



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

### WELCOME

HYMN NO. 366

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

**People: Declare God's wondrous deeds.**

Leader: For the Lord dwells among the people;

**People: the glory of God abides with us.**

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Let us worship God!**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Love the Lord”

Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, and with all your strength  
Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, and with all your strength

*With all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, with all your strength  
Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, and with all your strength*

I will serve You, Lord with all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, and with all my strength  
I will serve You, Lord with all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, and with all my strength (Chorus)

I will love You (I will love You)  
I will praise You (I will praise You)  
I will serve You (I will serve You)  
I will trust You (I will trust You)

With all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, with all my strength  
With all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, with all my strength

Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, and with all your strength  
Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, and with all your strength

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:5-8

<sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.” <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Lord You Have My Heart”

Lord You have my heart and I will search for Yours.

Jesus, take my life and lead me on.

Lord, You have my heart and I will search for Yours.

Let me be to You a sacrifice.

And I will praise You Lord, and I will sing of love come down.

And as You show Your face, we'll see Your glory here.

## 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

“The Prayer”

Ondine Van Tassel

## CALL TO CONFESSION

God wants us to be ourselves. But every time we hurt one another, or ourselves, we get further and further away from who we are. It is in our confession, in admitting the truth of our lives, that we can be our genuine selves again. Let us join in our prayer of confession together:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's love for us is genuine. When we need it the most, God's grace washes over us seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **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)*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Why do we give each week? We give because we have received so much from God. We give to practice the gratitude for all that God has done for us. We give because we trust that God can do more with what we have than we can do alone. So let us practice our gratitude this morning through the giving of our gifts.

## 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

Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer, our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves, in the hope that what we bring, you might magnify, and multiply, for the work of your love in the world. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:19-28

<sup>19</sup>They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. <sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels

carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"Dreaming and Scheming"  
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(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.**

## COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*(Continued)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### **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.**

*(Everyone is welcome to partake of the elements. We will be using prepackaged wafers and juice.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle, take the elements from one of the baskets, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Please hold your elements until all are served so we can partake together.*

*There are also gluten-free elements on the side tables.)*

### **COMMUNION SONG**

**"Walk by Faith"**

I believe you when you say  
Your hand will guide my every way  
I receive the words you say  
Every moment of every day

*I will walk by faith, even when I cannot see  
Because this broken road prepares Your will for me (2X)*

You help me rid me of my fears  
You've been so faithful all my years  
With one breath You make me new  
Your grace covers all I do

I'm broken, but I still see Your face  
You've spoken, pouring your words of grace

## PARTAKING OF THE SACRAMENT

### COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 513

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

### 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 be with you, the love of Jesus fill you, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you, now and forevermore.



**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 memory of their parents from Marion and Isabel McLauchlan; and given in loving memory of William Danihel (Jan's father) on his September 1<sup>st</sup> birthday from Jan & George Rounds. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Sandee Wilson 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!

## **FOOD COLLECTION**

The need for assistance is great 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular Sunday School Classes will begin on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:donna.mazeika@nwpc.net) to let me know if you can help one Sunday a month (or more).

Thank you!



Do you enjoy singing, learning about music and having a great time with your fellow musicians? Come check out the Sanctuary choir. We are kicking off the 2023-2024 Choral Season on Thursday, September 7, 7:00-8:30pm. Looking forward to terrific year! Any questions, email Suzanne at [Suzanne.Zak@nwpc.net](mailto:Suzanne.Zak@nwpc.net), or call 215-343-6060, ext. 104.

## MEDICAL CLOSET

We have medical equipment that can be borrowed i.e. crutches, commodes, shower chairs, walkers, canes among other items. If you have a need for medical equipment, please call the church office.

# 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 [mrrounds@gmail.com](mailto:mrrounds@gmail.com).

## **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

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7pm Choir Room

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

## 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.