



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 150

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

People: we come today to rest in you.

Leader: You have been the voice that guides us;

People: we come today to listen.

Leader: You have been the host who feeds us;

People: we come today to be filled.

Leader: You have been our joy and crown;

People: we come today to sing your praise.

Leader: You have been our dwelling place in all generations;

People: you have been our home throughout the ages.

Leader: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

WORSHIP SONG

“Glory to Glory”

I will sing my praise to Him
He who died to take my sin
But he wants much more from me
Lord come change the core of me
From my heart Lord I will sing

*Hallelujah You saved me, You're changing me
From glory to glory
Hallelujah my heart will sing
I'll praise my king
From glory to glory*

Lord I want you here inside
Take my pain, take my pride
You can make the storms be still
Lord do with me what You will
And throughout the ages I will sing (Chorus)

Jesus Christ we invite you in today
Deep inside, Jesus come and have your way
Jesus Christ we invite you in today
Deep inside, Jesus come and have your way (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:13-14

¹³If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"We All Need Jesus"

These days, we're so divided
Wound up, prone to fighting
Who's right, who's wrong, who gets the blame?
The cure for all the chaos
It's in the hands that made us
Deep down, we're broken all the same

(Chorus)

*We all need love We all need forgiveness
We need the kindness of a friend
By our side no matter what
We all need grace We all need redemption,
We need the mercy of a Savior
Who would take us in His cross
We all need Jesus, Jesus
We all need Jesus, Jesus*

We bleed the same in color
We're all sisters and brothers
God's love is in our DNA
One breath holds us together
One life to make it better
Deep down, we're broken all the same (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.)

CHOIR ANTHEM “A Song of Thanksgiving” with Sadie & Patrick Van Tassel, Trumpet
Sing to the Lord, sing a song of thanksgiving. Sing to the Lord, sing a song of praise.
For all good gifts that come from God, sing to the Lord, sing a song of praise.

Bless the Lord, bless His holy name, alleluia. Bless the Lord, bless His holy name, alleluia!
For God's great gifts of love and grace.
O sing to the Lord, bless His holy name,
sing to the Lord give thanks and sing a joyful song of praise!

With grateful hearts we come today to offer thanks and praise,
for countless blessings we receive, revealed in many ways.
For loving care that never ends, for wonders new and old.
For knowing God is always near to see our lives unfold.
For friends and family through the years, for saints that we have known,
whose faith inspires and helps us know that we are not alone.
Our gratitude is far beyond what we can do or say, for God is great and God is good,
our ever present strength and stay.

Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, a song of thanksgiving.
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord a song of praise for all good gifts that come from God.
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord a song, a song of praise!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have done what is evil in your sight. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, by action and inaction. We have wounded creation, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours, by action and inaction. And if the sum total of what we have done and what we have not done adds up to evil in your sight, then in your sight we ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past, and shape our future that we might build your kingdom here. In the strong name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in heart to God's commands. You are freed to love another, for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. **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

When we give, we combat the lie that we do not matter in this world. So as we enter a time of giving, I invite you to reflect on how your life, your skills, your time, and your money matters to this congregation and to God’s mission in the world.

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

Generous God, with Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we are reminded to give you thanks for the ministries of this congregation which you have entrusted us with. We are honored by the opportunity to be your holy body here. Bless these offerings, however they are given that our efforts may be ever more worthy of your name. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“A Regime Change”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from the Confession of 1967)

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life. It is the will of God that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

HYMN NO. 151

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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

May God, whose coming we eagerly await, keep you fervent in faith, steadfast in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always.



Prayer Concerns: Family of John Roushey
Luca (friend of Jan Millin)
Amy Dietz & family (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Diana (friend of Jan Millin)
Melissa Stokes (cousin of Sandee Wilson)
Jonie Garcia (mother of Dave Garcia)
Malory Mee (friend of Garcia family)
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)
Connie Reisinger (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
Rob Salvia

MISSION CORNER

It's That Time Again!!

\$25 Gift Cards for

West Kensington Ministries, Crossroads in Hunting Park, Oxford Circle in Frankford

Crossroads

60% live in poverty, 150 seniors receive a food box every month. They serve 300 to 400 children per year through their programs. It is a high crime area and Pastor Juan's goal is to make it a safer neighborhood for the children.

West Kensington Ministries

The area is the 4th hungriest district in the United States. A very dangerous area and no supermarkets because of the high crime rate. Pastor Adan has open mike night on Fridays for kids and teens. They have a silk screen t-shirt business and a small recording studio. Pastor Adan's goal is to make it a safer place for kids and especially teens.

Oxford Circle

125 children attend before and after school programs. They have a childcare center for 125 children at reduced rates and adult education twice a week, 90 adults attend.

We are so lucky and take much for granted. \$25 can buy Christmas dinner or a few presents for children. The gift cards are a bright spot to help so many. The deadline is December 10th. Inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the generosity of our congregation.

We can impact the world ~ one person at a time!

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Christmas is coming! This year we will be packing shoeboxes for the children at Crossroads Community Center in North Philadelphia. Crossroads is in one of the poorest areas of Philadelphia. Many of the children in the neighborhood depend on Crossroads for one or two meals a day. For some, the shoeboxes we put together will be the only Christmas gift they receive.

If you would like to help us with this ministry, please sign up for the age and gender you would like to fill a box for on the sign-up sheet in the outer narthex. Be sure to take a slip of paper with the appropriate gift suggestions for the age you selected.

Please return shoeboxes filled, wrapped and labeled clearly with age and gender by Sunday, December 10th! Thank you!

If you have any questions contact Donna Mazeika: donna.mazeika@nwpc.net



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of Virginia B. Haller for her November 23rd birthday from Beth S. Haller and Lydia V. Dodd; and given with love to friends and family from Alma Griffith. Deacons Doris Rowley & Patrick Van Tassel 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. Pulpit flowers are needed for November 26th & December 31st. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting: TONIGHT 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!

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends is a support group for grieving parents and grandparents. The purpose of the group is to provide support to grieving parents through this extremely difficult time. A co leader, who has also lost a child, facilitates the meeting. The group will meet the third Wednesday of every month in the lounge from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. For additional information please contact Jan Millin at 215-820-3506 or janmke12@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH MRS. TENNENT

The William Tennent House Association cordially invites you to a Christmas dinner featuring Mrs. Catherine Tennent (Wendy Wirsch) and local author, Patrick McFadden. Come learn about William Tennent and his contributions to the Great Awakening Revival, the Log College, and education. Mr. McFadden will talk about the role of German and Scotch-Irish immigrants that led to the Revolutionary War. The buffet banquet will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at Giuseppe's Restaurant, 1380 W. Street Road, Warminster. Dinner featuring Chicken Parmigiana, Hot Roast Beef with Rolls, and Penne with Marinara Sauce will begin at 6PM. The cost is \$45 per person. Please sign-up during Coffee Hour or contact Wendy Wirsch, 267-261-1274. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 27th.

WHOLYFIT

As a reminder, there will be no WholyFit classes during the month of December. Please plan on joining us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm when we resume classes in January!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Themes of the Bible

There will be NO Bible Study this Wednesday, November 22nd

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!

MEALS FOR our CODE BLUE GUESTS - DECEMBER 2023

We are once again planning for our Code Blue guests at NWPC in December. Your generosity as a congregation has provided hot and nourishing meals in the past, and the need continues to be great. Please prayerfully consider the information below as you decide how you can help. And many thanks in advance - you are a blessing!

Suggestions for meals:

Some suggestions for meals: LASAGNE; MACARONI & CHEESE; HOT DOGS & BEANS; MEAT LOAF, MASHED POTATOES with GRAVY; PORK & SAUERKRAUT; HAM & SCALLOPED POTATOES; PEROGIES; BAKED ZITI with MEAT BALLS/SAUSAGE; CHICKEN & RICE; or any foods that have protein and are easy to chew. Some of our homeless guests have dental problems and are not able to chew hard or crunchy foods. Also please be moderate with spices and seasonings.

Instructions for providing meals:

PLEASE PREPARE CASSEROLE for **12 people** in disposable covered aluminum casserole-sized pans. (The kitchen crew will be dishing the meal that you bring into individual containers to serve our guests.) Historically, the number of guests starts to increase as we get into the month. We may eventually ask for casseroles to serve 20 or so people, so as the number of our guests increases, we will let you know how many folks we can expect to feed. If you choose to add rolls or dessert, these need to be put into individual sandwich bags. So no pies, puddings, etc. Cakes, cookies, doughnuts, etc are great.

You can drop off the casseroles: 1) "Hot" to the church kitchen at **7 PM**, 2) earlier in the day (attach reheating instructions & call me so I make sure someone is there to receive them), or 3) frozen (again we'll need instructions & phone call).

Because of covid, we will follow the same changes as last year:

- 1) Everything needs to be disposable.
- 2) We will be asking for donations of certain items and will be using a **SignUp Genius** for these items and also one for the actual casseroles. (**See links and QR codes below**). The cooks no longer need to provide extra vegetables or salads; these items will be on the SignUp Genius for miscellaneous donated items. We will no longer be serving food cafeteria-style as we used to, but will be packaging the meals in the kitchen for individual distribution to the guests in the auditorium. Therefore, we will need to have a tighter handle on quantity of food so we can avoid waste.

REMINDER: You will only need to cook for that evening **if a Code Blue is called** (usually wind chill factor of 26 degrees or less). If there is **no** Code Blue called, you will receive a call or email in the morning (usually before 10 AM) as soon as we are notified. (If you have prepared the meal ahead of time and a Code Blue is not called, you could always freeze it for possible use later in the month.)

Thank you for your willingness to prepare a meal for our homeless guests.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated by all of us!

If you have any questions, or do not want to use Sign Up Genius, **please contact** Jan Helsel (H#215-343-3778) (email: jjhelsel@yahoo.com).

Dinners link -- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA723A4FA7-45932674-nwpc#1>



Supplies link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA723A4FA7-46023564-nwpc>



THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium
—Cantata Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room
—Men’s Group 6 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

THURSDAY—Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

FRIDAY—Office Closed

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

WAYS TO GIVE



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www.nwpc.net



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- Open the camera on your phone
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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.