



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 483

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power hath made
God’s gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God’s watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God’s might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother’s tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

People: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

People: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

People: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

Leader: Our Good Shepherd calls.

People: He knows us each by our name.

Leader: Our Good Shepherd leads.

People: We are here to listen and to follow.

Leader: Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

People: We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.

WORSHIP SONG

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name *(Chorus)*

*So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love... Jesus*

Jesus, the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears
‘Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me *(Chorus)*

He speaks and listening to His voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above
The church in earth and Heav'n (*Chorus*)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-6

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"All the Days of My Life"

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside still waters
He restores my soul

He has spread a banquet before me
In the sight of my enemies
While my head is anointed with oil
And the cup of my life overflows

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley
I fear no evil for you are with me
Your rod and staff they comfort me
All the days of my life*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life
I shall live in the presence of you
My whole life long

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jackie Garcia

(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

"Great Creator"

Great Creator, ever speaking, teach us You are weaving, still,
painting heaven in its newness, sculpting earth with finest skill.
What has come before will vanish as the night fades into morn,
bringing daylight into darkness: heav'n and earth will be reborn.

Great Creator, ever list'ning to our prayers and to our plight,
write in us Your new creation, when our weeping turns to sight.
Let us see the daylight dawning, when the wolf lies with the lamb,
when all people join their voices, singing of the Great I AM.

Jerusalem, our happy home, when shall we come to thee?
When shall our sorrows have an end? When shall your joys we see?
Great Creator, ever moving over wind and over wave,
let our restless hearts find comfort in the call to love and save.

Great Creator, as we wait here for the glorious rebirth,
use our hearts and hands in service; sculpt Your kingdom here on earth.
Use our hearts and hands in service; sculpt Your kingdom here on earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess all that distracts and distorts God's truth, so we can know grace and forgiveness through Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. Good Shepherd, do not give up on us. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Even when we walk through the darkest valley, God is with us. God does not abandon us. 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

Our God provides for us as a shepherd provides for his sheep. Let us return a portion of all we have been given in gratitude for our God's generosity.

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 meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Pursuing God”
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. 356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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 calls us by name lead you out to green pastures and lead you in to the safety of Christ's fold.



Prayer Concerns: John Roushey
Joan Becker
Susan Bubb (friend of Dalia Lucas)
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)
Martha Post (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
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 Muriel and Robert Goodman from the Goodman family; and given to the glory of God! Deacons Leslie Bonner & Patrick Van Tassel 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.

Pulpit flowers are needed for May 28th, June 4th and 11th . If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Come and go in depth into that week's scripture to learn not only what the passage is about, but how it is relevant in your life. You can come and just listen or, ask any questions you would like. Newcomers are always welcome!

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.



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

NWPC NEIGHBORHOOD



COLLECTION DAY MAY 13TH

We are back at it again this year in our local neighborhoods, distributing bags and collecting them for 3 of our local food pantries: Warminster Food Bank, the CBSD Farmers Market at Barclay Elementary in Warrington, and Philabundance in Philadelphia. We need 22 “Neighborhood Captains” who will be responsible for assembling a team of 3 or 4 people to distribute and collect bags for a single neighborhood. Some neighborhoods are small (80-200 houses) and some are big (300+ houses), so sign up early to get a neighborhood that fits for you! **Bags need to be distributed to individual houses ANY TIME between May 6th and May 10th**, and then need to be picked up **between 10AM and 1PM on Saturday May 13th**. We also need volunteers to help unload cars and pack boxes on Saturday morning between 11AM and 2PM, and more volunteers to help deliver on Saturday afternoon between 2PM and 5PM. To sign up, go to <http://nwpcfooddrive.com>, scan the QR code below, or contact Bob Louderback (Bob@LouderbackFamily.com or 215-630-1219).





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

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
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

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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