



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 423

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

People: and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

WORSHIP SONG

“Power to Love”

Where there is hatred, help us love
Where there is injury, help us forgive
Where there is doubt, help us have faith
Where there is darkness, help us shine Your light

*God grant us the power to love, to be instruments of your peace
God grant us the power to love, to be instruments of your peace (2X)*

Where there is despair, help us have hope
Where there is division, help us seek unity
Where there is suffering, help us console
Where there is darkness, help us shine Your light (Chorus)

Help us seek to understand, over being understood.
Help us seek to love, over being loved
Help us seek to console, over being consoled
Help us seek to love You, with all our heart, minds, and souls. (Chorus)

For it is in giving that we receive
For it is in forgiving that we are forgiven
For it is in dying that we're born to eternal life. (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 13:1-6

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
²How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? ³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, ⁴and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. ⁵But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. ⁶I will sing to the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“All the Days of My Life”

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside still waters
He restores my soul

He has spread a banquet before me
In the sight of my enemies
While my head is anointed with oil
And the cup of my life overflows

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley
I fear no evil for you are with me
Your rod and staff they comfort me
All the days of my life*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life
I shall live in the presence of you
My whole life long

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Donna Mazzeika

(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

“I Feel My Savior’s Love”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God’s grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

(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

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” Let us bring our offerings to God, even as we present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

OFFERTORY

“Wonderful King” by David Crowder Anita & Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(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, we know that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you. We thank you for your many blessings, especially your perfect gift of your Son Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift! Help us to receive your gifts and grace with thanksgiving and humility and to use them faithfully in and for your kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:6-22

⁶Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that whole generation. ⁷But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. ⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“A Spoke in the Wheel”
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN NO. 451

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

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: Jonie Garcia (mother of Dave Garcia)
Malory Mee (friend of Garcia family)
Family of Mark Hennessy
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)
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)

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 Bill Robinson from his wife, Peg; and given in celebration of Richard and Diane Raab's 64th wedding anniversary on September 26th. Deacons Linda King & Jen Kreischer 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

CASSEROLES

We are making casseroles for the St. Francis Inn in Kensington
October 8th after Food & Fellowship
Eight volunteers are need to help assemble the casseroles

SECOND HAND MARKET

November 4th 9am—2pm

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 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, 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.

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, 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 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.



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
—Christian Ed Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge

MONDAY—Session 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
—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



ENVELOPE:

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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.