



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 306

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

People: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead

People: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

People: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

People: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

People: Tremble before God, all the earth.

WORSHIP SONG

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name (Chorus)

*So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love... Jesus*

Jesus, the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears
’Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me (Chorus)

He speaks and listening to His voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever, ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above
The church in earth and Heav’n (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 3:1-6

3 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, partners in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also “was faithful in all God’s house.” ³Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. ⁶Christ, however, was faithful over God’s house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the boldness and the pride inspired by hope.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Wonderful King”

We are here because of grace because of love
We are here because of You because of You
We are here because of grace because of love
We are here because of You because of You

You fill out hearts with more than we can hold inside and so we sing

Beautiful Savior Wonderful King
Beautiful Savior Wonderful King

We are here because of grace because of love
We are here because of You because of You

You fill out hearts with more than we can hold inside and so we sing
(Chorus)

Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here
Oh, wonderful sound love of Heaven now
Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here
Oh, wonderful sound love of Heaven now
Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here
Oh wonderful sound Oh wonderful sound
(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

"In Jesus Name"

Debbie Flick

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to safety, let us confess our sins with courage and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength — we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

People: Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.

Leader: Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

People: To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.

(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

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

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

Scripture praises the “work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” We give now not for the flash or the fame but in quiet, steadfast hope that every dollar might serve to build up the body of Christ in this congregation, and the beloved community in the world. Your offerings matter. Make them with confidence.

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

Lord, we dedicate our all to you; not just the money that we no longer call ours (whether it's sitting in the plate or whizzing along digital paths), but our thoughts, our plans, our time, our dreams, our days. It's all yours, God. It always was. Help us to rejoice in that. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-14

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. 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.' "

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"The Fire Became Real"

Pastor Henry Hansen

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

People: In life and death we belong to God.

Leader: 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.

People: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

Leader: In sovereign love God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

People: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Leader: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

People: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

Leader: 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.

People: 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!"

HYMN NO. 460

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

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Our guest preacher this morning is Pastor Henry Hansen. He's pastor at Bidwell Presbyterian Church in Chico, Ca located in the Sacramento Valley. Henry is a Dad of three children - Hartley (12), Hayden (10), and Madeline (8). He's married to Jenna; they've been married 23 years. He holds an M Div from Princeton Theological Seminary and a D Min from Fuller. Henry's been ordained since 2004; his first call was to First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood, NJ. Henry thinks the Niners will win the Super Bowl and believes God's grace is big enough for Eagles and Niners fans to sit at Christ's table. Henry and Mark, classmates at Princeton, have been friends for over twenty years.

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Prayer Concerns: Family of Joan George
Melissa Stokes (cousin of Sandee Wilson)
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)
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 Richard (Dick) Lucas and John Lucas from Jeanne Lucas and family; and given in loving memory of Joyce from Monty and Cindy Anderson. The flowers on the communion table are given in memory of Joe Mazeika from a friend. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Leslie Bonner 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!

FUNERAL SERVICE

A funeral service for Joan George will be held Monday, October 23rd at 11 am with visitation with the family from 10 am until 11 am.

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!

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!

MISSION CORNER



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



THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Funeral Service for Joan George 11 am Sanctuary
Visitation with the Family starting at 10 am
—Finance/Property Team Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—Outreach Team Meeting 11 am Lounge

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—History Tour for Southampton Library 10:30 am

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium
—Trunk or Treat & Chili Cookoff 2 pm Parking Lot

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- Point the camera at the QR code
- Follow phone prompts to give via credit card


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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.