



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO.564

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

People: and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Your steadfast love endures forever.

People: Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Leader: Happy are those who sing your praise

People: and extol your righteousness all the day.

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord!

People: Our God has dealt bountifully with us.

Leader: The night was dark, and God’s face seemed hidden.

People: In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.

Leader: Still we trusted in God’s steadfast love.

People: And now our hearts rejoice in God’s salvation!

WORSHIP SONG

"Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.

These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord! (Chorus)

There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah!
There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah! (3x)

There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah!
There is no one like our God! (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:17-19

⁷By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, ¹⁸of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." ¹⁹He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Amazing Grace/Your Love Came Down"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

Because your love came down

Your love came down

Your love came down

And it saved me, it saved me

Through many dangers,

Toils and snares

I have already come

'Twas grace that brought me safe this far

And grace will lead me home (Chorus)

When we've been there ten thousand years

Bright-shining as the sun

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we first begun (Chorus)

Because your love came down

And it turned my life around

Your love came down

And it saved me, it saved me

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Never Fails" by Chris and Mark Studer

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's grace has brought us from death to life, transforming us into instruments of righteousness. Trusting that grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of our world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God's grace soothes our souls.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

(Please stand if you are able)

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

"Gloria Patri"

Glorify 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

God has provided for all we need — and more. Let us return these gifts to God, so that we might provide for one another and all who are in need. Let us receive the morning offering.

OFFERTORY

"Come Sunday" by Duke Ellington

Chris Studer

(Lord oh Lord above, God Almighty, God of love,
please look down and see my people through)

(If you are our guest, please don't feel obligated to participate.)

We would be honored if today's service could be our gift to you.)

(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

Giving God, we return to you the fruits of the earth and the fruits of our labor, that they may be used for the repair of the world. Bless these gifts, those who give them, and those who will receive them. May our whole lives be an offering before you. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-14

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together. ⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Vulnerable Faith” Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed Be Your name *(Chorus)*

Chorus:

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's 'all as it should be'

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name *(Chorus)*

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name *(Chorus)*

PARTAKING OF THE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 488

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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 One who creates, redeems, and sustains you from everlasting grant you the grace of peace, holiness, and eternal life.



Prayer Concerns: Susan Zimmerman
Nick Doerfler (former long-time member of NWPC)
Larry McClure (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Terry Blue (friend of Dave & Joanne Cochran)
Lois Williams (friend of Nina Resavage)
Judy, Erin, and Lauren (friends of Robin Haug)
Paul LeRoy (friend of Jan Millin)
Rob Salvia (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Nichole Trollman (future daughter in law of Sandee Wilson)
Ted Lioumis and Era Papanicolaou (friends of Dalia Lucas)
Diane Raab
John Roushey
Joan Becker
Susan Bubb (friend of Dalia Lucas)
Sharon Burrink (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Rima Mironas (mother of Dalia Lucas)
Joe O'Neill (brother of Mike O'Neill)
Robin Haug
Jerry Furr (friend of Barb & John Landis)
Donnie Fiedler (cousin of Sandee Wilson)
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 Mary and John Whitehead in loving memory of their daughter, Janice Perkins on her birthday; and given to the glory of God. Deacons Dottie Kieffer & Sandee Wilson 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 July 9, July 23, July 30, August 6 and August 27. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

WHOLYFIT

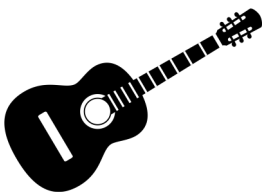
There will be NO WholyFit in the month of July. We will resume August 1.

2023 DIRECTORY

New church directories are now available in the Outer Narthex. Please take one per household. If any corrections or changes are needed please contact Cheryl in the church office.

KEITH ROUNDS SOLO ACOUSTIC SHOWS IN JUNE AND JULY

Our contemporary worship leader Keith Rounds will be performing solo acoustic shows in June and July. Keith plays both original songs and covers.



TODAY and July 9th from 3-6pm
Tranquility Brewing Company
780 Falcon Cir, Warminster, PA 18974

VBS 2023

Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs

July 16th - 19th

6 - 8pm

Age 3 - Grade 5



Bible Story, Singing, Crafts, Active Games

Register: www.nwpc.net

To volunteer contact:

Donna Mazeika
Director of Children & Youth Ministries
215-343-6060
donna.mazeika@nwpc.net

ALL ARE WELCOME!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER!

We will continue to provide Bible stories and activities for children thru 5th grade throughout the summer. We need at least 2 adults to cover each Sunday (grades K – 5). There is a sign-up sheet in the outer narthex. On the Sundays that Heidi is here we need one person to sign up to help. There are a few Sundays that we need two people. I will provide story books and coloring sheets for you to use with the children. *If you signed up, there are some story books on the table next to the sign-up sheet.* There are more downstairs in the Sunday school room. Weather permitting, you may take the children outside to the playground after their story. The younger children will continue to meet in the toddler classroom with Miss Lisa and Miss Sue.

PHILLIES BUS TRIP

I look forward for our Phillies Bus Trip scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023 as the Phillies play the San Francisco Giants. Bus leaves promptly at 3:30 p.m. and returns to church by 10:30 p.m. If you haven't already paid, monies are due by July 14. The cost is \$54. Checks should be made payable to NWPC and either dropped off at the church or mailed to the church. Contact person is Dorothy Smith and she can be reached at 215-343-1142 or email her at drsmith524@verizon.net.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Office Closed

TUESDAY—Independence Day (Office Closed)

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



ENVELOPE:

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