



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 150

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Leader: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

People: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

WORSHIP SONG

"He is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high: I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. ³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. ³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain. ³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word. ³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. ³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. ⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Sovereign”

Sovereign in the mountain air
Sovereign on the ocean floor
With me in the calm
With me in the storm

Sovereign in my greatest joy
In my deepest cry
With me in the dark
With me at the dawn

*In your everlasting arm
All the pieces of my life
From beginning to the end
I can trust you
In your never failing love
You work everything for good
God whatever comes my way
I will trust you*

All my hopes
All I need
Held in your hands
All my life
All of me
Held in your hands
All my fears
All my dreams
Held in your hands (2X)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS “God is Good”

Naomi Flick, Alexandra Carver, Natalee Rounds Sloan Conlon, Sawyer Conlon
*(Children are now dismissed to their Sunday School teacher,
or if you prefer they may return to their seats with you.)*

CHOIR ANTHEM

“My Redeemer”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ’s invitation. Let us seek God’s forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would want us to be. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

People: This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

(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

With gratitude for God’s faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13: 8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord**

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Commandment of Self-Love”

Pastor Sameh Shaker

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN NO. 392

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

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 grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you and the whole church until all things in heaven and on earth are reconciled.



Prayer Concerns: Family of Iris Lyndaker (Anita & Mark's sister in law)
Allan Schrage (friend of Sue Rems)
Family of Elsie Stoud (sister of Dottie Kieffer)
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)
Marianne Dubresson (friend of Dorothy Smith)
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)
Ed Sochanski (friend of Bill Watson)
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)
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 by John Roushey and family in loving memory of Marge; and given in loving memory of her son, David William Stroup, from Dottie (Stroup) Kieffer. The flowers on the communion table are given in honor of Sloane and Sawyer Conlon's grandparents. Grandmothers, Barbara White and Irene Conlon, have played instrumental roles in the lives of the girls, nurturing their minds, tending their souls and embracing their creative spirits. Sloane and Sawyer's parents are indebted to the loving devotion of the village who has helped in their upbringing, including Bob Maio, Chris and Joanne Goodman, and Linda Goodman. Grandparents are the best! 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.

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!

MISSION CORNER

125 backpacks were filled for elementary school children and given to Crossroads in North Philadelphia, West Kensington Ministries, Oxford circle, St Francis Inn in Kensington, Bucks County Group. Special THANKS to our team leaders Monty & Cindy Anderson for a great job.

REMINDER: MISSION MEETING TODAY after Food & Fellowship in the Lounge

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!



Do you enjoy singing, learning about music and having a great time with your fellow musicians? Come check out the Sanctuary choir. We kicked 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, or call 215-343-6060, ext. 104.

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.

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.

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.

COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WILLIAM TENNENT HOUSE

The William Tennent House Association will have an Open House and a fundraiser. First, our Open House will be held on Saturday, September 30th from 10AM to 2PM. Come see the home of our founding pastor. Second, during the month of October the WTHA will hold a fundraiser with HundredX.com. We are asking people to spend 30 minutes a day evaluating products. All you need is a phone, tablet, or computer. Using Emojis you give products a rating. You can do this while watching TV or a movie. The WTHA could potentially raise \$5,000. Wendy Wirsch will be available during Food & Fellowship to further explain the program and sign people up. Please consider helping us. If you want to talk with Wendy call her at 267-261-1274 or email her at wbw42451@gmail.com.



You are invited to P.J. Whelihan's
to support Coalition to Shelter
and Support the Homeless (CSSH)

Help us earn 15% back !
DINE IN - TAKE OUT - BAR
PJ's will donate 15% of your check

Thursday, September 28th 5 pm - 9 pm | Cross Keys Place
4379 W. Swamp Road, Doylestown, PA 18902
Enjoy Phillies v. Pirates on PJ's Extra Large TVs

Present this flyer or mention CSSH at the time of checkout and 15% of your bill will be donated to CSSH. This will help fund our supplies to operate our Code Blue shelters this winter and provide meals and essential supplies to comfort our neighbors most in need.



Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless is a 501(c)(3)
charitable nonprofit organization (EIN 45-3252280).

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium

—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Lounge

MONDAY—Finance/Property Team Meeting 7 pm Zoom

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge

—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7pm Choir Room

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium

—Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge

—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

WAYS TO GIVE



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- Follow phone prompts to give via credit card



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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.