



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

PRELUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. by Mark Hayes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist-Dennis Forbes

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Leader: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

People: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

WORSHIP SONG

“Everything Glorious”

The day is brighter here with You
The night is lighter when I’m with you
Would lead me to believe
Which leads me to believe

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
And I am Yours
What does that make me?*

My eyes are small but they have seen
the beauty of enormous things
which leads me to believe
there's light enough to see that

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
and I am Yours (2x)*

(Worship Team)

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
and I am Yours (2x)
What does that make me?*

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 105:1-6, 43-45

(Liturgist)

¹O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. ³Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ⁴Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his
presence continually. ⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the
judgments he has uttered, ⁶O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen
ones.

⁴³So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. ⁴⁴He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, ⁴⁵that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“What a Beautiful Name”

1) You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

2) What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

3) You wanted earth to know your glory
Jesus, you brought heaven down
Our sin was great Your love is greater
What could separate us now

4) What a Wonderful Name it is
What a Wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a Wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a Wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

5) Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival You have no equal

6) Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names.

7) What a Powerful Name it is
What a Powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a Powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a Powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

8) What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(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

"Simple Gifts" Arr. by Joseph Martin

Beverly Fulgham

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. 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)

PASTORAL PRAYER

God, our refuge and strength, Shelter us from life's storms, from hopelessness and despair, from heartache and loss. Strengthen us to withstand the worry, the exhausting but necessary work, the temptations to stray from you toward idols who only offer fleeting comfort. Hold us close, like the mother hen who covers her chicks under her wing, so we can know we are yours, feel your steady presence, and know your peace. God, you are in our midst, yet the nations are in an uproar and kingdoms totter. Help us to know your presence among us, God. Comfort and guide us in this tumultuous and painful world. May our leaders walk humbly and practice faithful discernment, surrounding themselves with honest truth-tellers who will hold them to your ethic of love and justice. God, in these days of uproar and upheaval, help us find ways to rest, restore and renew ourselves. Help us step away from the work still undone, the chores piling up, the deadlines approaching. Help us find ways to rest in your presence. Help us behold and enjoy you. We cannot continue without the rest you provide. Help us embrace stillness as your great gift. United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God.

Time of Silence

Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by 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

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

“The Wedding Feast”

We're looking forward to the Wedding Feast
Where everybody's going to have a seat
Where our divisions and our angers cease, and we'll all be free
Seeing one another face to face, at the table where we share in grace
Wiping one another's tears away, on the Wedding Day
Oh, how we long for that day!

*Now the strife is ending, and the children sing
That our wars are over, our division's cease
Hear the bells are ringing calling us from the streets
How we've waited for this Wedding Feast*

Looking forward to the Wedding Feast
Turn and see who is next to me
Breaking bread with my enemies, what a mystery
See the banner waving over me, when we gather at the mercy seat
And we finally know the taste of peace, at the Wedding Feast. (Chorus)

Come on, come on, come on, sing hallelujah!
Come on, come on, come on, we've been waiting so long! (4x)

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*(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

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Growing Faith"

Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth

(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 still faithful.

HYMN NO. 357

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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 Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” Arr. Mark Hayes



Prayer Concerns: Annette Rancourt (mother in law of Peggy Rancourt)
Sande Wilson
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)

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 Richard Goodman from his family; and given in loving memory of her mother, Virginia B. Haller from her daughter, Beth S. Haller. Deacon Doris Rowley will deliver the flowers. Pulpit flowers are needed for February 2. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

SERMON SERIES 2025

The Big Questions

January 19th How Do We Know and Trust God?

Psalm 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 Who Is Your Lord and Savior?

Luke 15:11-19, 20-32 Humans are utterly dependent on the triune God for their salvation. Jesus Christ crucified is the only Savior and Lord, and all people everywhere are called to place their faith, hope, and love in him. To claim Jesus Christ as Savior is one way we express trust in the gracious mercy of God.

February 2nd What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple of Jesus?

Mark 8:31-38; Matthew 20:22-28 Jesus Christ is not asking to be a part of your life. He is asking to be your life. Even today the church and the believer are called to answer the question, "How do we faithfully obey Christ's Word"? As Christ saves us from sin, Christ saves us for discipleship.

February 9th What Does It Mean to Show Christ's Love?

John 21:15-19 Jesus Christ taught his followers that to serve the least in the world was to serve him. We continue to make significant connections between affirming Jesus' love for us and our call to show Jesus' love to our neighbors, near and far.

February 16th The Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Every person has a place and purpose in the body of Christ. Our different gifts find purpose when we work together in service.

MLK JR. DAY: NOT A DAY-OFF, BUT RATHER A DAY-ON!!!

Monday 1/20/25 9:00 to ~11:00 AM Our Mission Team is holding a service event. We will be packing Kindness/lunch bags for the guests at the St. James Hospice in Philadelphia.

Our goal is to pack 50 bags and deliver them to their shelter for their guests.

Everyone is welcome! If interested, please join us in the Auditorium at 9:00 AM.

Questions please call Barb Louderback 215.962.4386



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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 NO MEETING TONIGHT

Next meeting is Sunday February 16th, 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, 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 3rd. 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 or 610-585-3701.

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

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

—Confirmation Class 10:45 am Youth Room

MONDAY—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Office closed)

—Mission Service Event 9 am Auditorium

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

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ENVELOPE:

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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.