



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

## WELCOME

HYMN NO. 564

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

**People: God's mercies are everlasting.**

Leader: They are new every morning.

**People: Great is God's faithfulness.**

Leader: We trust that the Lord is with us

**People: and all shall be made well.**

Leader: Our faith is the light that guides us

**People: through work, life and the world.**

Leader: Rejoice and know that God is here.

**People: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“You are Worthy of My Praise”

I will worship (I will worship)  
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)  
I will praise you (I will praise you)  
With all of my strength (all my strength)  
I will seek you (I will seek you)  
All of my days (all of my days)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
All of your ways (all your ways)

*I will give you all my worship*  
*I will give you all my praise*  
*You alone I long to worship*  
*You alone are worthy of my praise*

I will bow down (I will bow down)  
Hail you as king (hail you as king)  
I will serve you (I will serve you)  
Give you everything (give you everything)  
I will lift up (I will lift up)  
My eyes to your throne (my eyes to your throne)  
I will trust you (I will trust you)  
I will trust you alone (trust you alone) *Chorus*

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 18:1-9

**18** When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup>Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father’s house. <sup>3</sup>Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup>Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing and gave it to David and his armor and even his sword and his bow and his belt. <sup>5</sup>David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved. <sup>6</sup>As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. <sup>7</sup>And the women sang to one another as they made merry, “Saul has killed his thousands and David his ten thousands.” <sup>8</sup>Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?” <sup>9</sup>So Saul eyed David from that day on.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Holiness”

Holiness  
Holiness is what I long for  
Holiness is what I need  
Holiness  
Holiness is what you want from me

### *Chorus:*

Take my heart and form it  
Take my mind, transform it  
Take my will, conform it  
To yours, to yours, oh Lord

Faithfulness, Faithfulness is what I long for  
Faithfulness is what I need  
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what you want from me (*Chorus*)

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for  
Righteousness is what I need  
Righteousness, righteousness is what you want from me (*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.)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Christine Van Tassel

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We call on the Lord from the depths of our pain. We wait for the Lord on the strength of our hope. Faithfully, let us confess our sins and trust in God to bring us new life and new ways of living.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us – from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves – we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven't asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time. Amen.

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Great is God's faithfulness! With God there is forgiveness and great power to redeem. God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. God has turned our mourning to dancing, forgiving us fully and freely. Our souls will not be silent. As forgiven people, we will praise the Lord!

*(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)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer God, We come before you this morning with full hearts, with joys and sorrows all mixed up together. We rejoice in the beauty and miracle and majesty of creation. We rejoice in the simple pleasures of summer's rhythms. We rejoice in this community of faith, in the love we have for one another, in the service we provide to our neighbors, and in the faith we express in you, God. We are grateful for the privileges we have in this country, God – for the freedom to vote and worship, for access to education and medical care. Help us to remember that a privilege is not a blessing until it is shared, and help us to bless our country. We pray for those who are sick today, who need your healing touch. We rejoice in the work of doctors, nurses, therapists, researchers, technicians, and all others in the medical profession who seek to bring health and comfort to those in any kind of pain. Risen Lord, we remember with joy and with sorrow those who have died. We admit freely that we grieve, missing those whom we loved, wanting their presence in our lives. Yet we also confess that we rejoice, knowing that they are with you, grateful for their example in our lives. We remember the string of witnesses who have brought us to this place, the faithful of the ages

who have served you and built up your church. We rejoice that one day we shall join them in forever singing to the glory of your saving name. We bring these and all other prayers in our hearts to you, O God, giving infinite thanks for the gift of prayer, for the fact that you listen when we cry and when we sing, that you abide with us every day of our lives.

### **Time of Silent Prayer (2 minutes)**

We give thanks for the simple prayer that Jesus taught us, and we pray it now, 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**

With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

### **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**

Lord God, let these offerings help us all along our paths and let them be useful in following our faith and helping our church. May our minds, souls, and bodies help to serve you. Let our gifts and kindness help not only You but our friends, our community and our world. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 20:1-4

20 David fled from Naioth in Ramah. He came before Jonathan and said, "What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin against your father that he is trying to take my life?" <sup>2</sup>He said to him, "Far from it! You shall not die. My father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me, and why should my father hide this from me? Never!" <sup>3</sup>But David also swore, "Your father knows well that you like me, and he thinks, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, or he will be grieved.' But truly, as the LORD lives and as you yourself live, there is but a step between me and death." <sup>4</sup>Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"Anam Cara"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed))

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**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 creates, redeems, and restores, be with you now and always.



**Prayer Concerns:** Joseph Kaplan (friend of Dalia Lucas)  
Carly (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Anita Lyndaker-Studer  
Carolyn Wallace  
Marge Ayres (sister of Joe Mazeika)  
Tyler Lockett (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Dawn Hampson (daughter in law of Eloyce Sturgeon)  
Leslie Bonner  
Joyce Z. (friend of Jan & Don Millin)  
Kay and Al (friends of Sandee Wilson)  
Carmen Maligia (friend of Bill Watson)  
Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)  
Bill M. (nephew of Bob Louderback)  
Kathy Taylor (friends of Wendy Wirsch)  
Liz Sculli (Friend of Eloyce Sturgeon)  
Milt Haupt (friend of Sandee Wilson)  
Sherri Shaffer (niece of Faye Wolfgang)  
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:** Rina Mironas  
Cathy Shaheen  
Arielle Jackson  
Connie Reisinger  
David Rankin  
Charles Sutton  
Debbie Edwards  
Kerry Zimmerman  
Debbie Watson





### PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Mary & John Whitehead in loving memory of their daughter, Janice Perkins; and given in loving memory of David and Eleanor Rankin from Paul Rankin & Deborah Kapinos . 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.



### JULY FOOD DRIVE.

*But do not forget to do good and share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16*

We have a great opportunity to serve those in need and share our blessings.

The Mission Team is hosting a community food drive. There will be two different collection dates for you to choose from. Saturday July 20th, or July 27th. We will be creating smaller collection areas too. We will need all available hands on Sunday July 28th for Sorting Day!!! Directly after Food & Fellowship we can all help sort the donations to be delivered to the Warminster Food Bank. If you are interested in getting involved or have a question, please talk to Barb Louderback (blouderback@hotmail.com).

# WHOLYFIT™

Hello WholyFitters! WholyFit is a women's fitness ministry that meets every Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm in the Lloyd Rickner Auditorium. It's low impact, low pressure but high in worship and community. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Even if you need to sit in a chair, come worship with us!!

WholyFit will not be meeting from July 2 to August 6. Classes will resume August 13. If you have questions, please contact Chelsea Rounds at [Mrsrounds@gmail.com](mailto:Mrsrounds@gmail.com).

## SHOPRITE SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

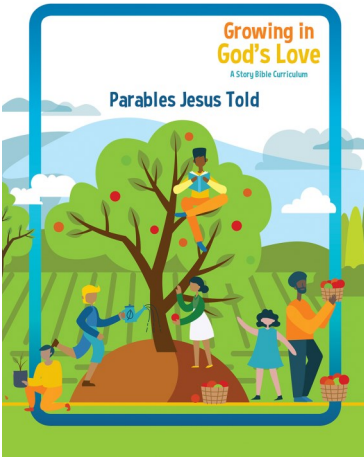
The William Tennent House Association participates in the Warminster ShopRite Save-A-Tape program. If you shop at ShopRite in Warminster, please save your receipts and put them in the envelope on top of the cabinet across from Cheryl Overton's office. We get a percentage of the receipts collected. ShopRite has posted that receipts older than three months won't be accepted. Thank you for your support.

## 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> or scan the QR. If you are interested, but don't have access to a computer, please reach out to Jen Kreisler at 610-952-5319.



Many thanks for considering signed up as a greeter!



Mark your calendars!

VBS 2024 – July 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

### **GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE! PARABLES JESUS TOLD!**

As always we are looking for lots of helpers! Crafts, Games, Snack Prep, Group Leaders. If you can help **OR if you're looking for a way to use your creativity and would like to lead in decorating the sanctuary, please contact Donna (donna.mazeika@nwpc.net)** Registration forms are on the table in the outer narthex. They can be completed and returned to Donna.

### **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.

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge  
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Fourth of July Holiday  
—Office Closed

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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.