



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 469

"Morning Has Broken"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Celebrate this day of days!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Let all creation be amazed!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is risen!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!
Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

WORSHIP SONG

“Son of God”

Hold my hand and walk with me
You're the light that makes me see
On this path my soul you lead
O my shepherd walk with me

*My Saviour, Glorious one
My Redeemer, Living in my heart
Now and forever, Your kingdom come
Jesus Son of God*

I need you more than breath
You're my hope in you I live
Angels worship at your throne
Power and glory to you alone (Chorus)

Jesus, O Jesus
Holy is the Lamb of God
Jesus, O Jesus
Worthy is the Lamb of God (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-21

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

'Mighty to Save''

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus:

*Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

Shine Your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King (*Chorus*)

JOYFUL NOISE & SPIRIT CHOIR "Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen", directed by Kyle Montgomery
*(Children are now dismissed to their Sunday School teacher,
or if you prefer they may return to their seats with you.)*

CHOIR ANTHEM "Risen Indeed!", with Patrick and Sadie Van Tassel, trumpet

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.

Lift up your voices sing alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed, He is risen from the dead.

He is alive, He is alive, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.

Lift up your voices, sing alleluia, alleluia!

He died for us, our sinful souls to save.

Now He is risen, risen from the grave.

The tomb stands empty, the stone was rolled away.

Darkness has vanished, the night has turned to day.

Jesus will meet us when our death is near.

He gives us hope eternal. We need not fear!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.

Lift up your voices, sing alleluia!

Christ is risen, is risen, risen indeed.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and de-grade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

“Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. **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

God of resurrection, of new life, of new beginnings, we stand before the empty tomb full of terror and amazement — like the Scripture describes the women who first discovered this truth. We are amazed, Holy God, by your power, by your love, by the grace you extend to us and our world, even when we are undeserving. On this Easter Sunday, we bow before you in prayer, lifting our petitions for those who suffer and struggle, and searching for the strength, guidance and hope we need to serve as your faithful disciples. In your mercy, Risen Savior, hear our prayers. Our terror is real and debilitating, God. We fear for ourselves, for our neighbors, and for our world. Evil has gained traction, convincing many that violence and war, death and destruction are acceptable means to human ends. Forgive us, God. Turn our hearts toward what is holy and right. Turn our faces toward your risen Son, whose light graces us with peace, love, and divine wisdom. On this Easter morning, let us recommit ourselves to Christ’s path of peace and the road of Christian discipleship. This road is difficult and most challenging. But this road also leads to new and renewed life. Savior, hear our prayers that all who are struggling know your resurrection hope. We pray for those struggling under the weight of despair... We pray for those who feel trapped and victimized... We pray for those who lack necessary resources for survival... We pray for those who are exhausted and overwhelmed... We pray for those who are traumatized or depressed... We pray for those who are unsafe and without a place or a people to call home... We pray for the sick, the grieving, the loved ones we know are struggling... God of hope, hear our prayers. Strong God, we praise you as the one who rolls stones away from empty tombs and as the one who opens minds and softens hearts. We stand in awe of your power on this Easter Sunday. We celebrate your risen Son. Now hear us as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us 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

Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give of our offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

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

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:24-31

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“You Never Know”
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

HYMN NO. 113

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

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

Now may the truth of the empty tomb—the astonishing reality of Jesus’ resurrection—keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life. May the power of God’s endless love surround you and guide you, 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

EASTER LILIES DONATED

BY:

Mary-Martha Circle

Sarah Circle



In loving memory of our parents from Gordon & Gail Bilsland.

In loving memory of my son, Michael from Leslie Bonner.

In memory of Robert, Muriel, and Rick Goodman from the Goodman Family.

In memory of Esther Breithaupt, my favorite aunt and godmother from Beth Haller.

In memory of Mark Hennessy from his family.

In memory of loved ones from Karen Lodwig.

In memory of loved ones from Marge Louderback.

In loving memory of Sean & Joe Mazeika from Donna, Chris, Jacki, Brenton, Nolan, and Jovie.

In memory of her father, Thomas Potts, Jr. from Melissa Meade.

In loving memory of her husband, Thomas G. Potts, Jr. from Kathy Potts.

In memory of loved ones from Cheryl & Gary Miller.

In memory of our daughter, Krissy from Jan & Don Millin.

In celebration of our granddaughters, Emma and Izzy DeChristopher from Jan & Don Millin.

In loving memory of loved ones from Suzanne Pearce.

In memory of loved ones from Charlotte Rugel.

In memory of Gertrude, Louis, Marian, Sam, and Warren Smith from their family.

In memory of loved ones from Eloyce Sturgeon.



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!

**Adult Mission Team – We are looking for volunteers to assist in rehabbing houses
in Phoenixville this spring with our partner Good Works.**

Good Works is a Christian nonprofit organization whose mission is: Transforming lives by repairing homes for low-income families and sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ. Our services are currently offered to homeowners in central & northern Chester County, PA. Repairs are provided at no cost to the homeowners and volunteers do most of the work.

Do you have construction/handyman skills? Perfect – your help and guidance is needed. No construction skills but are willing to follow directions and learn new skills? Perfect - there is work for you too. We have all sorts of skill levels. The tasks are varied so we can match people to the available tasks. There is always a supervisor to guide us. Our group typically works at the same site or sometimes we split into two groups so you will always be with someone from our team.

We have **six** dates planned - most are the 3rd Thursday of the month. You can sign up for one date or all four dates: Thursday 3/21, Thursday 4/11 – Second Thursday of the month, Thursday 5/16, Thursday 9/19, Thursday 10/17, Thursday 11/21

If you can't volunteer but would like to donate to Good Works please visit <https://www.goodworksinc.org/> or scan the QR code

Contact Dave or Darlene Baker if interested @ dbaker@dbrobertsgroup.com





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

MONDAY—Office closed

TUESDAY—NO HolyFit this week

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship Auditorium 10:15 am Auditorium
—Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Book Lounge
—New Members Class 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

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.