



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

PRELUDE

"Tranquility"

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 387

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God

People: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;

People: their voice is not heard.

Leader: Yet it goes out through all the earth

People: and to the end of the world.

Leader: Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

**People: I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord.**

Leader: As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

WORSHIP SONG

"Watchman"

Tell me watchman now what of the morning
Is the end of the night coming soon
I've been waiting and praying and longing
For the One who is faithful and true
But I know He's the hope for the helpless
And a comfort to all those who mourn
Is the song of His glorious returning
Rising up on the wings of the dawn

(Chorus)

*His morning comes and O the sun will rise again
And all of the earth will be filled with His glorious light
And even when the day is short and evening comes
I know in Him even darkness even the darkness is light*

Tell me watchman now what of the morning
For we sing of the light of the world
And we sing of the one they call Jesus
Who is mighty in deed and in word
For I know He's the Son of the Highest
And I know that His victory is won
And the song of His glorious returning
Rises up on the wings of the dawn *(Chorus)*

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Rises up on the wings of the dawn *(Chorus)*

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2:23—3:6

²³After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. ²⁴God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them. **3** Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Amazed"

You dance over me, while I am unaware,
You sing all around, But I never hear the sound

*Lord I'm amazed, by you, Lord I'm amazed, by you,
Lord I'm amazed, by you, And how you love me*

You paint the morning sky, With miracles in mind
My hope will always stand, For you hold me in your hands (Chorus)

How deep, How wide, How great,
Is your love for me (2x) (Chorus)

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

"Chromatic Fugue" by Pachelbel

Lee Nelmes

CALL TO CONFESSION

Whether you feel like you have a grasp on who you are or whether are questioning your identity. Whether you are new to this type of prayer or whether you've confessed a thousand times before. Whether you feel confident in the flesh or whether you know your shortcomings all too well. God meets us where we are, and God invites us into this prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, we have not already obtained the prize or reached the goal — but Christ has! And in Christ you are a new creation, you are made whole and you are called beloved. 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

God is generous beyond measure. With thanksgiving for God's generosity in our lives, let us be generous as we offer ourselves and our resources in response to God's Word given to us today.

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

Sweet Savior, your Word is greater to us than gold, even great gold. May these gifts brought today be a gesture of our gratitude for the riches of your Word given to us. Multiple these gifts and make them like the drippings of the honeycomb to those in need. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:7-15

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"I AM Who I AM"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from Philippians 3)

I know Christ. I am found in him. Nothing is gained in this life but him. I know the power of his resurrection. I know the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death and I know that, according to his great mercy, we will attain the resurrection from the dead through him.

HYMN NO. 478

“Praise my Soul the King of Heaven”

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

Now may the face of God shine upon you so that you may be saved; and may the grace of God live within you through Christ Jesus our Lord.

POSTLUDE

“Dir, Dir, Jehova, will ich singen” by J.S. Bach



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)
Edie Stauch (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Tracey Schaaf (friend of Sandee Wilson)
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)
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
Robin Haug



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Jan & George Rounds in memory of her mother, Dorothy Danihel; and given in loving memory of their moms, Betty Stairs and Grace Traubel, from Sally and Dave Traubel. The flowers on the communion table are given in memory of Jack Moore with love from Libby and children. Deacons Peg Kaelin & Don Millin 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!

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

NWPC's veterans who have served our Country will be recognized on Sunday, November 5, 2023. If you haven't contacted me before, please do so now by giving me your name, branch, rank, and years of service. You can reach me at 215-343-1142 and leave a message or send an email to drsmith524@verizon.net. Also notify me if you'll be in church on that Sunday. Thanks! Dorothy Smith



TRUNK OR TREAT/CHILI COOK-OFF – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH – 2PM

EVERYONE is invited to join us for this fun event! Decorate your car....**OR NOT!** Hand out candy... **FOR SURE!** Hot Dogs, Chili, Kona Ice, Pumpkin Painting, Face Painting and more!

- Children should come in costume and will travel from car to car to collect their candy.
- **Anyone can make chili and enter the Chili Cook-off. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the outer narthex. We encourage you to be creative and have some fun with this!**

Please join us for this all-generational event!

TAKE A WALK WITH BEN FRANKLIN

Last May the William Tennent House Association sponsored a walking tour with Ben Franklin in the historic district of Philadelphia. Due to cancellations because of rain, we decided to offer the tour again. On Saturday, October 21st the tour will begin at the First Bank of the United States at 11AM. Visit the sites where Ben Franklin made a name for himself as a printer, inventor, and statesman. Last may those of us who went on the tour took the train from the Warminster Station to Jefferson Station and walked to the First Bank. The cost for the walking tour is \$35. Wendy Wirsch will be in Coffee Hour to sign you up or you can call her at 267-261-1274 and email her at wbw42451@gmail.com.

MISSION CORNER

CASSEROLES

Today is casserole Sunday!

After Food & Fellowship we will assemble 60 casseroles for the St. Francis Inn
Eight volunteers are need to help assemble the casseroles.

SECOND HAND MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

November 4th 9am—2pm

A great time for everyone to sell your treasures or crafts!
We provide the tables, YOU provide your treasures to sell
\$25.00 per table

10x10 Vendor spaces available \$40

Food will be available for purchase, including hot dogs, pretzels, & baked goods
Bakers are needed!

Sign-up sheets are available during Food & Fellowship
There will be a book swap table ~ bring a book-take a book
Rain or Shine!

To register use the QR code above or go to www.nwpc.net/secondhandmarket

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR MISSION PROJECTS

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!

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

WEDNESDAY—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge
—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

FRIDAY—Private Tour of Sanctuary 9:30 am

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