



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

WELCOME

HYMN NO.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Liturgist)

Leader: Come, all who seek the goodness of the Lord! Though our hearts may grow weary and our minds may question, God remains steadfast and true.

People: We come, longing to be near to God, for He is our refuge and strength.

Leader: When the world tempts us with its fleeting riches and comforts, let us remember that the Lord is our portion forever.

People: Though we have stumbled and doubted, we will declare that God is good to His people, to those who are pure in heart.

Leader: In the presence of the Most High, our burdens are lifted, and our souls find rest.

People: Whom have we in heaven but God? And there is nothing on earth we desire besides Him.

Leader: Let us worship the One who holds us by His right hand, who guides us with His counsel, and who will receive us into His glorious presence.

People: We proclaim with joy: God is our strength! He is our portion forever!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

WORSHIP SONG

“Amazing Grace, Your Love Came Down”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*Because your love came down
Your love came down
Your love came down
And it saved me, it saved me*

Through many dangers,
Toils and snares
I have already come
'Twas grace that brought me safe this far
And grace will lead me home (Chorus)

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright-shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun (Chorus)

*Because your love came down
And it turned my life around
Your love came down
And it saved me, it saved me*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 73:1-14

(Liturgist)

¹Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ²But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped. ³For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek. ⁵They are not in trouble as others are; they are not plagued like other people. ⁶Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment. ⁷Their eyes swell out with fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. ⁸They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. ⁹They set their mouths against heaven, and their tongues range over the earth. ¹⁰Therefore the people turn and praise them and find no fault in them. ¹¹And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" ¹²Such are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. ¹³All in vain I have kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴For all day long I have been plagued and am punished every morning.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Hungry"

Hungry I come to You
For I know You satisfy
I am empty but I know
Your love does not run dry

*So I wait for You
So I wait for You
I'm falling on my knees
Offering all of me
Jesus You're all
This heart is living for*

Broken I run to You
For Your arms are open wide
I am weary but I know Your touch
Restores my life

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

"Every Move I Make, I make in You"

(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

"With All Your Heart"

Steadfast in love, holding fast to faithfulness,
the heart that's turned to righteousness;
Keeper of His Word (of His Word), keeper of His covenant,
yield to the One who loves us best!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your path.

With words that heal (words that heal), with hands that join to pray,
set free from brokenness and sin.
Servant of the King, your life, an offering;
God writes His story once again!

Trust in Him, ev'ry plan you make, He will direct you.
Lean on Him, trust in Him alone to make your path straight.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make straight,
He will make straight, and He will make straight your path.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart!

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

We often find ourselves envying the ways of the world and forgetting the goodness of God.
Let us come before the Lord and confess our wandering hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Merciful God, we confess that our hearts have been drawn to earthly desires, forgetting that You alone are our portion and strength. Forgive us when we have doubted Your goodness and envied the prosperity of the wicked. Draw us back to Your presence, where true peace and joy are found. In Your mercy, renew our trust in You. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Leader: When our hearts and flesh fail, God is the strength of our hearts and our portion forever. Hear the good news: In Christ, we are forgiven!

People: 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

Whom have we in heaven but God? And there is nothing on earth that we desire besides Him. In gratitude for His provision and faithfulness, let us bring our gifts before the Lord.

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, everything we have comes from You. Accept these gifts as a token of our gratitude and devotion. May they be used to glorify Your name and further Your kingdom.
Amen.

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 73:15-28

¹⁵If I had said, "I will talk on in this way," I would have been untrue to the circle of your children. ¹⁶But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, ¹⁷until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end. ¹⁸Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. ¹⁹How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! ²⁰They are like a dream when one awakes; on awaking you despise their phantoms. ²¹When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, ²²I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you. ²³Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor. ²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you. ²⁸But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, to tell of all your works.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Faith Under Fire"

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, dedi-
cated 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.**

*(We celebrate communion by intinction. Please come forward, dip a piece of bread in the cup, and
partake. Gluten-free elements are available on the side tables. You may consume the bread and wine
upon returning to your seat.)*

COMMUNION SONG

"Walk by Faith"

I believe you when you say
Your hand will guide my every way
I receive the words you say
Every moment of every day

*I will walk by faith, even when I cannot see
Because this broken road prepares Your will for me 2X*

You help me rid me of my fears
You've been so faithful all my years
With one breath You make me new
Your grace covers all I do

I'm broken, but I still see Your face
You've spoken, pouring your words of grace

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

Go forth in the strength of the Lord, knowing that God is your refuge and portion. May His presence be your guide and His love sustain you always. Amen.

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

We are having a Maundy Thursday worship service here at NWPC on Thursday, April 17th at 7 pm. We will be joined by First Presbyterian Church of Warminster with their choir and their pastor, Rev. Mindy Campbell, along with First Presbyterian Church of Olney and their pastor, Rev. Randy Barge. Please plan on joining us.

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Prayer Concerns: Ginny Wisler (cousin of Sally Traubel)
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)

Ongoing Concerns: Connie Reisinger
Cathy Roushey
Leslie Bonner
Rima Mironas
Cathy Shaheen
David Rankin
Debbie Edwards
Kerry Zimmerman



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of Thomas Hammonds & Joseph Kennedy from Todd and Ruth Kennedy; and given in loving memory of Rod from the Anderson family. The third arrangement is given in loving memory of their parents Virginia & Eddie Helsel and Sue and Frank Henderson from Jan & Jim Helsel. Deacons Jen Kreischer & Doris Rowley 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.

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.

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 EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, April 13th

at 2pm for children ages 2 – grade 5.

Children will be divided into age groups.

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

All are welcome!

7th Annual WKM Golf Outing Five Ponds Golf Club

Benefiting West Kensington Ministry



Monday, May 12, 2025

Best Ball / Scramble Format

9:45 a.m. Shot-Gun Start

(Sign-In/Registration starting at 8:45 AM)



Donation: \$180.00 per player

Includes: Lunch - Greens Fees and Cart - Putting Contest
Hole Prizes, Door Prizes
Post-Tournament Reception

Your Support will benefit a Critical Urban Ministry

Support Opportunities:

Sponsor a Hole.....	\$300
Sponsor or Donate a Prize.....	\$400 or prize value
Sponsor WKM logo Golf Balls.....	\$900
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Lunch.....	\$1500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Reception.....	\$2500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Beverage Cart.....	\$1000
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor the Golf Outing.....	\$5000
Silent Auction - Bid or Donate an Auction Item	
Purchase Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle	

To Register: go to www.westkensingtonministry.com
Click on the GREEN "Golfer Registration" icon
It's near the bottom of the home page

More info? Contact: Chad Pilling – pillingcb@gmail.com
Joe Porter – josephporter1011@gmail.com

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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Deacon Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Lounge
—Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm

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ENVELOPE:

1401 Meetinghouse Road,
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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.