



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With crowds from ancient times we cry.

People: Hosanna! Save us!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

People: Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Let us worship the living God!

WORSHIP SONG

“Majestic”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your Name in all the earth (2X)

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your Name in all the earth (2X)

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll Sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

I will worship You, I will worship You
I will worship You, I will worship You
We will worship You
We will worship You

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll Sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2,26-29

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Beautiful Scandalous Night"

Go on up to the mountain of mercy
To the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore
Be thirsty no more
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain
Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall
Cleanse your heart and your soul
In the fountain that flowed
For you and for me and for all

*At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree
On that beautiful scandalous night you and me
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white
On that beautiful, scandalous night*

On the hillside, you were delivered
At the foot of the cross justified
And Your spirit restored
By the river that poured
From our blessed Savior's side

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

“The Palms”

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day, in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare;
Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light.
Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.
Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess before God our tendency,
like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith
in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith
in moments of fear and stress.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

People: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

(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

God, On this Holy day of Palm Sunday and Passion, we have so many mixed feelings inside of us. We remember your son’s triumphant entrance into Jerusalem with the people shouting praises and waving Palm Branches. We join them with our own praises and yet....we remember too that this wonderful parade for your Son, becomes another kind of parade before officials and the booing crowds. Instead of the crowds singing his praises they are shouting to crucify him. Our hearts are broken by those very shouts, and the pain and suffering he bore that day. And yet we know that it is because of his choosing to enter Jerusalem and taking the path he knew he was taking, there is hope, grace, love and salvation for all. And there are still many in need of hope in our world. There are still many in need of your grace in our world. There are still many in need of your love in our world. And there are still many in need of salvation in our world. We lift in prayer to you those who are victims of human tragedies in war torn countries all over this world; We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters. We pray for all who are sick or grieving or suffering from rejection. Lord, enter our lives, our churches, our cities, our countries once again today. Heal us, Lord. Transform us. Renew us. Draw us closer to you in this journey of Holy Week, empower us with strength and courage and with the assurance that you are with us, world without end. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together:

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

Consider what you carry in your hands today. Do you carry the reign of a donkey, a cloak to share, a branch to wave? What do you bring to welcome the Lord today? Whether you share your gifts today as the plates are passed, online, or through the mail, trust that the Lord needs you.

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

As the crowds cried, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Sunday’s Comin’ ... It’s Part of the Plan”
Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

HYMN NO. 89

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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 blessing of God, who surmounts evil, bears our pain, and lives in us forever, fill you with a zeal for justice and passion for peace, this day and always.



Prayer Concerns: Joe Cooney & family (friends of Cailin Augustine)
Bill Chicoski (former member)
Joyce & Jan Conover (friends of Wendy Wirsch)
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)
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)
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 loving memory of Rick's aunts, parents, and "Miss Patty's" parents, from Rick Danihel; and given to the glory of God from Leslie Bonner. Deacons Jen Kreischer & 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.



MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 pm

at Warminster Presbyterian Church

500 Madison Ave., Warminster, PA 18974

We will be joining Warminster Presbyterian Church
for our Maundy Thursday service.

Pastor Randy Barge of Olney Presbyterian Church
in Philadelphia will be preaching.



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.



EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY!

at 2pm for children ages 2 – 10.

Children will be divided into age groups.

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



JOYFUL NOISE & SPIRIT CHOIRS

The kids are singing next Sunday, Easter Sunday. Please take your children to the large Youth Room downstairs by 8:45 am on your way to the Sanctuary. The children will be brought into the Sanctuary together. After they sing, they will go to Sunday School as usual.

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

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

—Palm Sunday Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

—Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm Auditorium and Outside

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

THURSDAY—Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm
at Warminster Presbyterian Church

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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.