



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 361

"How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

People: Savior God, we come to you hungry and thirsty, grateful for the sustenance you provide.

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: and let us exalt God's name together.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit our steadfast loving God reaches out to redeem us.

People: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP SONG

“Glory to Glory”

I will sing my praise to Him
He who died to take my sin
But he wants much more from me
Lord come change the core of me
From my heart Lord I will sing

*Hallelujah You saved me, You're changing me
From glory to glory
Hallelujah my heart will sing
I'll praise my king
From glory to glory*

Lord I want you here inside
Take my pain, take my pride
You can make the storms be still
Lord do with me what You will
And throughout the ages I will sing (Chorus)

Jesus Christ we invite you in today
Deep inside, Jesus come and have your way
Jesus Christ we invite you in today
Deep inside, Jesus come and have your way (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. ²Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Carry Your Love”

We are called out; we are ransomed
we are not of the world we're in
We are chosen; we are blessed
to bring light to God's children
So Creator sow Your seed give us life in community
Wake us from our sleep this is Your time; this is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking

*Under Your grace we are led by Your Spirit
You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son
Give us Your Word; we are eager to hear it
Ready our hearts to carry Your love*

You are sunlight; You are morning
You're the hope of a brand new day
You are comfort; You are blessing
and You wipe all our tears away
So change us from within render miracles from our sin
Remind us once again this is Your time, This is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking.

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

“How Beautiful”

Marianne Dobbins

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to right relationship with God. 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)

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of glory, may we delight over our growth, our branches reaching to the sky, our children dancing beneath the summer sun, blades of grass between their bare toes. May we delight in the growth of our summer gardens, the food we can produce by seed and soil, the hunger we can feed with the abundance you so freely share. Let us not be so shrouded with concern, so overwhelmed by worry, that we miss the ways you grace us with delight. God of grace, help us to see your angels at work among us, lighting upon the people experiencing homelessness in the street, delivering cups of coffee, Ziplocs full of fresh toiletries and deli sandwiches. Help us honor your angels with our praise and gratitude — the patient teacher, the loving parent, the determined wildfire fighter, the volunteer rescue worker, the visitor of the elderly, the sick, the imprisoned. Give us eyes to see, O God, your angels at work and help us be among their ranks. Loving God, what kindness can we give back this week at work, at church, within our homes and our communities? A smile? A supportive gesture? A longed-for embrace?

Guide us to share what we have to give: a kind, encouraging email; an unexpected compliment; a reassuring word of grace; our presence in the midst of pain; a prayer of petition on behalf of the poor and downtrodden; an offering of time or treasure. Generous God, guide us in our giving this week. Make us bearers of your abundant grace. In these final weeks of summer, we lift these prayers to you, Great God, deserving of all our honor and praise.

Time of Silent Prayer (2 minutes)

Now, as the Body of Christ, hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us saying, "Our Father ...".

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

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." (Luke 12:48) Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

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

The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcome guest. May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been blessed. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Leader:

The Word of God for the people of God

People:

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Moving Towards our Truest Selves”

Pastor Sameh Shaker

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

HYMN NO. 210

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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 God, the source of life, energize you with the Spirit, the power of life, and fill you with Christ, the bread of life, that you may receive eternal life.



Prayer Concerns: Pete Davis (friend of Mike O'Neill)
Sally Ault (family of Melissa Meade)
Thomas Ceneviva (friend of Laura Stillonovich)
Cyndee Carr (friend of Laura Stillonovich)
Karin Heart (friend of Laura Stillonovich)
Kayla (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Nicholas Stickle
Alice Bray
Debbie and Bob Stokes (friends of Sandee Wilson)
Gloria Rossi (friend of Lisa Pearsall)
Anna B. (friend of Jan & Don Millin)
Michele Rouseau (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Swarling Agüero (friend of Dalia Lucas)
Paulette Gold (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Joseph Kaplan (friend of Dalia Lucas)
Marge Ayres (sister of Joe Mazeika)
Dawn Hampson (daughter in law of Eloyce Sturgeon)
Leslie Bonner
Kay and Al (friends of Sandee Wilson)
Carmen Maligia (friend of Bill Watson)
Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)
Liz Sculli (Friend of Eloyce Sturgeon)
Milt Haupt (friend of Sandee Wilson)

Ongoing Concerns: Carolyn Wallace
Rina Mironas
Cathy Shaheen
Arielle Jackson
Connie Reisinger
David Rankin
Charles Sutton
Debbie Edwards
Kerry Zimmerman



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of Florence Marsh Bray, her beloved mother, from Alice Ellen Bray; and given in memory of Barbara Traubel Westenberger from Dave and Sally Traubel. The flowers on the communion table are given in celebration of the life of Jenny, daughter of Werner Thiessen. Deacons Beth Haller & Peg Kaelin 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.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

We hope you won't be inconvenienced but due to staff vacations and schedules, the office may not be open during our normal business hours during the Summer. Please call ahead to check on availability if you need assistance from the office.



Bucks Co Housing is in need of a donation of a car or van in good working condition. Their program is dedicated to assisting individuals in need, providing them with a safe place to stay and access to essential resources. A lack of reliable transportation is impacting their ability to fully support their clients that have crucial appointments they need to attend regularly, such as medical check-ups, therapy sessions, and other resource-related meetings. These appointments are vital for their well-being and active participation in the shelter program.

Contact Barb Landis at 267-718-9813 if you can help with this need.

WHOLYFIT™

Hello WholyFitters! WholyFit is a women's fitness ministry that meets every Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm in the 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.



LOOKING AHEAD:

We are currently planning our confirmation class for January 2025. The class will include anyone who is in 8th grade or older who has not yet been confirmed. It will be an 8 week series of weekly meetings from 10:30am – Noon on Sundays, where we will study what it means to be a Christian in today's world, building relationships as we discover and develop what we believe about our own Christian faith. The class will meet from 10:30am – Noon on Sunday mornings.

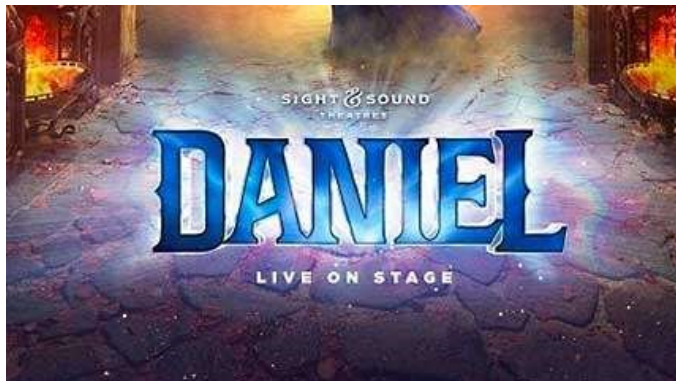
Please contact Donna Mazeika donna.mazeika@nwpc.net
if you would like to enroll your son or daughter!



PHILLIES VS. HOUSTON ASTROS BUS TRIP
Tuesday, August 27, 2024



Don't forget the bus trip to go see the Phillies play the Houston Astros at Citizens Bank Park on Tuesday, August 27 leaves the church at 3:30 p.m. Contact person is Dorothy Smith and she can be reached at 215-343-1142 or drsmith524@verizon.net.



SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE BUS TRIP PLANNED FOR 2024

Save the date for a bus trip that has been planned with you in mind: 1) Sight and Sound Theatre on Tuesday, November 12 2024 to see "Daniel". We will be leaving the church at 10:45 a.m. and returning at 7:30 p.m. Lunch will be a family style lunch at Fulton Steamboat Inn at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$169/person (Under 40 passengers) and \$155/person (Over 40 passengers). For your information I already have a listing of a lot of people who signed up from last year's trip who will be going on this year's bus trip.

Look for sign-up sheet in the auditorium as well as in the church office. Checks should be made payable to NWPC and either dropped off at the church or mailed into the church. Deadline for monies is October 1. Contact person is Dorothy Smith and she can be reached at 215-343-1142 or drsmith524@verizon.net.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

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WAYS TO GIVE



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- Point the camera at the QR code
- Follow phone prompts to give via credit card



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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.