



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, come as you are, weary or strong, burdened or blessed.

People: We come to find our place in God's enduring love.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; in His care, we lack nothing.

People: He makes us lie down in green pastures; He leads us beside still waters.

Leader: In this season of Lent, we remember the path of grace that Christ walked for us.

People: Through Him, we are restored and forgiven, made new by His sacrifice.

Leader: Though we may walk through the valley of shadow and trial, we fear no evil.

People: The Lord is with us, His rod and staff comfort and guide us.

Leader: Come and dwell in God's presence, for He prepares a table for us.

People: His goodness and mercy follow us all our days; we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise and gratitude!

People: We worship the One who loves us deeply and redeems us fully.

WORSHIP SONG

"We All Need Jesus"

These days, we're so divided
Wound up, prone to fighting
Who's right, who's wrong, who gets the blame?
The cure for all the chaos
It's in the hands that made us
Deep down, we're broken all the same

(Chorus)

*We all need love We all need forgiveness
We need the kindness of a friend
By our side no matter what
We all need grace We all need redemption,
We need the mercy of a Savior
Who would take us in His cross
We all need Jesus, Jesus
We all need Jesus, Jesus*

We bleed the same in color
We're all sisters and brothers
God's love is in our DNA
One breath holds us together
One life to make it better
Deep down, we're broken all the same (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:11-14

(Liturgist)

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

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

"The Journey of Faith"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

In the light of Christ's redeeming love, we are invited to confess, not with fear, but with confidence in God's mercy. As Psalm 32 reminds us, blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven and whose hearts are restored to God. Colossians reminds us of the rescue we receive from the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of light. Let us come before God with humility and joy, trusting in His steadfast love and grace to renew us. In confession, we find the freedom and forgiveness that only He can provide.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Gracious and merciful God, You strengthen us with Your glorious power so that we may endure with patience and give joyful thanks to You. Yet, we confess that we have not lived as those rescued from the dominion of darkness. Instead of walking in the light of Your kingdom, we have stumbled in selfishness, doubt, and fear. You have redeemed us through Your Son, offering forgiveness of sins, but we confess that we have often remained silent in shame, allowing guilt to weigh heavy upon us. Like the psalmist, we know the blessing of forgiveness, yet we delay in turning to You.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news! Through Christ, we are strengthened with the glorious power of God and rescued from the dominion of darkness. In Him, we have redemption—the forgiveness of sins. Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Rejoice, all you who are upright in heart, for the Lord's unfailing love surrounds you! Friends, believe in the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, 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

As recipients of such abundant grace, we are invited to share in God's work of restoration and reconciliation. Our offering is an act of gratitude, a joyful response to His boundless mercy, and a way to extend His light and love to others. Let us give generously, remembering that each gift reflects the transformative power of God's grace and His unfailing love.

OFFERTORY

Keith Rounds

*(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

Merciful God, We thank You for rescuing us from darkness and granting us forgiveness and grace. Strengthen us to serve with joy and patience, reflecting Your love in our lives. May these gifts bring hope, comfort, and glory to Your name as we dedicate ourselves to Your work. In Christ’s name, **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32:1-11

¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer

to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. ¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Gift of Confession”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

HYMN NO. 467

“How Great Thou Art”

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 God who strengthens you with endurance and fills your heart with joy guide your steps in His light. May His forgiveness surround you with peace, His steadfast love sustain you, and His grace empower you to live as a beacon of hope. Go now, redeemed and restored, to share His mercy and glorify His name. Amen.



Prayer Concerns: Anthony Lodiise (great nephew of Joan Becker)
Family of Daniel H.D. Morrison (uncle of Dorothy Moritz)
Michael Hillinski (friend of Bill Watson)
Craig (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)
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: Connie Reisinger
Cathy Roushey
Leslie Bonner
Rima Mironas
Cathy Shaheen
David Rankin
Debbie Edwards
Kerry Zimmerman



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are both given to the glory of God. Deacons Debbie Edwards & Dennis Forbes 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.

MEN'S GROUP NEXT MEETING

Sunday April 13th @ 6:00 PM

The next Men's Group meeting will be on Sunday, April 13th in the Lounge. We will be discussing Chapter 12 (Hope) 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.

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 11th. Lily donation forms are on the table in the Outer Narthex and the table by the church offices.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, April 13th

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 6th.

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
—Christian Ed Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge

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
—Mary-Martha Cricle 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

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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.