



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

## WELCOME

**HYMN NO. 466**

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist-Donna Mazeika

Leader: For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

**People: Proclaim, give praise, and say 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.'**

Leader: See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

**People: Among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;**

Leader: A great company, they shall return here.

**People: With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Son of God”

Hold my hand and walk with me  
You're the light that makes me see  
On this path my soul you lead  
O my shepherd walk with me

*My Saviour, Glorious one  
My Redeemer, Living in my heart  
Now and forever, Your kingdom come  
Jesus Son of God*

I need you more than breath  
You're my hope in you I live  
Angels worship at your throne  
Power and glory to you alone (Chorus)

Jesus, O Jesus  
Holy is the Lamb of God  
Jesus, O Jesus  
Worthy is the Lamb of God (Chorus)

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-10

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,<sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days  
I want to praise  
the wonders of your  
mighty love

My comfort, my shelter  
tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath  
all that I am  
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord  
on the earth let us sing  
power and majesty praise to the king  
Mountains bow down  
and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name

I sing for joy  
at the work of your hand  
Forever I'll love you  
forever I'll stand

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you

## 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.)*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

“Jesus, Prince of Peace”

Jesus, Prince of Peace, come here from Heaven our darkness to cease,  
Infant Redeemer secures our release, Jesus Messiah, Jesus, Prince of Peace.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, come here from Heaven our darkness to cease.  
Infant Redeemer secures our release, Jesus Messiah, Jesus, Prince of, Prince of Peace.

Gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria, sing gloria.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, come here from Heaven our darkness to cease.  
Infant Redeemer secures our release, Jesus Messiah, Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
Jesus, Prince of Peace. Jesus, Prince of Peace.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, with penitent and obedient hearts, let confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by Gods infinite goodness and mercy.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeem your world, O Lord. We lament the destruction caused by worldly rulers extending their power through force. We lament the ways of oppression that have taken hold among your people and your creation. Redeem your people, O Lord. Too often, we fail to act in ways that reflect your love. Too often, we fail to speak your truth. When it is easier for us to do nothing, help us act. When it is easier for us to say nothing, give us words to speak. Turn us away from sin, liberate us from the grasp of oppression, and lead us towards new life in Christ. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Gospel of John reminds us that “from Christ’s fullness, we have all received grace upon grace.” Hear this good news with joy: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and, in Him, all things are being made new. **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)*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.” We respond to the gifts that God has given us with gratitude and by using our gifts in service to God and neighbor. Giving thanks to God, let us collect our tithes and offerings.

## 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 thank you for all of the spiritual and material gifts that you have given us, O Lord. We dedicate these gifts to you in gratitude and in hope for the day where all will be fed, all will be sheltered, and all will be safe. In Jesus’ name **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-22

**2** You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, <sup>4</sup>but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them. <sup>11</sup>So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, <sup>15</sup>abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; <sup>21</sup>in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

“Made Alive”

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 SONG

“We Bow Down”

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life  
Lord of the land and the sea  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time  
And Lord of all Lords you will be

We bow down and we worship You Lord (3X)  
Lord of all Lords you will be

You are King of creation and King of my life  
King of the land and the sea  
You were King of the heavens before there was time  
And king of all Kings you will be

We bow down and we crown you the King (3X)  
King of all Kings You will be

## HYMN NO. 487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

## 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 fount of all Wisdom, bless you and guide you this day and always.





**Prayer Concerns:** Dana Maria Ryman (friend of Bill Watson)  
Aria Miller (friend of Bob Louderback)  
Bob Gill (friend of Bill Watson)  
Family of Iris Brown (mother of Lynne VanFossen)  
Debbie & Bill Watson  
Kim Roberts (sister of Laura Stillonovich)  
John Gravel (friend of Laura Stillonovich)  
Tom Murt (friend of Laura Stillonovich)  
Geraldine Schultz (friend of Sue McOwen)  
Faith Vernon (friend of Bill Watson)  
Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)  
Gloria Long (sister of Charlotte Rugel)  
Ethan Chow (friend of Jen Kreischer)  
Ian Smith (nephew of Dorothy Moritz)  
Sheila Law (sister of Dorothy Moritz)  
Pete Davis (friend of Mike O'Neill)  
Sally Ault (family of Melissa Meade)  
Thomas Ceneviva (friend of Laura Stillonovich)  
Cyndee Carr (sister of Laura Stillonovich)  
Karin Hart (sister of Laura Stillonovich)  
Debbie and Bob Stokes (friends of Sandee Wilson)  
Gloria Rossi (friend of Lisa Pearsall)

**Ongoing Concerns:** Cathy Roushey  
Leslie Bonner  
Rina Mironas  
Cathy Shaheen  
David Rankin  
Charles Sutton  
Debbie Edwards  
Kerry Zimmerman

## PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of her parents, Joe and Mary Kaelin, from Peg Kaelin; and given to the glory of God! Deacons Jen Kreischer & Patrick Van Tassel will deliver the flowers. Pulpit flowers are needed for January 12, and February 2. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.



## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Starting on Wednesday, January 15th**

Come and go in depth into that week's scripture to learn not only what the passage is about, but how it is relevant in your life. You can come and just listen or, ask any questions you would like. Newcomers are always welcome!

## MEN'S GROUP NEXT MEETING

**Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM Lounge**

The next Men's Group meeting will be on Sunday, January 19th. We will be discussing **Chapter 3 Providence** and **Chapter 11 Perseverance** from Eugene Peterson's book *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction – Discipleship In An Instant Society*. There is no need to read the book for the Men's Group meetings. 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.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Monday, February 3, 2025 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Coordinator Name:** Patrick Van Tassel

**You can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter NWP**

Blood supplies are low and the need is great. If you've donated in the past - THANK YOU and we look forward to seeing you again on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you haven't ever given blood, PLEASE consider making this your first time. The need is continuous and the satisfaction of helping others with what truly is "the gift of life" is rewarding. If you have questions, you can contact Patrick at [patrick.vantassel@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.vantassel@gmail.com) or 610-585-3701.

Be a Hero and sign up to give blood. Every donation saves three lives!

## Sermon Series 2025

### **The Big Questions**

January 12th- March 30th

#### **January 12th Faithful to God**

Joshua 24 Because God has been loyal/faithful to us, we are called to be loyal/faithful to God.

#### **January 19th How Do We Know and Trust God?**

Psalms 105; Hebrews 11 When God calls us to covenant loyalty, God calls us to trust. When we understand how God has acted in the past and promises to act today and tomorrow, we can trust in God's promises even in the face of uncertainty.

#### **January 26th What Is Sin and How Do We Turn from It?**

Genesis 3; Matthew 22:34-40 If we have organized our lives around anything other than God, then our hearts are sinful. We do things that break God's heart, hurt other people, and damage God's creation. We even hurt ourselves. We are called to work in the world against sin and evil to transform society in gratitude for God's grace and mercy.

#### **February 2nd Who Is Your Lord?**

Philippians 2:1-13; Exodus 3; 1 Kings 18 To claim Jesus Christ as Lord is one way we express trust in the gracious mercy of God. God sent Jesus to human beings to show us how to live in loyalty to Jesus as our Lord. As Reformed Christians who emphasize the sovereignty of God, we affirm the Lordship of Jesus Christ so that nothing else in the world can claim lordship in our lives.

## **FOOD COLLECTION**

The need for assistance is great and you can help! We continually collect non-perishable food items for the Coordinating Council of Health and Welfare's Warminster Food Bank. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the bin right inside the double-glass doors by the Sanctuary any time. This ongoing mission is coordinated by the Deacons.

There is a current need for:

#### **Food:**

- Beef Stew
- Chicken Breast (canned)
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Gravy Packets
- Saltines
- Taco Shells
- Salsa
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Juice
- Peanut Butter

#### **Non Food:**

- Store Gift Cards
- Laundry Detergent Pods / or Liquid
- Household Cleaning Supplies
- Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes/ Oral Care
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- ALSO: Gently Used Grocery Size Paper Bags

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm (This week only)

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge  
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium  
—Confirmation Class 10:45 am Youth Room

## WAYS TO GIVE



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



**ON YOUR PHONE:**

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



**ENVELOPE:**  
1401 Meetinghouse Road,  
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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.