



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

### WELCOME

HYMN NO. 326

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,

**People: reviving the soul;**

Leader: the decrees of the Lord are sure,

**People: making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right,

**People: rejoicing the heart;**

Leader: the commandment of the Lord is clear,

**People: enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure,

**People: enduring forever;**

Leader: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**People: They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey. In keeping them is great reward.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Everybody Praise the Lord”

I thank the Lord for what for what He's done in us  
I thank the Lord for His Love

I thank the Lord for what He's gonna do in us  
From the heavens above

I thank the Lord for the smile that He's put on my face  
I thank the Lord for His grace

I thank the Lord for the joy that He has given to me  
'Cuz now I know that I am really set free

*Everybody Everybody*  
*Everybody Praise the Lord!*  
*Everybody Everybody*  
*Everybody Praise the Lord! (2x)*

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Job 12:7-10

<sup>7</sup>“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you; <sup>8</sup>ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you. <sup>9</sup>Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? <sup>10</sup>In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“God with Us”

Oh You've come To bring peace  
To be love To be nearer to us  
You've come To bring life  
To be light To shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel God with us

*Our Deliverer You are Savior*  
*In Your presence we find our strength*  
*Over everything Our redemption*  
*God with us You are God with us*

You've come To be hope  
To this world For Your honor and name  
You've come To take sin  
To bear shame And to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel God with us (Chorus)

*Bridge*

You are here You are holy  
We are standing In Your glory 4x (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

"In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling,  
but He bids me go; through the voice of woe

His voice to me is calling.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other, none other has ever known.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ calls us to live lives in harmony with our God and our neighbors. Even our best efforts fall short. Yet our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting that abundant mercy, let us confess our sin together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of righteousness, we confess that have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and sexual assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. Amen.

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." The grace of Christ is sufficient for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to 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)*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's house does not operate according to the logic of the market, but according to the abundance of God's grace. Let us each give what we have, trusting that by God's generosity, it will be enough. Let us receive the morning offering.

## 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

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust,  
O Lord from thee. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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.**

## **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Page 12 Blue Hymnal)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who  
forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna In the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest**

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedi-  
cated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

## 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.**

*(Everyone is welcome to partake of the elements. We will be using prepackaged wafers and juice.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle, take the elements from one of the baskets, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Please hold your elements until all are served so we can partake together.*

*There are also gluten-free elements on the side tables.)*

## COMMUNION SONG

“We Bow Down”

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life  
Lord of the land and the sea  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time  
And Lord of all Lords you will be

We bow down and we worship You Lord (3X)  
Lord of all Lords you will be

You are King of creation and King of my life  
King of the land and the sea  
You were King of the heavens before there was time  
And king of all Kings you will be

We bow down and we crown you the King (3X)  
King of all Kings You will be

## PARTAKING OF THE SACRAMENT

## COMMUNION PRAYER

**HYMN NO. 473**

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

**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 shine upon you, Christ fill you with true wisdom and strength, and the Holy Spirit guide you into all faithfulness, now and forever.





**Prayer Concerns:** Jill Clayton

Family of Sharon Moritz (sister in law of Dorothy Moritz)

Nancy Tuggle (friend of Sandee Wilson)

Sherri Shaffer (niece of Faye Wolfgang)

Jamal & Arielle Jackson (friends of Wendy Wirsch)

Nichole Trollman (daughter in law of Sandee Wilson)

Yolanda Sisco (sister in law of Bill Sisco)

Donna Palzer (friend of Debbie Watson)

Soukchay Khounxay (friend of Debbie Watson)

Vincent Evans (brother of Sue McOwen)

Liz & Larry Arnold (friends of Sandee Wilson)

Julia Bernanke (friend of Erin Watson)

Melissa Stokes (cousin of Sandee Wilson)

Jonie Garcia (mother of Dave Garcia)

Malory Mee (friend of Garcia family)

Allan Schrage (friend of Sue Rems)

Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)

Lois Williams (friend of Nina Resavage)

**Ongoing Concerns:** Connie Reisinger

Dorothy Moritz

Cathy Shaheen

David Rankin

Charles Sutton

Karen Meade

Debbie Edwards

Kerry Zimmerman

Debbie Watson



**Sunday Morning April 7<sup>th</sup>**

*In the Lounge: 10:30-11:30 a.m.*

What does it mean to belong to a church? Whether you have worshiped with us in person or you have met us through online worship, we invite you to consider uniting with our congregation through membership. We'd be delighted to include you in our family of faith. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Pastor Mark. Even if you are not sure about membership, you are welcome to come and learn more about the church. Pastor Mark can be reached at 215-343-6060 or [pastormark@nwpc.net](mailto:pastormark@nwpc.net).



### **PULPIT FLOWERS**

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of loved ones from Marge Louderback; and given in celebration of Natalee's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday and Chelsea and Keith Rounds 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Jan & George Rounds. 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.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

at 2pm for children ages 2 – grade 5.

Children will be divided into age groups.

If you would like to help we are in need of the following donations: Plastic Eggs, Individually wrapped candy(NO NUTS OR NUT BUTTER!!!), prizes (i.e.,chocolate bunnies, small stuffed animals, children's books, bubbles, balls, coloring books, small board games, fast food, Dairy Queen or coffee shop gift cards {\$5} )

Please bring all donations by Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Bring you children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors!!

All are welcome!



## NWPC MUSICFEST

**Saturday, April 13, 2024, 6:00pm**

At NWPC, we have been blessed with a wide variety of musical talent. We would like to give our musicians an opportunity to showcase their talent. This program culminates in tasty desserts and is designed to benefit the music program at NWPC.

If you sing or play an instrument, we would love to have you participate! Accompanists available. Please register with Suzanne Zak Carver to obtain your spot. Call (215) 343-6060 ext. 104 or email [Suzanne.zak@nwpc.net](mailto:Suzanne.zak@nwpc.net) to sign up today!

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge  
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium  
—Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium  
—Outreach Team Meeting 11:30 am Lounge

THURSDAY—WTHA Meeting 2 pm Lounge  
—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—Private Function Auditorium 11 am

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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.