



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 455

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love,

People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Leader: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God put new and right spirits within us.

People: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God.

WORSHIP SONG

"Everything Glorious"

The day is brighter here with You
The night is lighter when I'm with you
Would lead me to believe
Which leads me to believe

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
And I am Yours
What does that make me?*

My eyes are small but they have seen
the beauty of enormous things
which leads me to believe
there's light enough to see that

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
and I am Yours (2x)*

(Worship Team)

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
and I am Yours (2x)
What does that make me?*

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-26

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Hallelujah"

I love You Lord with all my heart
You've given me a brand new start
And I just want to sing this song to You
I sought you Lord and you answered me
Your grace has truly set me free
My heart and soul are praising Hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah

I know that You're the God above
You're filling me with grace and love
And I just want to say thank You to You
You pulled me from the miry clay
You've given me a brand new day
Now all that I can say is Hallelujah (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

"Depth of Mercy"

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me,
Can my God His wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?
I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face,
would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned His hallowed name, put Him to an open shame.
There for me the Savior stands, shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.
I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all. I surrender all!

CALL TO CONFESSION

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest." Friends, we are God's people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God's paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! **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

Let us come before the God who holds our life and even our death and pray for the transformation that Jesus Christ has shown us is possible. God of the cross, the grave and the empty tomb, we lift up to you all within us that is in the messy process of death and resurrection. Transform us, we pray, into the likeness of your Son, that you might use us to bear much fruit in the world: May we die to environmental extraction and live to responsible stewardship. May we die to division and partisanship and live to reconciliation and compassion. May we die to addictions and consumerism and live to our shared well-being. May we die to me and mine and live to us and ours. God who is always bringing new life out of death and despair, we pray for all those who need your healing hand this morning — for the hungry and homeless, those sick and in prison, people living in fear, loneliness or grief. Answer the longing of your people with the gift of your presence. All this we pray in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,

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

By the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives have borne much fruit. Let us now return thanks where it is due and offer the fruits of our labor back to the Lord. 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

Gracious God, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you. May our offering this morning forever bring glory to your name, and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of your whole creation. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Redemptive Suffering”
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.

HYMN NO. 102

“Where You There?”

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 hand has written the law of love upon your heart, fill you with peace from deep within and the commitment to live in harmony. And the blessing of God, who loves, forgives, and calls us home, be with you now and always.

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 pm**  
at Warminster Presbyterian Church

We will be joining Warminster Presbyterian Church for our Maundy Thursday service.  
Pastor Randy Barge of Olney Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia will be preaching.  
500 Madison Ave., Warminster, PA 18974

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Prayer Concerns: Liz Sculli (Friend of Eloyce Sturgeon)
Milt Haupt (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Karin Hart (sister of Laura Stilonovich)
Sherry Gretzsula (friend of Laura Stilonovich)
Tom Ceneviva (friend of Laura Stilonovich)
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

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of her parents, Alice and Allen Cullis, from Audrey Read; and given in celebration of our granddaughter, Isabelle's, 10th birthday from Don and Jan Millin. Deacons Debbie Edwards & Dottie Kieffer 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.

MEN'S GROUP NEXT MEETING

TONIGHT – 6:00 PM

At NWPC (Lounge)

The next Men's Group get together is March 17th (subject: Easter). We will be meeting every month through May on the third Sunday of the month at 6PM. 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. 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!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sunday Morning April 7th

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.

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 to sign up today!



6th Annual WKM Golf Outing

(Benefiting, West Kensington Ministry, a faith community supporting the human potential of an inner-city community)



Monday, May 13, 2024
~ Five Ponds Golf Club ~

9:45 a.m. Shot-Gun Start

Best Ball / Scramble Format

(Sign-In starting at 8:45 AM)

Donation: \$180.00 per player

Includes:

Lunch
Greens Fees and Cart
Putting Contest
Hole Prizes, Door Prizes
Post-Tournament Reception
A fun day to benefit a Critical Urban Ministry

Support Opportunities:

Sponsor a Hole - \$300
Sponsor or Donate a Prize - \$400 or prize value
Sponsor WKM logo Golf Balls - \$900
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Lunch - \$1500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Reception - \$2500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Beverage Cart - \$1000
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor the Golf Outing - \$5000
Silent Auction - Bid or Donate an Auction Item
Purchase Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle

To Register: go to www.westkensingtonministry.com

Click on the GREEN "Golfer Registration" icon

It's near the bottom of the home page

More info? Contact: Chad Pilling – pillingcb@gmail.com



EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, March 24th

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 17th.

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

All are welcome!

EASTER LILIES

All those interested in making donations for lilies to decorate the sanctuary at Easter please notify Dorothy Smith (215-343-1142) no later than Friday, March 22. Please fill out the form below indicating which option you prefer:

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

I prefer to make a donation for a lily (\$10). I understand I can pick up this lily after the 9 o'clock service.

As all donations will be noted in the Sunday, March 31 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: Easter Lilies and forwarded to the church at 1401 Meetinghouse Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Deacon Meeting 10:30 am Lounge
—Adult Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room
—Men’s Group 6 pm Lounge

MONDAY—Session Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge
—The Compassionate Friends 7 pm Lounge

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—Private Function Auditorium 11 am

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship Auditorium 10:15 am Auditorium
—Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm Auditorium and Outside

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.