



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 361

"How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—Donna Mazeika

One: The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

All: The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed..."

One: Even the smallest faith can uproot trees and move mountains.

All: Let us come with what faith we have—trusting God to grow it.

One: We are servants of the living God.

All: We come to worship, ready to serve with humility and joy.

WORSHIP SONG “How Can I Keep from Singing Your Praise”

There is an endless song echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring and though the storms may come
I am holding on to the rock I cling

*How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough how amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the king and it makes my heart want to sing*

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
for I know my savior lives
And I will walk with you knowing you'll see me through
And sing the songs You give (*Chorus*)

I can sing in the troubled times sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.
I can sing cause you pick me up Sing cause you're there
I can sing cause you hear me Lord when I call to you in prayer
I can sing with my last breath sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and the Saints around the throne (*Chorus*)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 2:1-5

(Liturgist)

2 I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness. ⁵Moreover, wealth is treacherous; the arrogant do not endure. They open their throats wide as Sheol; like Death they never have enough. They gather all nations for themselves and collect all peoples as their own.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Find a World”

Go and find a world where My name has never been said
And say it there
Let it ring like a song, ring like a song
Go and find a world where My face has never been shown
And show it there
Let it shine like the sun, shine like the sun

And I am with you always

I am with you always

For all this life and even in death I am with You always

Go and find a world where My word has never been said
And say it there
Let truth fall like the rain, fall like the rain
Go and find a world where My love has never been shown
And show it there
With a love that is pure, a love that is pure (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

“Glory Glory, Hallelujah”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Jesus reminds us that faith is not measured by size, but by trust. Let us confess the ways we have withheld trust, resisted service, and forgotten grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Merciful God, We confess that we often want recognition for our faith, forgetting that we are called simply to serve. We seek reward instead of obedience, and we measure our worth by what we do, rather than by your love. Forgive us for our pride, our hesitation, and our lack of trust. Teach us again to live by faith—faith that serves without counting the cost, faith that trusts you more than ourselves, faith that grows in the soil of grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: God does not wait for perfect faith to offer perfect grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven—freed to serve, empowered to trust, and called to live by faith.

(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

We are unworthy servants, yet God entrusts us with gifts—gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Let us offer what we have, not to earn favor, but to respond in gratitude to the One who gives all.

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, We offer these gifts as signs of our faith—faith that serves, faith that trusts, faith that grows. Bless what we give and how we live, so that your kingdom may come near through humble acts and generous hearts. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"You Can't Earn It"

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, dedicated 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

“How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb. **(chorus)**

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God **2x (chorus)**

HYMN NO. 383

“My Faith Looks Up to 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

Go now in faith—faith that may be small, but is mighty in God's hands. Serve with humility, love without condition, and trust that the One who calls you will equip you for every good work. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**



Prayer Concerns: Susan Sisco
Dave Cochran
Michele Malone
Sue Landis
Marianne Dubresson
Marjie O'Neill
Edna Reiss
Charlotte Rugel
Family of Nancy Korecki
Gary Crim
Ginny Wisler
Rich McNeeley
Paul Abraham
Family of Brenda Snyder
Miranda Rangel
Marion Sutton
Joyce Conover
Family of Sean Laird
Jeanne Witkoski
Frank Moore
Sue Ellen Nolan
Peter Clayton
Paulette Gold
Rich McLaughlin
Larry & Buck Arnold
Lois Williams

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



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Edith Miller in memory of Russell, husband and Lori Miller, daughter and parents Raymond and Frances Rogers; and given to the glory of God! Deacons Leslie Bonner & Patrick Van Tassel 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.

SAVE THE DATES


October 18th from 4 to 8 pm for our annual BINGO fundraiser for Oxford Circle, Crossroads, and Warminster Food Bank. Come have a great time, eat some pizza and salad and enjoy!

October 26th at 2 pm for our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival!
at 6 pm for our Men's Group

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!



BINGO NIGHT

SPONSORED BY THE
NWPC MISSION TEAM
OCTOBER 18TH, 4 – 8 PM

PIZZA, SALAD, ICE TEA, LEMONADE, & HOMEMADE COOKIES!!!

The poster features a central title 'BINGO NIGHT' in large, bold, orange letters. Above and below the title are two images of a pepperoni pizza. To the left and right of the title are two 'BINGO' logos, each with a 5x5 bingo card grid. The grid numbers are: Row 1: 4, 8, 32, 17; Row 2: 8, 3, 51, 67; Row 3: 3, 20, 41, 72; Row 4: 12, 32, 57, 65. The word 'BINGO' is written in a stylized, bubbly font above each grid.

October 18th from 4 to 8 PM join us for our annual BINGO fundraiser sponsored by the NWPC Mission Team. Proceeds will benefit Oxford Circle, Crossroads, and Warminster Food Bank. Bingo prizes, Raffles, 50/50 and fun!

Adults \$40, Children \$10

Come have a great time with friends, eat pizza, salad and homemade cookies.

Tickets for sale during food & fellowship. For any questions contact Barb Louderback blouderback@hotmail.com, or 215.962.4386



ATTENTION ALL VETERANS

NWPC'S veterans who have served our Country will be recognized on Sunday, November 9, 2025. All veterans need to check in with Dorothy Smith that Sunday in the hallway to pick up their gift bags. Be sure to stay after church for the group picture of veterans that will be taken. Thanks! Dorothy Smith



AMERICA MUSIC THEATRE

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Theme: "Deck the Halls"

The bus trip to the American Music Theatre is set for Tuesday, November 11, 2025. This year's theme is "Deck the Halls". Check out the sign-up sheet that'll be available on Sundays in the auditorium. Some of you have previously signed up but if your name is not on the list, please feel free to add your name along with any friends you might want to bring with you. Since there are less than 40 people, the total cost is \$133, which includes lunch at the Fulton Steamboat Inn, show ticket, bus fare, and gratuities. Deadline for payment is October 1. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142 or email her at drsmith524@verizon.net.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

—Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge

—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge

—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

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

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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.