



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 483

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

People: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

WORSHIP SONG

“Salt and Light”

You make me want to be like You
Your holiness I will pursue
I want the heart of Jesus

Show me the meaning of your grace
I want to give the world a taste
Of the love of Jesus

**Make me salt, make me light
Let Your holy fire ignite
Reveal Your glory in my life**

**I am not ashamed
To lift up Your holy name
Make me salt, make me light**

You make me want to be like You
Your holiness I will pursue
I want the heart of Jesus

Show me the meaning of Your grace
I want to give the world a taste
Of the love of Jesus (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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

WORSHIP SONG

“Find a World”

Go and find a world where My name has never been said
And say it there
Let it ring like a song, ring like a song
Go and find a world where My face has never been shown
And show it there
Let it shine like the sun, shine like the sun

And I am with you always

I am with you always

For all this life and even in death I am with You always

Go and find a world where My word has never been said
And say it there
Let truth fall like the rain, fall like the rain
Go and find a world where My love has never been shown
And show it there
With a love that is pure, a love that is pure (Chorus)

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.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don’t belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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

Holy God, Good Shepherd, we turn to you in prayer because we need a leader, someone we can trust, someone who can show us the way in complicated and confusing times. Guide us, Good Shepherd. The world's problems overwhelm. The burden of suffering is great. We bear witness to tragedy after tragedy on the evening news as wolves circle your innocent sheep, threatening our hope for a just world, a path to peace and a beloved kin-dom. What can we do, God? How can we be of help? What power do we have to transform evil to good? Guide us, Good Shepherd. When we doubt our worth and our belovedness, remind us that we are yours, that we belong, that we have place within your flock. Remind us and comfort us with the knowledge that in body and in soul, in life and in death we belong to you, our Savior and Shepherd. Unite your flock with your love and help us be as welcoming of others as you are to us. Guide us, Good Shepherd. Just as the shepherd knows each of his sheep, help us to know and care for the individuals that are in particular need of your merciful grace. Hear our prayers for:

- The innocent caught in the cross hairs of war...
- Soldiers suffering from moral injury and PTSD...
- The sick and those who care for them...
- The grieving, the exhausted, the depressed...
- Those in need of resurrection hope... Now hear us as we pray together the prayer our Savior 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

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

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

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"It's Not Up to Us"
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN NO. 356

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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 goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life, and, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**



Prayer Concerns: Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)
Bill M. (nephew of Bob Louderback)
Family of Helen Stever (aunt of Debbie Watson)
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)
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 memory of David Wilson by his wife, Sandee & given to the glory of God with love; and given in loving memory of Patricia Winey on her birthday from her husband, Don. 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.

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!



Next Meeting TONIGHT, 6:00 PM

At NWPC (Lounge)

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!

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.

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.

TOUR OF THE MORAVIAN POTTERY AND TILE WORKS

The William Tennent House Association invites you to a tour of the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works. Dive into the world of Henry Chapman Mercer. Explore the decorative halls and historic workshops that lie throughout the grounds. Watch craftsmen as they turn Bucks County Clay into Mercer Tiles. The tour will be held at 10AM on Saturday, May 11, 2024. The cost is \$15 per person. We can take 20 people on the tour. The Moravian Pottery and Tile works is located at 130 E. Swamp Road, Doylestown, PA 18901. For more information or questions contact Wendy Wirsch, 267-261-1274 or wbw42451@gmail.com. Please see Wendy during Coffee Hour to sign up.

PHILLIES VS. HOUSTON ASTROS BUS TRIP

Tuesday, August 27, 2024



A bus trip has been planned to go see the Phillies play the Houston Astros at Citizens Bank Park on Tuesday, August 27. We will leave the church at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to go, young and old alike. Ask your extended family members as well as friends. Thirty-five (35) tickets have been reserved so it's on a first-come first-serve basis. Cost is \$54.00, which includes your ticket as well as the motor coach, and gratuities. We are sitting in Section 419, Rows 5 thru 9.

Deadline is July 1. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.



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

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 in learning more about this volunteer opportunity or to be added to our Mission Team distribution List.

Example – Darlene has NO construction skills but has helped many times and learned lots of new skills.

Thanks to all for Making a Difference. Join us for the fun and fellowship and giving back.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room
—Men's Group 6 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

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 10:15 am Auditorium

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.