



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 315

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

People: With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

Leader: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

WORSHIP SONG

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness oh God. You wrestle with the sinner’s heart.
You lead us by still waters and to mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

Chorus:

So remember Your people Remember Your children
Remember Your promise Oh God...
Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me. *(Repeat)*

Great is Your love and justice God.
You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation.
And all Your people sing along. *(Chorus)*

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You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation.
And all Your people sing along. *(Chorus)*

Your Grace is enough. Heaven reaching down to us.
Your Grace is enough for me.
Your Grace is enough. I’m covered in your love.
Your grace is enough for me.

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:14-17

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of Peace. In addition to this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"I Will Sing Praise to God"

I will sing praise to God
He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help
And He filled my cup

Chorus:

His favor extends for a lifetime
His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise
Forevermore

I'll put my trust in Him
God, my refuge and strength
For when my life seems lost
He will show me the way **(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

"I Can Only Imagine"

Melissa Meade & Keith Rounds

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of 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’s abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

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

Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable. May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard, and spread the desire to share. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Creeding with the Apostles”

Chelsea Rounds

(Please stand if you are able)

PRAYER

HYMN NO. 316

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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

The blessing of God, source of life, power of life, redeemer of life, be with you now and always.



Praises: For the birth of Jovie Grace (granddaughter of Donna Mazeika)

Prayer Concerns: Family of Gloria Mizdail (mother of Lisa Forbes)

Tom Ceneviva (friend of Laura Stilinovich)

Karin Hart (sister of Laura Stilinovich)

Paulette Gold (friend of Sandee Wilson)

Family of 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)

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)

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 their parents. Joan & Peter Clayton and John & Phyllis Payne from Peter and Jill Clayton; and given in memory of her brother James S. Hafner from Cheryl Allen. Deacons Jen Kreisler & Don Millin 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 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 ON 8/27 & 9/3

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!

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) by August 21st.

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.

Credit cards must be used to buy food at the ballpark instead of cash.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

TUESDAY—Phillies Game (leaving at 3:30 pm)
—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium

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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.