



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

### WELCOME

HYMN NO. 485

"To God Be the Glory"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Peace be with you.

**People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit.

**People: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

Leader: Into our fears and through our locked doors,

**People: Come, Almighty God.**

Leader: When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis.

**People: Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“You are Holy”

You are holy (You are holy)  
You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy)  
Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love you (I will love you)  
All of my days (All of my days)

I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords)  
And worship (You are King of Kings)  
The King who (You are Mighty God)  
Is worthy (Lord of everything)  
I will love and (You are Emmanuel)  
Adore Him (You're the great I Am)  
I will bow down (You're the Prince of Peace)  
Before Him (Who is the Lamb)

I will sing to (You're the living God)  
And worship (You're saving grace)  
The King who (You will reign forever)  
Is worthy (You are ancient of days)  
I will love Him (You are Alpha Omega)  
Adore Him (Beginning and End)  
I will bow down (You're my Savior, Messiah)  
Before Him (Redeemer and Friend)

You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

### "I Am for You"

There is a mountain, there is a sea.  
There is a wind within all breathing.  
There is an arm to break every chain.  
There is a fire in all things living.  
There is a voice that speaks from the flame:  
I am for you, I am for you,  
I am for you is my name.

There was a man who walked in the storm,  
Caught in between the waves and the lightning,  
Sharing his breads with those cast aside,  
Healing by touch the lost and the dying.  
Sending us forth he says to his friends:  
I am for you, I am for you,  
I am for you to end.

We are anointed servants of God.  
We have been born again of spirit.  
We are the word God speaks to the world  
Freedom and light to all who hear it.  
So let us be the word of the Lord:  
I am for you, I am for you  
I am for you evermore.

There is a world that waits in the womb.  
There is a hope unborn God is bearing.  
Though the power of death prowls the night,  
There is a day our God is preparing.  
Sing 'round the fire to waken the dawn:  
I am for you, I am for you  
I am for you: we are one  
I am for you, I am for you  
I am for you: we are one

## 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.)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Praise You"

Emily Smith & Sue Rems

## CALL TO CONFESSION

When we stand at the baptismal font and confess our sins we are not doing so as lost, guilty and ambiguous human beings who are not sure of our standing before God. We do not come groveling, but we come confident as those who are no longer dead in our trespasses but who are already alive in Jesus Christ. Without God's grace, we would not even know we are sinners. So we confess together:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

You are already forgiven, loved and whole. In Christ, you are a fully flourishing human being; go live like it. In the Spirit, you are not an isolated spiritual being, doing Christianity alone, but you are part of a community of faith; go build that. By the grace of God, every human being is seen, loved, and made whole; go practice that. **Amen.**

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

"Gloria Patri"

**Glorify 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

We become who we are called to be not through getting, acquiring and possessing but in our giving. To that end, let us worship God by giving our good gifts.

## 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

Good and gracious God, help us to say thank you, to live with gratitude, to look for the best in each other, and to live charitably with all. May your resurrection never stop surprising us, disrupting us and transforming us, until Christ's kingdom comes. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-11

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." 3Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

“Do You like Surprises?”  
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, dedicated 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      "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia Thou burning sun with golden beams  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*Chorus:*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O sing ye! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice! *(Chorus)*

And everyone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and cast on God your care! *(Chorus)*

All creatures, your Creator bless, And worship God, in humbleness  
O sing ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## PARTAKING OF THE SACRAMENT

### COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN NO. 324

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

### 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

This is the blessing of the Lord: life forevermore. **Alleluia!**





**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 Thomas Hammonds & Joseph Kennedy from Todd and Ruth Kennedy; and given in loving memory of Rod from the Anderson family. The third arrangement is given in loving memory of their parents, Virginia & Eddie Helsel and Sue and Frank Henderson from Jan & Jim Helsel. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Jen Kreischer 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.

## **GREETERS**

We are looking for one person to sign up each week to greet those arriving at our Sunday service. You are also welcome to bring your family or a friend to join you as greeters. It's a one-time commitment to stand at the entrance to the narthex and greet those coming in to the service from about 8:45 am until 9 am. This is a wonderful chance to reestablish our practice of ensuring that everyone coming to the service starts off with a warm welcome. We have a "sign-up genius" set up where you can sign up on-line at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4DA9A92FABFF2-greeter>. If you are interested, but don't have access to a computer, please reach out to Jen Kreischer at 610-952-5319.

Many thanks for considering signed up as a greeter!

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Do you ever feel that you'd like to help out people less fortunate than yourself but not really sure how to go about it? This year Hong and Kyle are returning to Honduras for a week of medical missions aided by the Good Samaritan Baptist Mission. This ministry has many different ministries including teaching aspiring pastors, running a Christian school for grades K-12, and running over 30 kitchens to feed the needy all across Honduras. You can read all about their history, ministries, and vision on their website: [www.goodsamaritan.ms](http://www.goodsamaritan.ms).

Two of the specific ways you can help the needy are to either sponsor a child or to donate money for food bags. If you'd like to sponsor a child – just click on the "Opportunity of a Lifetime" box. They have 3 different levels of monthly sponsorship to help a child get an education they would never get otherwise. If you'd like to donate money for food for the hungry – just click on the "Feed the Hungry" box. There you can donate as little as \$10 to supply food for those in need.

## **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.

Please plan on joining us next Saturday!



# 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](http://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](mailto:pillingcb@gmail.com)

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Finance/Property Team Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—BCIU 9:30 am Auditorium  
—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge  
—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

FRIDAY—Dress Rehearsal for Musicfest 6 pm Auditorium

SATURDAY—Private Function 11 am Auditorium  
—Musicfest 6 pm Auditorium

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge  
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium  
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Lounge  
—Deacon Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge

## 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.