



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

WELCOME

HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or Earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Be thou our Guide while life shall last, and our eternal Home.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—Dorothy Smith

One: When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized, the heavens opened.

All: And God's Spirit descended like a dove.

One: A voice declared, "This is my Son, the Beloved."

All: And we gather to listen, to follow, and to worship.

One: Come, people of God—

All: Let us worship the God who names us, claims us, and calls us beloved.

WORSHIP SONG

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you (repeat)

*To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you (repeat)

Holy, holy, holy (3X)
I want to see you

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

(Liturgist)

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“King Jesus”

All creation shook on that very day
The Lamb was slain
Then redemption came to anyone
Who would call His name

With power and with strength
You broke these heavy chains
And salvation reigned
And with a shout of praise
And with our voices raised

*King Jesus, You are victorious
You have conquered death with this life of love
King Jesus, You are victorious
You paid the final debt for all of us
King Jesus, You are victorious*

None can separate the very hope
And grace that He displayed
Neither height nor depth
Or anyone can steal the love He gave
And with a shout of praise
And with our voices raised (Chorus)

Bridge: Contemporary Worship Team

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Barbara Louderback

(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

“When the Storms of Life Are Raging”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

In Christ’s baptism, God draws near to us with mercy and love. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Holy God, You claim us as your beloved, yet we confess that we often live as though your love must be earned. You call us to follow Christ in humility, but we prefer paths of comfort and control. You send your Spirit to guide us, yet we resist your leading and ignore your voice. Forgive us, O Lord. By your grace, wash us clean; by your Spirit, renew our hearts; and by your love, shape us to reflect the life of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Beloved of God, hear the good news: Just as the heavens opened at the Jordan, God's mercy is poured out upon us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole.

(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

At the Jordan River, Jesus offered himself fully to God's purpose. In gratitude for God's claim on our lives

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, as you named Jesus your Beloved, you also call us beloved and invite us into your mission. Take these gifts and use them to bring good news, healing, and hope. By your Spirit, empower us to live as faithful witnesses to the love revealed in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"We Didn't Start the Fire"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN NO. 476

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

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 as God's beloved May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**



Prayer Concerns:

Tom Curfman
Mick & Larry Arnold
Family of Gail Snowden
Family of Sharon Nelmes
Karen Deloia
Mary Whitehead
Jerry Furr
Kim Roberts
Cyndee Carr
Karin Hart
Crystal Ceneviva
Tom Ceneviva
Rhonda Auman
Ken Seagreaves

Steve Weirback
Maria D. Andres
Dave Cochran
Michele Malone
Sue Landis
Marianne Dubresson
Marjie O'Neill
Edna Reiss
Gary Crim
Ginny Wisler
Rich McNeeley
Paul Abraham
Miranda Rangel
Marion Sutton

Ongoing Concerns:

Lois Williams
Debbie Watson
Charles Sutton
Connie Reisinger
Rima Mironas
Cathy Shaheen
David Rankin
Debbie Edwards
Kerry Zimmerman



SAVE THE DATE

We will be “kicking off” our year-long celebration with a hot catered brunch next Sunday, **January 18, right after our church service**. Please save the date and plan to attend! We have also planned many activities for young and old, special music, events and some surprises. We hope that you will enjoy the coming year with us.

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

In **1726** William Tennent, founder of Neshaminy Church, preached first in Bensalem, at the mouth of the Neshaminy. He then made his way up the creek, through the surrounding wilderness, to the area near the “forks” where there were enough Scotch-Irish Presbyterians to organize a congregation. Services were held about three miles from the present church site, meeting in a house in the winter and a barn in the summer.

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of their amazing mothers, Lavada Kennedy and Thelma Hammonds from Todd and Ruth; and given to the glory of God. Pulpit flowers are needed for January 18th and February 1st. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers please contact Dorothy Smith @ 215-343-1142 or drsmith524@verizon.net.

NEXT MEN'S GROUP MEETING, January 18, 2026 at 6pm

Due to the Eagle's playoff game, we are moving our next meeting to January 18th. We are certain that the night of January 11th you will all be deep in prayer. Join us in the lounge for our next monthly men's group. We'll discuss the biblical view of God (His nature and character) and how this compares to other religious beliefs. We'll explore the various ways in which biblical faith in God is expressed. Please feel free to join us as we explore the question, *Who is God?*

MISSION CORNER

"Thanks to the generosity of this faithful congregation, we collected over \$3200 in gift cards that were given to Crossroads, West Kensington, Oxford Circle and our Apt 7 resident. This helped to make their Christmas merrier and were greatly appreciated!

As we look forward, we have an opportunity for anyone who owns a business to make matching donations to Oxford Circle. Please see instructions below.

Oxford Circle Christian Community Development Association (OCCDA)

OCCDA is seeking *businesses* who would like to receive a significant tax break on PA state taxes when they donate to qualifying nonprofits such as OCCDA.

By leveraging state funding through the **Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) - Special Priorities Program (SPP)** businesses can help sustain programs like the *Family Resource Center* in Oxford Circle, which offers drop-in services to low-income families.

Also, the state funded **Education Investment Tax Credit (EITC)** can support classroom instruction to children in coping with trauma, and mentorship.

If you or your company are interested in NAP/SPP or EITC please contact OCCDA at katie@occcda.org (267-225-8309) or the NWPC Mission Team to learn more.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

For **MLK Day of Service, January 19th** the mission team and our youth will be putting together personal bags for men in prison.

If you would like to help, please take a tag or more from the board in the outer narthex and **return the item on the tag by Sunday, January 18th. Thank you!**

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Finance/Property Team Meeting 7 pm Zoom

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—Girl Scout Troop 6 pm Youth Room

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
—Men's Group 6 pm Lounge

WAYS TO GIVE



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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.