



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

### WELCOME

HYMN NO. 455

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Dorothy Smith

Leader: Everyone who thirsts:

**People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

Leader: All who are hungry for righteousness:

**People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

Leader: All those that need the help of God:

**People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**People: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;

**People: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

### WORSHIP SONG

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God, come

One day every tongue will confess you are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose you now

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:16

(Liturgist)

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation  
I hear the real though far off hymn  
That hails a new creation

*No storm can shake my in-most calm  
While to that rock I'm clinging  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing*

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear the music ringing  
It sounds and echoes in my soul  
How can I keep from singing

What though the tempest round me roar  
I hear the truth it liveth  
What though the darkness round me close  
Songs in the night it giveth

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jessica Conlon

*(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

"At the Name"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

The prophet Isaiah instructs us to seek and to call upon the Lord. The prophet pleads with the wicked to forsake their way, with the unrighteous to forsake their thoughts. The prophet invites them to return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them and assures them that our God will abundantly pardon. Let us seek God, let us call upon the Lord, knowing that we will be received with mercy and abundant forgiveness.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

God speaks through the prophet Isaiah: my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. Let us find peace in God's ways of mercy and grace knowing that we are forgiven. **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

### 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

The Confession of 1967 reminds us that "Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage." God has given each of us and all of us a variety of gifts and we are grateful. As an act of worship, let us commit to returning those gifts to God and God's service.

## 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

Gracious God, you give to us out of your abundance. For the material gifts and the spiritual gifts you give us, we thank you. We dedicate these gifts of time and talents and tithes to you and ask that you continue to lead us as we use these gifts to join your work in this community.  
**Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 96:1-13

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>6</sup>Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. <sup>10</sup>Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity." <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; <sup>12</sup>let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy <sup>13</sup>before the LORD, for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

“Praying Through Our Singing”  
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Confession of 1967 Inclusive Language Text)

**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 divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

**HYMN NO.**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore 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 the same God who led our ancestors from oppression continue to lead you; May the same Holy Spirit whose ways are higher than ours continue to empower you; and may the light of Christ continue to shine through each of you until the day that we are all gathered together again. Go in peace.



**Prayer Concerns:** Family of Daniel H.D. Morrison (uncle of Dorothy Moritz)  
Michael Hillinski (friend of Bill Watson)  
Connie Reisinger (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Dawn Hampson (daughter in law of Eloyce Sturgeon)  
Nichole Trollman (friend of Sandee Wilson)  
Betty Pauciello (friend of Nina Resavage)  
Family of Larry Kuhn (brother of Linda King)  
Hariclia Michalopoulos (Friend of Dalia Lucas)  
Annette Rancourt (mother in law of Peggy Rancourt)  
Sandee Wilson  
Dana Maria Ryman (friend of Bill Watson)  
Bob Gill (friend of Bill Watson)  
Family of Iris Brown (mother of Lynne VanFossen)  
Debbie & Bill Watson  
Karin Hart (sister of Laura Stilinovich)  
Tom Cenevia (friend of Laura Stilinovich)  
Cyndee Carr (sister of Laura Stilinovich)  
Geraldine Schultz (friend of Sue McOwen)  
Faith Vernon (friend of Bill Watson)  
Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)  
Gloria Long (sister of Charlotte Rugel)  
Sheila Law (sister of Dorothy Moritz)

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



### **PULPIT FLOWERS**

The pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God from Leslie Bonner; and given as a welcome to Spring and enjoy the beautiful flowers. 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 let the Deacons delivering the flowers this week know. Pulpit flower donations are needed for March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

### **SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**

Volunteers are occasionally needed for brunch on Sundays. If you would like more details of what is involved or would like to be added to the list of volunteers, please contact Linda Goodman at 215-260-4362.

### **EASTER LILIES**

All those interested in making donations for lilies to decorate the sanctuary at Easter please notify Dorothy Smith (215-343-1142) no later than Friday, April 11. Lily donation forms are on the table in the Outer Narthex and the table by the church offices.



### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

at 2pm for children ages 2 – grade 5.

Children will be divided into age groups.

If you would like to help we are in need of the following donations: Plastic Eggs, Individually wrapped candy (NO NUTS OR NUT BUTTER!!!), prizes (i.e., chocolate bunnies, small stuffed animals, children's books, bubbles, balls, coloring books, small board games, fast food, Dairy Queen or coffee shop gift cards {\$5} )

Please bring all donations by Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors!!

All are welcome!

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Session Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

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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  
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.