



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

PRELUDE

"Fantasia C-dur, BWV 570" by J.S. Bach

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

People: We are God's people, the sheep of her pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to God, bless his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

People: God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us worship God!

WORSHIP SONG

“Almighty/Step by Step”

Almighty most Holy Lord
Faithful through the ages
Almighty most Holy Lord
Glorious Almighty God
(Repeat)

Oh God You are my God and I will ever praise You (2x)
I will seek You in the morning
I will learn to follow your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

I will follow You all of my days
I will follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

(You may be seatedd)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“I Will Sing Praise to God”

I will sing praise to God
He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help
And He filled my cup

Chorus:

His favor extends for a lifetime
His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise
Forevermore

I'll put my trust in Him
God, my refuge and strength
For when my life seems lost
He will show me the way **(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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies” by Mendelssohn

Lee Nelmes

CALL TO CONFESSION

Thus says the Lord our God: “I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my people.” Trusting that God is indeed seeking us, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!

(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

Jesus calls us to reach out and care for our neighbors in need. One way we do that is together as the church: the corporate body of Christ. Let us offer our gifts to God for God's work in our community.

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, we bless your name because you have called us and claimed us and sent us into the world to do your will. Receive now this offering, both of our money and our lives. Through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger welcomed. In Jesus' name we pray **Amen**.

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Theological Declaration of Barmen)

As Jesus is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, As though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us- by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call;
give our hearts to Thine obedience,
serve and love Thee best of all.

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 the grace of Christ surround you, the love of God astound you, and the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and forevermore.

POSTLUDE

"Out Going Voluntary"



Prayer Concerns: Libby Moore
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



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of loved ones from Leslie Bonner; and given to the glory of God. Deacons Cindy Anderson & 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.

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.

CODE BLUE STARTING DECEMBER 1! WE NEED YOU!

As Neshaminy is gearing up for the season, we need volunteers. Since there are no more in-person training sessions, you can receive training on-line. Please go to the website co2ssh.org and click on NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING. This will take you to the training and the paperwork needed to become a volunteer. If you need help or are having trouble, please let me know and I can help. You can reach me at Joanne Cochran, 215-290-0079 or jwcochran1st@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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial Service for John Roushey will be held on December 2, 2023 with the family receiving friends at 10 am with the service to follow at 11 am.

MISSION CORNER

It's That Time Again!!

\$25 Gift Cards from Target & Walmart 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 can bring a little sunshine into their Christmas. The deadline is December 10th.

Inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the generosity of our congregation.

The basket for the gift cards is in the Auditorium.

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity!

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

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>



POINSETTIAS

All those interested in making donations for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas time please notify Dorothy Smith (215-343-1142) by Sunday, December 3. Please fill out the form below indicating which option you prefer.

I am interested in making a donation (any dollar amount). I understand the poinsettias will be delivered to shut-ins.

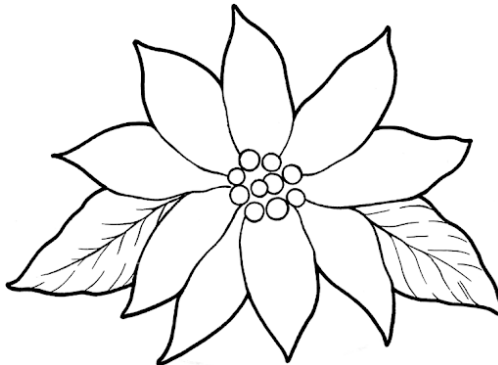
I prefer to make a donation for a poinsettia (\$10). I understand I can pick up this poinsettia after the 7:00 service on December 24.

As all donations will be noted in the Sunday, December 10 bulletin, please designate what the wording should be for you.

In memory of from Mr. & Mrs. Smith, etc.

All checks should be made payable to: Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church, Attn: Poinsettias and forwarded to the church at 1401 Meetinghouse Road, Hartsville, Warminster, PA 18974.

(Signature)



THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY – Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

– Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

– Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium

MONDAY – Code Blue Moving in for December

– 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

– Code Blue Orientation 7 pm Auditorium

THURSDAY – Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY – Visitation with the Roushey family 10 am

– Memorial Service for John Roushey 11 am Sanctuary

SUNDAY – Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

– Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

– Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium

– Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge

– Cantata Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room

– Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

WAYS TO GIVE



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ON YOUR PHONE:

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



ENVELOPE:

1401 Meetinghouse Road,
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Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor

Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth

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.