



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

### WELCOME

HYMN NO. 263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

**People: whose love has conquered death.**

Leader: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

**People: who leads us into life.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among  
the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he  
uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

## WORSHIP SONG

'Carry your Love''

We are called out; we are ransomed  
we are not of the world we're in  
We are chosen; we are blessed  
to bring light to God's children  
So Creator sow Your seed give us life in community  
Wake us from our sleep this is Your time; this is Your place  
And we are vessels for breaking

*Under Your grace we are led by Your Spirit  
You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son  
Give us Your Word; we are eager to hear it  
Ready our hearts to carry Your love*

You are sunlight; You are morning  
You're the hope of a brand new day  
You are comfort; You are blessing  
and You wipe all our tears away  
So change us from within render miracles from our sin  
Remind us once again this is Your time, This is Your place  
And we are vessels for breaking.

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 105:1-6

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.  
<sup>2</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. <sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy name; let  
the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.<sup>4</sup>Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his  
presence continually. <sup>5</sup>Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the  
judgments he has uttered, <sup>6</sup>O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen  
ones.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“The Blessing”

Lord Bless you and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you, be gracious to you  
Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (2X)

Amen, Amen, Amen  
Amen, Amen, Amen

Lord Bless you and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you, be gracious to you  
Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace

Amen, Amen, Amen  
Amen, Amen, Amen (2x)

May God’s presence go before you and behind you and beside you  
All Around you and within you God is with you God is with you  
In the morning in the evening in your coming and your going  
In your weeping and rejoicing God is for you God is for you (2x)

Amen, Amen, Amen  
Amen, Amen, Amen (2x)

## 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

“In Jesus Name”

Debbie Flick

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens. Let us confess our sins before our Triune God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. 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)*

## 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

The one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Let us share our offering to God in support of the kingdom of heaven.

## OFFERTORY

Suzanne Zak Carver

*(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

Gracious God, this offering is what we have to give you this day. Be it time, talent or treasure, we lift these gifts to you. It is through you that all things are made new, and we ask that you renew our spirit to continue sharing our gifts with the least of us. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-32

<sup>22</sup>The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"The Defeat which is Victory"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of Belhar)

We believe:

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
- that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
- that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

HYMN NO. 391

“Take My Life”

## 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 of creation, liberation, and illumination bless you this day and always.

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Pastor Mark and the family are away in Europe (France, Germany, and Switzerland) throughout the month of August. He will return on Sunday September 3rd.

### We Welcome Guest Preacher Pastor Kirby Lawrence Hill in August

We are grateful to the Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill for being with us to preach the next two Sundays, August 6th and 13th. Kirby is a member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, who recently retired from 39 years of full-time ministry, serving churches in Memphis, Atlanta, and D.C. before moving to this area. He and his wife, Nancy, have two adult children. He most recently served as senior pastor of Abington Presbyterian Church.



**Prayer Concerns:** Carolyn Wallace  
Marianne Dubresson (friend of Dorothy Smith)  
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)  
Ed Sochanski (friend of Bill Watson)  
Family of David Rankin III (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)  
Susan Zimmerman  
Larry McClure (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Terry Blue (friend of Dave & Joanne Cochran)  
Lois Williams (friend of Nina Resavage)  
Rob Salvia (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Nichole Trollman (future daughter in law of Sandee Wilson)  
Ted Lioumis and Era Papanicolaou (friends of Dalia Lucas)  
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 (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 loving memory of their parents from Isabel and Marion McLauchlan; and given to honor the memory of her mom and dad, Pinky and Fred Becker from Sandee Wilson. 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.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins September 13<sup>th</sup>

### Themes of the Bible

Join us for bible study at 10:00 A.M. Whether you have spent years studying the bible or the bible is new to you, this class is for you. Beginning this fall we will be looking at big ideas that are core to the Biblical story. We will look at them from their first appearance through the entire narrative (*Image of God, Justice, Exile, Holiness, Covenants, Sacrifice, Temple, Son of Man, Eternal life, Sabbath, Water of life, Tree of life, Blessing and Curse, Kingdom of God, Anointing, Heaven and Earth*). This will help you to be able to see patterns throughout the bible and come to understand the entire story of the bible in a much deeper and greater way.

Newcomers are always welcome!

## THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
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### WAYS TO GIVE



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**ENVELOPE:**

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### 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.