



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 334

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: God's goodness and mercy are always close.

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

People: This is the feast.

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

People: This is the feast of life and light.

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

People: We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!

WORSHIP SONG

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain Where the living waters flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through
Strong deliverer strong deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell’s destruction Land me safe on Canaan’s side
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 5:22-6:12

²²Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, “O my Lord, why have you mistreated this people? Why did you ever send me? ²³Since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has mistreated this people, and you have done nothing at all to deliver your people.” **6** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.” ²God also spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD. ³I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name ‘The LORD’ I did not make myself known to them. ⁴I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. ⁵I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶Say therefore to the Israelites: I am the LORD, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery

to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.” ⁹Moses told this to the Israelites, but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery. ¹⁰Then the LORD spoke to Moses, ¹¹“Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.” ¹²But Moses spoke to the LORD, “The Israelites have not listened to me; why should Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“From the Inside Out”

A thousand times I've failed Your mercy remains
And should I stumble again I'm caught in your grace
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else, my purpose remains
The art of losing myself in bringing you praise
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame

My heart and my soul, I give you control
Consume me from the inside out
Let justice and praise become my embrace
To love You from the inside out

*Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise
From the inside out, O my soul cries out (repeat)*

My heart and my soul, I give you control
Consume me from the inside out
Let justice and praise become my embrace
To love You from the inside out

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

"You Are My Alleluia"

Holy Father, Ancient of Days, perfect in truth and love.
Abba Father, worthy of praise, You are my alleluia. Alleluia!

Holy Jesus, giver of grace, You are the Lamb of God.
Great Redeemer, worthy of praise, You are my alleluia. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Holy is Your name.
Alleluia! Worthy of all praise. Worthy of all praise.

Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, breath of the Risen Son.
Comforter, friend, worthy of praise! You are my alleluia!

Lord, You are holy, Lord, You are worthy.
You are my allelu, Alleluia.

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

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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. This is good news!

People: 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, 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

Exodus 7:14-21

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water; stand by at the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. ¹⁶Say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you to say, "Let my people go, so that they may serve me in the wilderness.'" But until now you have not listened. ¹⁷Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD." See, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall be turned to blood. ¹⁸The fish in the river shall die, the river itself shall stink, and the Egyptians shall be unable to drink water from the Nile.' " ¹⁹The LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron: Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over its rivers, its canals, and its ponds, and all its pools of water—so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout the whole land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone." ²⁰Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and of his officials he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile; all the water in the river was turned into blood, ²¹and the fish in the river died. The river stank so that the Egyptians could not drink its water, and there was blood throughout the whole land of Egypt.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Stop!"

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.

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 peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Prayer Concerns: Jonie Garcia (mother of Dave Garcia)
Malory Mee (friend of Garcia family)
Family of Mark Hennessy
Allan Schrage (friend of Sue Rems)
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)
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 in loving memory of his parents, Phyllis & Jack Mekel, from Bob Mekel; and given in loving memory of David Wilson from his wife, Sandee Wilson. The flowers on the communion table are given in memory of Jack Moore with love from Libby and children. Deacons Patrick Van Tassel & 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

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

*Thank
you*

Jerry Furr, friend of Barb and John Landis, appreciates all of the prayers over the past 3 years of surgeries. Thank you to the congregation of NWPC!



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

*REMINDER: Mission Team meeting today
at 10:30 am in the Lounge*

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!

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
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—Private Function 5 pm Auditorium

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

WAYS TO GIVE



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- 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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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.