



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 455

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—Dorothy Smith

One: Rejoice, people of God! The Lord has done great things.

All: We come with gladness, for God has poured out abundant grace.

One: The threshing floors shall be full, and the vats shall overflow.

All: The Lord restores what was lost and renews what was broken.

One: The Spirit is poured out on all flesh—sons and daughters shall prophesy.

All: Young and old, rich and poor—we are all invited to dream again.

One: Let us worship the God who brings life from desolation.

All: We worship with joy, for God is in our midst!

WORSHIP SONG

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

1)What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms,
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

2)Oh, how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms,
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

3)What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

4)Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

5)Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
just to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord." (Chorus)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 65

(Liturgist)

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, ²O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. ³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. ⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. ⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. ⁶By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. ⁷You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. ⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. ⁹You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. ¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. ¹¹You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. ¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; ¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

**Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days,
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor **(Chorus)**

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross. (Repeat) **(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

"Above All Else"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

The prophet Joel reminds us that God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting in that mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

God of mercy and restoration, You promise to renew what has been destroyed, to pour out your Spirit on all people, and to bring salvation to all who call on your name. Yet we confess that we have turned away from your voice. We have ignored the dreams of the young and the wisdom of the old. We have doubted your power to redeem what seems lost. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore us to joy. Renew in us a spirit of hope. And help us to live as people of promise, trusting in your grace and walking in your ways. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: God is faithful and just, and in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The Spirit has been poured out upon us, and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

(Please stand if you are able)

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

"Gloria Patri"

**Glorify 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

God has dealt wondrously with us, restoring what was broken and renewing our hope. In gratitude for God's abundant grace, let us offer our gifts—our time, our talents, and our treasures—for the work of God's kingdom.

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

Gracious God, You have filled our lives with good things and restored our hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to proclaim your love, to lift up the lowly, and to pour out your Spirit in every place. May our offerings be a blessing to others, just as your grace has been a blessing to us. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:23-32

²³O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁸Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. ³⁰I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³²Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Traveling to the East”
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN NO. 326

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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 joy, for the Lord has done great things. May the Spirit of God be poured out upon you—to give you dreams, to stir your vision, and to fill your heart with hope. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**



Prayer Concerns: Maria D. Andres
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

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

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of Richard (Dick) Lucas and John Lucas from Jeanne Lucas and family; and given in loving memory of Joyce from Monty and Cindy Anderson. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Debbie Edwards 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT/FALL FEST – TODAY!

Hope to see you here! **2pm**. Decorate your car (or not) and bring candy to give to trick or treaters! Invite your family and friends! Hayride, pumpkin painting, pony rides, dance party and food!

MEN'S GROUP MEETING TONIGHT, OCTOBER 26TH AT 6PM

Join us tonight in the lounge for our monthly men's group. We'll discuss Christianity as a world affirming faith, focusing on the biblical view of creation. Unlike other beliefs that see the world negatively, the Bible teaches that creation is a sacred space designed for life to flourish, not an obstacle to escape, but the setting for a meaningful existence.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Monday, November 3, 2025 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Coordinator Name: Patrick Van Tassel

You can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org, enter NWP

Blood supplies are low and the need is great. If you've donated in the past - THANK YOU and we look forward to seeing you again on November 3rd. If you haven't ever given blood, PLEASE consider making this your first time. The need is continuous and the satisfaction of helping others with what truly is "the gift of life" is rewarding. If you have questions, you can contact Patrick at patrick.vantassel@gmail.com or 610-585-3701.

Be a Hero and sign up to give blood. Every donation saves three lives!

SAVE THE DATES

December 7th - Advent Dinner

December 14th - Canata

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY – Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

– Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

– Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

– Deacons Meeting 10:30 am Lounge

– Trunk or Treat 2 pm

– Men's Group 6 pm Lounge

MONDAY – Session Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY – WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY – 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

– Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

WAYS TO GIVE



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ENVELOPE:

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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.