



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

## PRELUDE

"Prelude No. 1 in C Major" by Bach-Gounod

## WELCOME

## HYMN NO. 481

"Praise the Lord, God Glories Show"

Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia!  
Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!  
All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!  
Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia!  
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!  
Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!  
Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!  
All that God for us has done, Alleluia!  
All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

**People: Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Leader: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

**People: From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

**People: Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Leader: Sing to God.

**People: Sing praises to God's name.**

Leader: Sing to God O kingdoms of earth.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

## WORSHIP SONG

“Let the Praises Ring”

Oh Lord my God in you I put my trust  
Oh Lord my God in you I put my hope  
Oh Lord my God in you I put my trust  
Oh Lord my God in you I put my hope

*In you... in you I find my peace  
In you... in you I find my strength  
In you... I live and move and breath*

*Let everything I say and do  
Be founded by my faith in you  
I lift up holy hands and sing  
Let the praises ring*

Oh Lord my God to you I give my hands  
Oh Lord my God to you I give my feet  
Oh Lord my God to you I give my everything  
Oh Lord my God to you I give my life

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 7:9-14

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. <sup>11</sup>I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“We are One in the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.

And we pray the all unity, May one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians By our love, by our love*

*Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.

And together will spread the news, That God is in our land. *(Chorus)*

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,

We will work with each other, We will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's pride. *(Chorus)*

All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.

All praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *(Chorus)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(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

“Chancel Radiance” by Kern

Lee Nelmes

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession is a mirror by which we see ourselves more clearly. Let us offer our prayers to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth. Amen.

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We are God's people created, loved and forgiven. The God of all grace has called us by name. God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us. It is good news to celebrate. We are forgiven!

*(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

To God we give in thankful response for all the gifts God has given us. The money we give is but one way we say, "thank you." The morning offering will be received.

*(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**

Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 1:1-11

**1** In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

SERMON

“To the Ends of the Earth”  
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Declaration of Faith)

**We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

**HYMN NO. 359**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

More love to Thee, O Christ,  
More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make  
On bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek,  
Give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath  
Whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry  
My heart shall raise;  
This still its prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!

### **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 abundance of God bless you, the strength of Christ keep you, and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, shine upon you forever.

### **POSTLUDE**

“Postlude” by Hatton



**Prayer Concerns:** Family of Valerie Moritz Smith (sister of Dorothy Moritz)  
Nichole Trollman (future daughter in law of Sandee Wilson)  
Tom Gagliardi (friend of Dorothy Smith)  
Ted Lioumis and Era Papanicolaou (friends of Dalia Lucas)  
Diane Raab  
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)  
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 Sue Ann McOwen in loving memory of her parents, Ferne & Thomas Evans; and given to the glory of God! Deacons Beth Haller & 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.

Pulpit flowers are needed for May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> . 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!

### **MISSION CORNER**

Casseroles for St. Francis Inn to be assembled on Sunday May 28th after Food & Fellowship. We need 8 to 10 volunteers to help assemble them. St. Francis is in Kensington and the need is great!



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER CELEBRATION**

Please join us for a celebration on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for HOT CATERED Food and Fellowship in the Auditorium following the service. All are welcome!! See you there!



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

### **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.



### **PHILLIES VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS BUS TRIP**

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

A bus trip has been planned to go see the Phillies play the San Francisco Giants at Citizens Bank Park on Tuesday, August 22. We will leave the church at 3:30 p.m. sharp and returning at 10:30 p.m. All are welcome to go, young and old alike. Ask your extended family members as well as friends. Thirty (30) tickets have been reserved so it's on a first-come first-serve basis. Cost is \$54.00, which includes your ticket as well as the motor coach, and gratuities. We are sitting in Section 419, Rows 5 thru 7.

Deadline is August 1. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

Look for the sign-up in the auditorium on Sundays and in the church office the rest of the week.



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.

The last remaining scheduled date that you can sign up for:

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](mailto: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.

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

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  
—Assembling Casseroles 10:45 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



**ONLINE:**

[www.nwpc.net](http://www.nwpc.net)



**ON YOUR PHONE:**

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



**ENVELOPE:**

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