



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all!

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all!

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And crown Him Lord of all!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather us, O God.

People: There is room for us all.

Leader: Dwell with us, O God.

People: Show us the way.

Leader: Guide us, O God.

People: We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth and life.

Leader: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP SONG

“Everybody Praise the Lord”

I thank the Lord for what for what He's done in us

I thank the Lord for His Love

I thank the Lord for what He's gonna do in us

From the heavens above

I thank the Lord for the smile that He's put on my face

I thank the Lord for His grace

I thank the Lord for the joy that He has given to me

'Cuz now I know that I am really set free

Everybody Everybody

Everybody Praise the Lord!

Everybody Everybody

Everybody Praise the Lord! (2x)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:1-5

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. ²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. ³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me; ⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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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SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS "Hallelu, Hallelujah" & "Down in My Heart"

(Lead by Melissa Meade & Lisa Pearsall)

CHOIR ANTHEM

"A Clean Heart"

(Words from Psalm 51; Music by Benjamin Harlan)

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart.
Renew my spirit, renew my spirit. Create in me a clean heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart.
Renew my spirit, renew my spirit, create in me a clean heart.

A heart that's free to give as You have giv'n to me, a heart that's free to love as You have loved me,
a heart that really cares, a heart that always shares. Create in me a clean heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart.
Renew my spirit, renew my spirit. Create in me a clean heart.

CALL TO CONFESSION

No one is lost to God. All are welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

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, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-7

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Believe into Me”
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.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and God of might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

(Everyone is welcome to partake of the elements. We will be using prepackaged wafers and juice. Please come forward by the center aisle, take the elements from one of the baskets, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Please hold your elements until all are served so we can partake together. There are also gluten-free elements on the side tables.)

COMMUNION SONG

“How Great is our God”

The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb. (*chorus*)

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God **2x** (*chorus*)

HYMN NO. 383

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll.
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

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, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. **Amen.**



Prayer Concerns: Diane Raab
Rev. Sameh Shaker
John Roushey
Joan Becker
Susan Bubb (friend of Dalia Lucas)
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)
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 by Charlotte Rugel in loving memory of her husband, Robert; and given in memory of William Bohn on his birthday by Carolyn and children. The flowers on the communion table are given in celebration of Jim and Doris Rowley's 60th wedding anniversary. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Leslie Bonner 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!

100th BIRTHDAY

Hazel Charles is turning 100 years old on May 13th! If you would like to send Hazel birthday wishes and help her celebrate this milestone, her address is 21310 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.



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).



WALKING TOUR WITH BEN FRANKLIN

Take a walk through colonial Philadelphia with the man who knows the city just as well as he knew it over 250 years ago. Hear facts and stories not heard anywhere else. Visit the places where Ben Franklin made a name for himself as a printer, inventor, and statesman. Come along with Ben to see the sites of historic Philadelphia. The tour begins at the First Bank of the United States and lasts about 1 ½ hours. The cost for the tour is \$35 per person and is a fundraiser for the William Tennent House Association. If you would like to tour with Ben Franklin, please contact Wendy Wirsch at 267-261-1274 or wbw42451@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium
—Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—Neighborhood Food Collection 10 am

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10 am Outside

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
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Marianne Tierney, Business Manager
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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.

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