and praying and longing
For the One who is faithful and true
But I know He's the hope for the helpless
And a comfort to all those who mourn
Is the song of His glorious returning
Rising up on the wings of the dawn

(Chorus)

*His morning comes and O the sun will rise again
And all of the earth will be filled with His glorious light
And even when the day is short and evening comes
I know in Him even darkness even the darkness is light*

Tell me watchman now what of the morning
For we sing of the light of the world
And we sing of the one they call Jesus
Who is mighty in deed and in word
For I know He's the Son of the Highest
And I know that His victory is won
And the song of His glorious returning
Rises up on the wings of the dawn (Chorus)

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CHOIR ANTHEM

"Headin' for the Promised Land"

Brother, sister, lend an ear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Troubles soon will disappear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
When I reach it there will be love and happiness a-waitin' for me.
Come along and you will see! I'm headin' for the promised land!

I'll be singin' freedom's song, I'm headin' for the promised land!
That's the place where I belong, I'm headin' for the promised land!
I'll get there one day I know; now I've started, I'm a-rarin' to go
Where the milk and honey flow. I'm headin' for the promised land!

O, listen, don't you hear that trumpet, sounding forth the call?
O, children, won't you rise and follow, one and all?

Better days are now in view, I'm headin' for the promised land!
All my dreams are comin' true, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Want to leave the past behind, face the future with a hopeful mind.
Peace and joy I'll surely find, I'm headin' for the promised land!

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Troubles soon will disappear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
When I reach it there will be love and happiness a-waitin' for me.
Come along and you will see! I'm headin' for the promised land!
Headin' for the promised land! I'm headin' for the promised land!

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we say, "we don't sin," we deny who we are. But when we say, "there's no way out," we deny who God is. Trusting that God's grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish to withhold love from neighbor. Foolish to chase riches, prestige and power. Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation. Foolish to divide your children from each other. Foolish to think hope is lost. Wise us up again. Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world. In your grace, help us grab onto our millionth second chance, and forge a new road from here on. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! New life is not only possible; it has drawn near to us in Jesus. The promise is for us, and for all the children of God. By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and we are free! 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

What shall we return to the Lord? Nothing can equal what God has given us. Let us therefore give our money, our time and our energy with the generous joy of children, presenting gifts to make God smile.

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 surprises, take these gifts and astound us by what they do. Through the work of your church, restore a broken world into the beloved community you dream of for us. Show us how to take these offerings and use them “to love each other deeply from the heart.” In your grace we trust. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“In Hindsight”
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith)

People: In life and death we belong to God.

Leader: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

People: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

Leader: In sovereign love, God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

People: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Leader: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

People: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

Leader: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

People: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

HYMN NO. 387

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
Eith Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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 Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life bless and keep you.



Prayer Concerns: Frank (friend of Jan Millin)
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)
Robin Haug
Lily Meade
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 memory of loved ones from Debbie Rankin Kapinos; and given in memory of their daughter, Krissy Millin from Jan & Don Millin. Deacons Jen Kreischer & 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.

MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting: TONIGHT 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

MEDICAL CLOSET

We have medical equipment that can be borrowed i.e. crutches, commodes, shower chairs, walkers, canes among other items. If you have a need for medical equipment, please call the church office.



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

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.*

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

– Men's Group 6 pm Rugel Home

MONDAY – Session Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary then Lounge

– Deacon Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary then Auditorium

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

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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- Point the camera at the QR code
- Follow phone prompts to give via credit card



ENVELOPE:

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