



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

### WELCOME

HYMN NO. 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness;

**People: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'**

Leader: So God created humankind in his image,

**People: in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

Leader: God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it;

**People: and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds in the air and over Every living thing that moves upon the earth."**

Leader: As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God, as mortals charged with holy purpose,

**People: let us worship the One who summons us to life.**

## WORSHIP SONG

### “O Praise Him”

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside  
The sound of angel's awe, the sound of angel's songs  
And all this for a King, We could join and sing  
All to Christ our King

How constant how divine  
This love of ours will rise  
Oh how constant how divine  
This song of ours will rise, will rise

*O praise Him, O praise Him  
He is holy, He is holy*

Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise  
The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones  
And all this for a King  
Angels join to sing  
All for Christ the King (Chorus)

How infinite and sweet  
This love so rescuing  
Oh how infinitely sweet  
This great love that has redeemed  
As one we sing

Alleluia, Alleluia  
He is holy, He is holy

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Hallelujah”

I love You Lord with all my heart  
You've given me a brand new start  
And I just want to sing this song to You  
I sought you Lord and you answered me  
Your grace has truly set me free  
My heart and soul are praising Hallelujah

*Hallelujah, hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah*

I know that You're the God above  
You're filling me with grace and love  
And I just want to say thank You to You  
You pulled me from the miry clay  
You've given me a brand new day  
Now all that I can say is Hallelujah (Chorus)

## 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

"Ave Verum Corpus", W. A. Mozart

Lee Nelmes, Organ; Patrick Van Tassel, Trumpet; Sadie Van Tassel, Trumpet

## CALL TO CONFESSION

In the presence of almighty God and before one another, let us confess our sin and the things that hinder us in leading faithful lives as God's people.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Save us, O God, for the waters have come up to our necks. We sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; we have come into deep waters, and the floods sweep over us. We are weary; our throats are parched. Our eyes grow dim with waiting for our God. Gracious God, forgive us for taking our eyes off Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. When the storms of life swirl around us, we forget your unfailing goodness and power to save us. When we hear Jesus say, "Come," we make excuses about why it is too hard to follow him, especially when the way seems dangerous and challenging. Forgive our sins, Lord, and help us to step out in faith. Be merciful to us when we cry out, "We believe; help our unbelief!" In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** Hear these words of assurance: "When through the deep waters I call you to go,/ The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,/ For I will be with you, your troubles to bless/ And sanctify to you your deepest distress." Friends, hear and believe the good news:

**People:** In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*(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

In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, let us continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.

### 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

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you in faith and promise to provide us everything we need for ministry in your name. Bless these gifts we bring, that we may use them faithfully to share the good news of your love and mercy. In your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-6

18 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

“God’s Hands”

Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

*(Please stand if you are able)*

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

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

## HYMN NO. 438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

## **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 steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you; the peace of Christ enfold you; and the Holy Spirit encourage 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. 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:** Paulette Gold (friend of Sandee Wilson)  
John Anderson (brother of Kris Richard)  
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 memory of Florence Marsh Bray, her beloved mother, from Alice Bray; and given in memory of Barbara Traubel Westenberger from Dave and Sally Traubel. The flowers on the communion table are in celebration of the life of Jenny, daughter of Werner Thiessen. Deacons Beth Haller & Peg Kaelin 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.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER!**

We will continue to provide Bible stories and activities for children thru 5<sup>th</sup> 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 ON 8/27 & 9/3**

### **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!

## **OFFICE SCHEDULE**

We hope you won't be inconvenienced but due to staff vacations and schedules, the office may not be open during our normal business hours during the month of August. Please call ahead to check on availability if you need assistance from the office.

## **UPCOMING BULLETINS**

If you have a written announcement for the August 26th or September 3rd bulletin, please forward to Cheryl Overton ([cheryl.overton@nwpc.net](mailto:cheryl.overton@nwpc.net)) by August 21st.

## **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.

## **WHOLYFIT™**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

WEDNESDAY—The Compassionate Friends 7 pm Lounge

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
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### 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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### 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.