



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

## WELCOME

HYMN NO. 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,

**People: but in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give his only son to suffering for our salvation.

**People: Therefore we will proclaim God's name. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.**

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: We proclaim your name to the whole human family.**

Leader: We praise you in the midst of this congregation;

**People: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator.

## WORSHIP SONG

“The Power to Love”

Where there is hatred, help us love  
Where there is injury, help us forgive  
Where there is doubt, help us have faith  
Where there is darkness, help us shine Your light

*God grant us the power to love, to be instruments of your peace*

*God grant us the power to love, to be instruments of your peace (2X)*

Where there is despair, help us have hope  
Where there is division, help us seek unity  
Where there is suffering, help us console  
Where there is darkness, help us shine Your light (Chorus)

Help us seek to understand, over being understood.  
Help us seek to love, over being loved  
Help us seek to console, over being consoled  
Help us seek to love You, with all our heart, minds, and souls. (Chorus)

For it is in giving that we receive  
For it is in forgiving that we are forgiven  
For it is in dying that we're born to eternal life. (Chorus)

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup>He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

### “O Praise Him”

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside  
The sound of angel's awe, the sound of angel's songs  
And all this for a King, We could join and sing  
All to Christ our King

How constant how divine  
This love of ours will rise  
Oh how constant how divine  
This song of ours will rise, will rise

*O praise Him, O praise Him  
He is holy, He is holy*

Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise  
The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones  
And all this for a King  
Angels join to sing  
All for Christ the King (Chorus)

How infinite and sweet  
This love so rescuing  
Oh how infinitely sweet  
This great love that has redeemed  
As one we sing

Alleluia, Alleluia  
He is holy, He is holy

## JOYFUL NOISE & SPIRIT CHOIRS

"Jesus Loves Me" & "Guess What?"

*(Children will then be dismissed to their Sunday School teacher,  
or if you prefer they may return to their seats with you.)*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

"Come to Me and Rest"

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come to Me, I will give you rest."

## CALL TO CONFESSION

When we reflect on the goodness and majesty of God, we cannot help but recognize our own mortal frailty and failing. And yet, God cares for us. Emboldened by God's love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God's grace. Let us confess together:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it. We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace. Remind us of who we are, and whose we are. Remind us of our interdependence with creation, and our dependence on you, our Creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all children of the one God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with Christ and with each other. **Thanks be to God!**

*(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)*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

On World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. Our financial gifts add to our offerings of time, energy, and love as we seek to be people of peace and reconciliation. We have received in abundance from God. From that abundance, let us give, joyfully and generously.

## 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

Holy God, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:17-20

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"The Deeper Meaning"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

**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 SONGS

“How Great is Our God”

The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

**Chorus:** How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb. **(chorus)**

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God **2x (chorus)**

**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 grace of God lift you up; may the love of God hold you close; may the blessing of God be yours forever. **Alleluia!**





**Prayer Concerns:** Family of Fred Achenbach

Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)  
Sue Seagreaves (daughter of Marge Louderback)  
Gloria Long (sister of Charlotte Rugel)  
Ethan Chow (friend of Jen Kreisler)  
Cindy Ogle (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Ian Smith (nephew of Dorothy Moritz)  
Sheila Law (sister of Dorothy Moritz)  
Family of Bill Reiss (father of Robin Haug)  
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)  
Debbie and Bob Stokes (friends of Sandee Wilson)  
Gloria Rossi (friend of Lisa Pearsall)  
Michele Rousseau (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)  
Carmen Maligia (friend of Bill Watson)

**Ongoing Concerns:** Cathy Roushey

Leslie Bonner  
Rina Mironas  
Cathy Shaheen  
David Rankin  
Charles Sutton  
Debbie Edwards  
Kerry Zimmerman  
Debbie Watson



## PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of family and loved ones from Edith Miller; and given to the glory of God! Deacons Dottie Kieffer & 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.

## MEN'S GROUP

**Sunday October 20th, 6:00 PM**

The Men's Group will reconvene in October in the Lounge. We'll meet on the third Sunday of the month from October through May (no Men's Group in December). We will be discussing Eugene Peterson's book *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction – Discipleship In An Instant Society*. While there is no need to read the book for the Men's Group meetings, books are available at no cost. The Men's Group is a great 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.



## TRUNK OR TREAT FALL FUN FEST

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3:30pm**

Wear your costume & collect treats, decorate your trunk & provide treats. Food, games, petting zoo, pony rides and more! **Bring friends and family!**

## HUNDREDX IS HERE!

Here's an easy way to support the William Tennent House Association. All you need is your phone and a finger. HundredX is a company that helps nonprofits raise funds. By signing up and logging in you will help us by rating products, businesses, travel and leisure etc. Using emojis you rated products and give quality feedback. For each piece of feedback you give we get an extra donation. This fundraiser for the William Tennent House will run through November 5<sup>th</sup>. See Wendy Wirsch during Coffee Hour or email her at [wbw42451@gmail.com](mailto:wbw42451@gmail.com) for more information. Upcoming n November is a fundraiser about the Civil War. More details will follow soon.



# BINGO FUN IS HERE!

Saturday Oct 19, 2024

4 pm – 8 pm

Bingo Games • Pig Roast & BBQ



Dinner Buffet • 50/50s

Adult Tickets: \$35                      Children under 16: \$10  
Ticket includes: 10 pack of Bingo Cards & Dinner Buffet

Includes: Tossed Salad                      Cole Slaw  
Mac & Cheese                                  Fried Chicken  
Baked Beans                                      Cookies  
Whole Roasted Pig – freshly carved  
Iced Tea & Lemonade

Available Extras: \$5- 11th BONUS Game Bingo Game  
Large Prize Raffles

## Benefits our NWPC Missions

Proceeds to will benefit our ongoing mission projects. There will be good food, and a lot of fun! Tickets will be sold during Food & Fellowship. Adults are \$35, children are \$10. Please contact Barb Louderback if you would be able to sponsor a basket. [blouderback@hotmail.com](mailto:blouderback@hotmail.com) or call 215.962.4386  
Here are a few basket suggestions: Fire Pit with smores kit, Grill with tools, or Movie and Candy, Girl scout Cookie, basket, Family Game Night, Golf related items, Massage/Facial, Hair Salon, Lottery Tickets, Legos, National Park Pass, hiking stuff, FitBit, Book Club, Arts/Crafts, Ice Cream Sundae, Knitting/Crocheting Basket, Resturant Gift Card.

*If you don't have time or can't think of something to do  
you can also donate money for us to buy items for baskets and prizes.*

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium  
—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge  
—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

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

## WAYS TO GIVE



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### ENVELOPE:

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### Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor  
Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth  
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.