



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 487

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—John Shaffer

One: The light of Christ has dawned,

All: A light for those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

One: The voice of Jesus calls, "Follow me."

All: We come, ready to leave behind what holds us back.

One: The kingdom of heaven has drawn near.

All: We gather to worship the One who brings good news, healing, and hope.

One: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: We will follow Christ with joy and trust.

WORSHIP SONG

"Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.

These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord! (Chorus)

There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah!
There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah! (3x)

There's no God like Jehovah. There's no God like Jehovah!
There is no one like our God! (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27:1-9

(Liturgist)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

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)

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

"Amazing Love, How Can It Be"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Christ calls us to turn toward the light, yet we cling to familiar shadows. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

God of grace, you call us to follow, but we hesitate, question, and delay. You shine your light before us, yet we often choose paths that lead away from you. You invite us into the work of your kingdom, but we cling to our nets — our routines, our fears, our comforts. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts toward your light. Give us courage to rise, to leave behind what does not give life, and to follow Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: The One who called fishermen by the sea also calls us — not because we are worthy, but because God is merciful. In Jesus Christ, light has dawned, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Friends, believe 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

Christ still walks along the shores of our lives, calling us into the work of compassion, justice, and hope. Our gifts — given freely and joyfully — become part of Christ’s ministry in the world. Let us offer our lives and our resources to the One who calls us to follow.

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, receive these gifts and use them to shine your light in places of need. As you called the first disciples, call us again to follow with courage and generosity. Bless what we give, and bless the giving of our lives, so that your kingdom may draw near through our witness and our work. In Christ’s name, **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Call”
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN NO. 525

“Here I Am, Lord”

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 the light of Christ, who calls you, equips you, and goes before you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit guide your steps as you follow in the way of peace. **Amen.**



Prayer Concerns:

Family of Lois Williams
Elizabeth Schulli
Wanda Warwick
Tony Witkosky
Jessica Hess
Tom Curfman
Mick & Larry Arnold
Karen Deloia
Mary Whitehead
Jerry Furr
Kim Roberts
Cyndee Carr
Karin Hart
Crystal Ceneviva
Tom Ceneviva

Rhonda Auman
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:

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

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in celebration of their grand daughter's, Emma DeChristopher, 14th birthday from Jan and Don Millin; and given in loving memory of William Gow, from his wife Laura Stilinovich Gow. The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of their daughter, Janice Perkins from Mary and John Whitehead.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Monday, February 2, 2025, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Coordinator Name: Patrick Van Tassel

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will take place Sunday, February 8, 2026 immediately following our worship service in the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Strength to Love by Martin Luther King Jr.

10:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary January 28th

"If there is one book Martin Luther King, Jr. has written that people consistently tell me has changed their lives, it is Strength to Love." Coretta Scott King

During our Bible study in this season of Epiphany, we will reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous book, *Strength to Love*. Dr. King believed that real change in society starts when people courageously choose to do what is right. He wrote, "By reaching into and beyond ourselves and tapping the transcendent moral ethic of love, we shall overcome these evils." The short sermons and messages in this book were written during hard times, some even while Dr. King was in jail. Through his words, he shares his strong commitment to justice and explains how important it is to change our minds and hearts. His sermons serve as an excellent guide for Christians, both in his era and in ours.

CELEBRATING 300 YEARS

We will be "kicking off" our year-long celebration with a hot catered brunch on February 1st, **right after our church service**. 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 1739 George Whitefield, a popular evangelist, came to address a crowd of three thousand at Neshaminy. Considering the remoteness of the area, most people traveled by horseback.

Shortly before Tennent retired in 1742, at the age of seventy, a division occurred in the church membership. One group continued to worship in the old building and the "New Side" faction built a new church a few hundred feet east within sight of the original sanctuary. Though this second Meeting House has been renovated, enlarged, and continually "modernized," it is essentially the house of worship we see today. Charles Beatty, who trained at the Log College, was called by the congregation as the second pastor of Neshaminy. His yearly salary in 1743 was the Sum of Sixty pounds (equivalent to \$160).

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Session Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Sanctuary

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship Kick Off Brunch 10:15 am Auditorium
—Mary Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

WAYS TO GIVE



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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.