



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 324

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

People: Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

Leader: May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

People: May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: In you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Leader: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

People: In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

WORSHIP SONG

“Canticle of the Turning”

Chorus: My heart shall sing of the day you bring

Let the fires of your justice burn

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn

- 1) My soul cries out with a joyful shout, that the God of my heart is great
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be about to turn?
- 2) Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you to yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, For the world is about to turn.
- 3) From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn:
There are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
- 4) Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conquerer’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
‘Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:1-4

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, ²“Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. ³Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, ‘They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them.’ ⁴I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.” And they did so.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

WORSHIP SONG

“Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion
Love that’s never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus:

*Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

Shine Your light
And let the whole world see
We’re singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, shine your light
And let the whole world see
We’re singing
For the glory of the risen King (*Chorus*)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jackie Garcia

(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

"Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died,
the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood, till I am just a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood, Lamb of God,
till I am just a lamb of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **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

God loves us and blesses us with abundance. God also calls us to love others and be generous with all we have been given. 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, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully entrust these gifts to your care and Christ’s ministry. May these gifts reflect our love for our neighbors in need; blessing others as we have been blessed. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:5-31

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. ⁹The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. ¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them, and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." ¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵He clogged^[a] their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." ²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot

drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Day”

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.

HYMN NO. 447

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

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

Blessed are you, O sisters and brothers, for you shall be holy, as the Lord your God is holy, living in peace by trusting in the promises of God.



Prayer Concerns: Diana (friend of Jan Millin)
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
Kerry Zimmerman
Debbie Watson
Robin Haug



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Sandee Wilson to the glory of God. Deacons Dottie Kieffer & Linda King 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!

MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting: November 19th from 6PM to 8PM

At NWPC (Lounge)

The Men's Group will be reconvening on November 19th. We will be meeting every month until May (except in December) on the third Sunday of the month from 6PM to 8PM. This is your opportunity to get to know other men at NWPC better, and to participate in discussing Bible themes as well as challenges we face in living a life of faith today. We will be discussing such themes as Church Unity & Community, Faith & Doubt, Tests and Trials, Trust & Faithfulness, God's Kingdom and Heaven and Earth. Please join us! For more information or any questions you have you can talk to Pastor Mark or Rick Rugel. Please let us know if you plan to join us so we know how many will be coming. See you then. Should be a good time!



TRUNK OR TREAT/CHILI COOK-OFF – TODAY!! – 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!

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

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

—Trunk or Treat & Chili Cookoff 2 pm Parking Lot

MONDAY—Nominating 6:15 pm Lounge

—Session Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary then Lounge

—Deacon Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary then Auditorium

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

—William Tennent House Assoc. Meeting 2 pm Lounge

SATURDAY—Second Hand Market & Craft Fair 9 am Outside

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

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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.