



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

### WELCOME

HYMN NO. 150

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds, the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

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

"He is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high: I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:2-5

<sup>2</sup>It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup>David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup>So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

"Wonderful King"

We are here because of grace because of love

We are here because of You because of You

We are here because of grace because of love

We are here because of You because of You

You fill out hearts with more than we can hold inside and so we sing

**Beautiful Savior Wonderful King**

**Beautiful Savior Wonderful King**

We are here because of grace because of love

We are here because of You because of You

You fill out hearts with more than we can hold inside and so we sing (**Chorus**)

Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here

Oh, wonderful sound love of Heaven now

Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here

Oh, wonderful sound love of Heaven now

Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here

Oh wonderful sound Oh wonderful sound (**Chorus**)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Barbara Louderback

*(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

"Jesus Loves Me"

Piano Duet with Jan Helsel

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession, but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ's presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. For in Jesus Christ, we are fully and forever forgiven.

*(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**

All-loving God, creator, redeemer and sustainer of our lives, you are Truth, Grace and Love. For your presence with us, we are deeply grateful. Grateful for this earth, our home. For this church, our sanctuary and our community. For each other, our neighbors and for strangers that would become neighbors. And for our calling, our vocation to go into all the world in your name to serve those in need, to companion the lone and the lost. To befriend the friendless. To try to speak and do what is just, and what is loving. We are thankful for music, for the beauty of color, for silence, for the truth of diversity and variety in the fabric of your world. We are grateful for the changing seasons of the year, for growth and for fading, for sea and sky, for the cycling of days. For those with whom we share the world, and for those we love and those who love us. We pray that there may be more places of sanctuary in the world. Safety from the horrors of war. Safety from the violence of guns. Safety from the ravages of power that excludes the poor, the hungry, the old, the sick, the differently abled. Safety for those who feel unseen, unheard, unattended by love. We pray especially this day for the safety of children, whether they are in Israel, in Gaza, in Ukraine, in Darfur, or in our own towns and cities. And for the safety of the world's seas and lands and wildlife, that they may have places of sanctuary from destruction and extinction. We honor the Indigenous peoples who lived here and loved this land long before we were here. May we hold their sorrow and face honestly the damage our ancestors perpetrated. May we honor the beauty of their tradition and learn its wisdom. As the natural world around us comes to its season of fullness and harvest, we are grateful for food, for daily bread, for the abundance of the land, for those who farm and harvest its good fruits. May all your people and creatures feed in abundance, and taste and smell the fragrance of earth's produce. Show us ways to share the bounty that we have. We pray today for those who have recently lost those they love. For those who approach the end of life. For those who are sick and long for healing. Comfort them, calm their fears, heal their bodies and their spirits with your loving presence. May they see the sure sign of resurrection in the tiny seed planted in the earth, now grown to abundant harvest, and may they experience the hope of new life promised by your Son. For we know, dear God, that we are never alone; that peace touches our hearts; that love holds our hands; that you are near, our living heart. And so, on this Sabbath day, prepare our way into the ministry you call us to take up.

### **Time of Silent Prayer**

We pray this and all our prayers, in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying together, "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

O taste and see that the Lord is good, and happy are those who take refuge in him. Surrounded and fed by God's goodness, let us return of the gifts that we have received in abundance.

## 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

We present these gifts, O Lord, asking that you will use them through the church to spread the abundance of your love and justice in the world, that all may taste your goodness. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:6-15

<sup>6</sup>So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup>Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." <sup>12</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup>David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk, and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. <sup>14</sup>In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup>In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"Felix Culpa"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Confession of 1967)

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.**

**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**

God feeds us forever with the bread of life and upholds us with steadfast love. You are blessed, redeemed, and gifted with grace through Christ our Lord!



**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)  
Michele Rouseau (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Swarling Aguero (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)  
Sherri Shaffer (niece of Faye Wolfgang)

**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 in loving memory of their parents, Joan & Peter Clayton and John & Phyllis Payne from Peter and Jill Clayton; and given in memory of her brother, James S. Hafner from Cheryl Allen. Deacons Jen Kreischer & Patrick Van Tassel 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.



The Adult Mission Team is looking for volunteers to assist in rehabbing houses in Phoenixville this fall 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. Example – Darlene has NO construction skills but has helped many times and learned lots of new skills. We have all sorts of skill levels. The tasks are varied so we can match people to the available tasks. There are always supervisors to guide/teach us. Good Works provides all the tools. We have three dates planned – each are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. You can sign up for one date or all dates:

Thursday September 19th

Thursday October 17th

Thursday November 21st

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



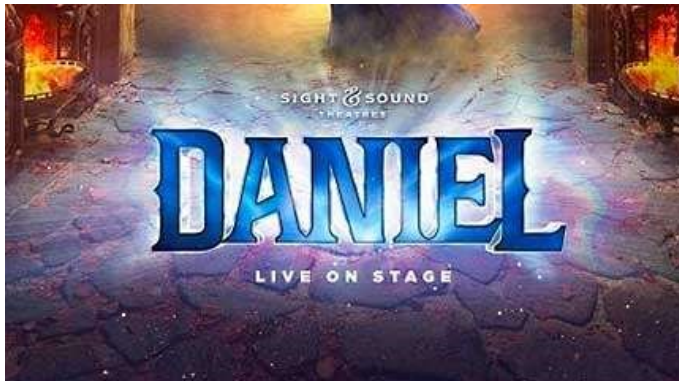
Contact Dave or Darlene Baker if interested @ [dblings1980@gmail.com](mailto:dblings1980@gmail.com) to learn more about this volunteer opportunity or to be added to our Mission Team distribution List. Join us for the Fun, Fellowship and Making a Difference.



**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 NOW \$155/person as we have 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

WEDNESDAY—The Compassionate Friends 7 pm Lounge

FRIDAY—Office Closed

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
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## WAYS TO GIVE



**ONLINE:**  
[www.nwpc.net](http://www.nwpc.net)



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### ENVELOPE:

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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.