



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 88

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—Dennis Forbes

One: Come, all who seek the Lord.

All: Even in our distress, God hears our cries.

One: The afflicted will eat and be satisfied;

All: all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

One: Let us worship the One whose righteousness is proclaimed to generations yet unborn,

All: for He has done it!

WORSHIP SONG

“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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(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

(Liturgist)

1 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Wonderful King"

We are here because of grace because of love

We are here because of You because of You

We are here because of grace because of love

We are here because of You because of You

You fill out hearts with more than we can hold inside and so we sing

Beautiful Savior Wonderful King

Beautiful Savior Wonderful King

We are here because of grace because of love

We are here because of You because of You

You fill out hearts with more than we can hold inside and so we sing **(Chorus)**

Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here

Oh, wonderful sound love of Heaven now

Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here

Oh, wonderful sound love of Heaven now

Oh, beautiful sound the joy of Heaven here

Oh wonderful sound Oh wonderful sound **(Chorus)**

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 Palms"

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay Are strewn this day, in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare;
Join all and sing, His name declare, Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right, While those in darkness are restored to light.
Join all and sing, His name declare, Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.
Join all and sing, His name declare, Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

We come before God in honesty, knowing that our struggles and doubts are not hidden from His sight. Let us confess our sins with trust in His steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Merciful God, we cry out like the psalmist, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Forgive us when we fail to trust in your presence. Forgive us when we turn away, doubting your goodness. Restore us by your grace and help us to proclaim your righteousness to all generations. Through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

The Lord does not despise or scorn the afflicted. Through Christ, our hope is renewed, and we are embraced by divine mercy. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

(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

We offer our gifts in gratitude for the One who listens to our cries and delivers us. Let us give with joyful hearts, trusting that our offerings will proclaim God’s justice and 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

Lord, take these gifts and use them for your glory. May they be a testimony to your unfailing love and righteousness among all peoples. Bless the work they accomplish, that your kingdom may be known. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:1-20

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest. ³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. ⁶But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me mock me; they sneer at me; they shake their heads; ⁸“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!” ⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast. ¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. ¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help. ¹²Many bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they bound my hands and feet. ¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Where Are You?”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

Jars of Clay, Silence.

*Take, take 'til there's nothing, nothing to turn to, nothing when you get through
Won't you break? Scatter pieces of all I've been, bowing to all I've been, running to...*

Where are you? Where are you? Did you leave me unbreakable?

*You leave me frozen, I've never felt so cold I thought you were silent, and I thought you left me for the
wreckage and the waste on the empty beach of faith, was it true?*

Cause I got a question, I got a question

Where are you?

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

HYMN NO. 102

“Where You There?”

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 Lord bless you and keep you. May the God who hears and redeems be ever near to you. Go forth in peace, bearing witness to His goodness. Amen.

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

We are having a Maundy Thursday worship service here at NWPC this 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: Steve Weirback (friend of Bob Louderback)
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)

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 memory of David Wilson from his wife, Sandee Wilson; and given in loving memory of Patricia Winey from her husband, Don. 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.

MEN'S GROUP NEXT MEETING TONIGHT @ 6:00 PM

Faith with Forbes

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

TODAY!

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!

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends is a support group for grieving parents and grandparents. The purpose of the group is to provide support to grieving parents through this extremely difficult time. A co leader, who has also lost a child, facilitates the meeting. The group meets the third Wednesday of every month in the lounge from 7:00—8:30 pm. For additional information please contact Jan Millin at 215-820-3506 or janmke12@gmail.com.

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

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. Please fill out the form below indicating which option you prefer:

I am interested in making a donation (any dollar amount). I understand the lilies will be delivered to shut-ins.

I prefer to make a donation for a lily (\$10). I understand I can pick up this lily after the 9 o'clock service.

As all donations will be noted in the Sunday, April 17 bulletin, please designate what the wording should be for you:

(In memory of, from Mr. & Mrs. Smith, etc.)

All checks should be made payable to Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church, Attn: Easter Lilies and forwarded to the church at 1401 Meetinghouse Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

(Signature)



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 Book Lounge
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Lounge
—Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm
—Men’s Group 6 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—NO Bible Study
— The Compassionate Friends 7pm Lounge

THURSDAY—Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7 pm

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—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

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



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.