



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

## WELCOME

**HYMN NO. 357**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

**People: bless God’s holy name.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**People: so great is God’s steadfast love for us.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Let the Praises Ring”

Oh Lord my God in you I put my trust

Oh Lord my God in you I put my hope

Oh Lord my God in you I put my trust

Oh Lord my God in you I put my hope

*In you... in you I find my peace*

*In you... in you I find my strength*

*In you... I live and move and breath*

*Let everything I say and do*

*Be founded by my faith in you*

*I lift up holy hands and sing*

*Let the praises ring*

Oh Lord my God to you I give my hands

Oh Lord my God to you I give my feet

Oh Lord my God to you I give my everything

Oh Lord my God to you I give my life

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 42:1-8

42 When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you keep looking at one another? <sup>2</sup>I have heard," he said, "that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die." <sup>3</sup>So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. <sup>4</sup>But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him. <sup>5</sup>Thus the sons of Israel were among the people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup>Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food." <sup>8</sup>Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

"Beautiful Things"

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change at all

All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from this ground at all

*You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us*

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make me new  
You are making me new

## 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.)*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

"One in Him"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. **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**

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**

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

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-9

**45** Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"The Dialectical Reality"  
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from Book of Common Worship)

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN NO. 446**

**"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

**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 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 in loving memory of their mother, Polly, from the Anderson family; and given in loving memory of Charlie Kellar from his wife Betty Lou. Deacons Leslie Bonner & Dottie Kierffer 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**

#### **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**

Save The Date : November 4th 9am—12pm

#### **SECOND HAND MARKET**

A great time for everyone to clean out your closets and garage!

We provide the tables YOU provide your treasures to sell.

\$25.00 per table

Sign up sheet at Food & Fellowship



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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!



## **CHRISTMAS HANDBELLS**

An intergenerational Christmas handbell choir is forming and we would like YOU to participate! Calling anyone, ages 10-100. No experience required. Practice is on Sunday at 10:30, beginning October 15 through December 17. After the service, you have time to sip your coffee, eat your bagel and come to the choir room to ring! If interested, please contact Suzanne Zak Carver, [Suzanne.zak@nwpc.net](mailto:Suzanne.zak@nwpc.net), 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.

## 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](mailto:wbw42451@gmail.com).

### Red Cross Blood Drive



Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Monday, November 6, 2023 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Coordinator Name:** Don Millin

**You can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter NWP**

Blood supplies are low and the need is great. If you've donated in the past - THANK YOU and we look forward to seeing you again on November 6. If you haven't ever given blood, PLEASE consider making this your first time. The need is continuous and the satisfaction of helping others with what truly is "the gift of life" is rewarding. If you have questions, you can contact Don at [PSU2242@gmail.com](mailto:PSU2242@gmail.com) or 267-402-0040.

Be a Hero and sign up to give blood. Every donation saves three lives!

### 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). 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.



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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)  
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# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Deacons' Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—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  
—Christian Ed Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge

## WAYS TO GIVE



**ONLINE:**  
[www.nwpc.net](http://www.nwpc.net)



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### 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.