



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 426

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made the heavens and the earth.

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

People: then the flood would have swept us away.

Leader: The God who saved Israel is still at work in the world,

People: hearing the cries of the afflicting and setting God’s people free. Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP SONG

“Holy Is the Lord”

Lord of all Lords, ancient of days

All glory to the name, we magnify and praise

Worthy and pure, truthful and right

Awesome in majesty, and glorious in might

Holy is Your name, faithful and true

Beautiful Savior, we come to worship You

Holy is Your name, high above all

We come to praise You, now on your name we call

Fairest of fair, God with us now

Let every tongue confess, and every knee will bow (Chorus)

You are holy, You are worthy, we call on Your holy name

You are holy, You are worthy, we call on Your holy name (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133:1-3

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! ²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Holiness”

Holiness

Holiness is what I long for

Holiness is what I need

Holiness

Holiness is what you want from me

Chorus:

Take my heart and form it

Take my mind, transform it

Take my will, conform it

To yours, to yours, oh Lord

Faithfulness, Faithfulness is what I long for

Faithfulness is what I need

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what you want from me (*Chorus*)

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for

Righteousness is what I need

Righteousness, righteousness is what you want from me (*Chorus*)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jackie Garcia

(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

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Heidi Shaker, Flute

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Apostle Paul writes, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think of yourself with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." In sober judgment and humility, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Our God makes a way where there is no way, infusing our world with grace and hope when such goodness feels long gone. We are a people redeemed and restored.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

(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)

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

By the mercy of God, we are called to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, for this is our act of worship. Our gifts differ, but all can be used to further God's kingdom. Let us receive the morning offering.

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

Generous God, you are the source of all good gifts, and you are the one who taught us how to give. Receive our offering — an act of faith that even our small gifts have power and purpose in your world. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Is It Enough to just SAY who Jesus Is?"
Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN NO. 118

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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 God who restores, Christ who calls, and the Spirit who empowers bless you and increase your joy and gladness, now and always.



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 celebration of John Roushey's 90th birthday from Jack and Cathy Roushey; and given in memory of William Danihel (Jan's father) by Jan and George Rounds. Deacons Doris Rowley & Patrick Van Tassel 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 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular Sunday School Classes will begin on Sunday September 10th. Kindergarten and under will be in the classroom next to the Nursery with Lisa Pearsall and Sue Gorniowski; Grades 1-5 will be in the Sunday school room downstairs with Heidi Shaker – *we will need one helper each Sunday to be with Heidi*; Grades 6 and older will be in the large youth room with Jackie Garcia – *we will need one helper each Sunday to be with Jackie*. Please email donna.mazeika@nwpc.net to let me know if you can help one Sunday a month (or more).

Thank you!

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today is John Roushey's 90th birthday! If you would like to help him celebrate, you can send him a card at 25111 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.

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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ENVELOPE:

1401 Meetinghouse Road,
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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.