



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 361

"How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

People: If you have no money but you're hungry, come and receive wine and milk without a price tag.

Leader: Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?

People: Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

Leader: Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

People: Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life.

Leader: Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

People: The will come running to you because our Covenant God will raise you up, Transform you, and make you shine!

WORSHIP SONG

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”

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 Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness
'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song
Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me
And I'll never be alone

*Come Thou Fount come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of every blessing*

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness 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 Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 9:9-20

⁹The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. ¹⁰And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. ¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. ¹²For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. ¹³Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴so that I may recount all your praises and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance. ¹⁵The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. ¹⁶The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. ¹⁷The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. ¹⁸For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. ¹⁹Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you. ²⁰Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore (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 “Shout to the Lord” Piano Duet—Jan Helsel & Suzanne Zak Carver

CALL TO CONFESSION

In this world of multiple pandemics and the promotion of individualism, there are many claims on our lives. In this moment, we remember the nature of our baptism, rooted in God's grace. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed the model set before us in Jesus Christ. With every confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourself, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires. We are sick and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our little, to multiply it with your great power. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks: 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

God loves a cheerful giver. Let us give with an open heart in order that God would bless and multiply it according to our needs. May we present our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

Keith Rounds

*(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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"When the Boat Rocks"

Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

HYMN NO. 210

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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

Christ himself, who holds you in his hands, has blessed you, broken you, and given you as his gift to the world. May the grace of Christ be multiplied to you and through you, now and forever.

We Welcome Guest Preacher Pastor Kirby Lawrence Hill

We are grateful to the Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill for being with us to preach today and next Sunday.. 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: Tracey Schaaf (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Sheila Moritz (friend of Dorothy Smith)
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)
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)
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 Bill Bohn from Carolyn and children; and given in loving memory of Marge and Larry Kuhn from Linda and Charlie King. Deacons Dottie Kieffer & Linda King 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 August 27th. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH

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!

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. 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.* 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.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO HELP HEIDI NEXT SUNDAY, 8/13 AND 8/27 & 9/3

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 by the Sanctuary any time. This ongoing mission is coordinated by the Deacons.

WHO^{LY}FIT™

WholyFit is a low-impact, high worship experience that is held in the Auditorium on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 pm. This women's ministry is open to all ages and fitness abilities. Guests are welcome. We have live worship from Keith Rounds every first Tuesday of the month. Any questions, please contact Chelsea Rounds at mrsrounds@gmail.com.



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 past due. 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.

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE BUS TRIP PLANNED FOR 2023

Save the date for a bus trip that has been planned with you in mind: 1) American Music Theatre to see the Christmas Show on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. We will be leaving the church at 10:45 a.m and returning at 7:30 p.m. Lunch will be a smorgasbord at Bird-in-Hand at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$118/person (Under 40 passengers) and \$105/person (Over 40 passengers). For your information I already have a listing of a lot of people who signed up from last year's trip who will be going on this year's bus trip.

Look for sign-up sheet in the auditorium as well as in the church office. Checks should be made payable to NWPC and either dropped off at the church or mailed into the church. Deadline for monies is October 1. Contact person is Dorothy Smith and she can be reached at 215-343-1142.

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

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WAYS TO GIVE



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- Follow phone prompts to give via credit card



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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.