



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—John Shaffer

One: People of God, come and gather, for the One who calls us is faithful and true.

All: We come seeking the presence of the Lord.

One: Jesus says: You are the salt of the earth—a blessing meant to preserve, to heal, and to bring out God's goodness.

All: May our lives season the world with grace and compassion.

One: Jesus says: You are the light of the world—a lamp set high, not hidden away, a witness to God's justice and mercy.

All: May our light shine so that all may see God's love.

One: Christ fulfills God's law and leads us in God's way, calling us to walk in righteousness, humility, and hope.

All: We come to follow where Christ leads.

One: Let us worship the God who forms us, guides us, and sends us out.

All: With gratitude and joy, we worship the Lord.

WORSHIP SONG

"I See a King"

I see a King ruling with equity
Reigning with empathy in the name of love
I see a King Standing with those in need
Welcoming refugees in the name of love

I see a King making it all like new
Turning the sad untrue in the name of love
I see a King governing every place
Cherishing every race in the name of love

*I see the glory of the Lord
Fill the corners of the world
Like a river to a desert He restores
And I can hear the earth rejoice
Clap her hands and shout for joy
Singing, "Great is the King, Hallelujah, He's done great things"*

I see a King throwing a wedding feast
Inviting the poor and least in the name of love
I see a King laughing with great delight
Sharing the finest wine He's the name of love (Chorus)

Soon the day, soon the day
Soon the day, soon the day
No more sickness, no more tears, no pain
Soon the day He will reign forever

Soon the day, soon the day
Soon the day, soon the day
No more sickness, no more tears, no pain
I see a King, His reign will be forever (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-9

(Liturgist)

58 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“God of Justice”

God of justice, Saviour to all
Came to rescue the weak and the poor
Chose to serve and not be served
Jesus, You have called us

*Freely we've received now, freely we will give
We must go, live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken, we must go
Stepping forward, keep us from just singing
Move us into action, we must go*

To act justly everyday
Loving mercy in every way
Walking humbly before You, God
You have shown us what You require

Fill us up, and send us out
Fill us up, send us out
Fill us up, and send us out, Lord (4x)

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

God calls us to shine with mercy and to live with integrity. Yet we know how often our light grows dim and our witness loses its flavor. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Merciful God, you call us to be salt and light, but we confess that we often blend in instead of standing out. We hide the light you have given us, and we fail to season the world with your love. You call us to walk in your ways, yet we choose what is easy rather than what is faithful. Forgive us, O God. Renew our hearts, restore our witness, and strengthen us to follow Christ, who fulfills your law of love. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: Christ came not to condemn but to redeem. In him, God's mercy is made complete, and through him, our lives are made new. 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

Christ calls us to shine with generosity and to share the gifts entrusted to us so that God's love may be seen in the world. Let us offer our lives and our resources for the work of God's kingdom.

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, you have blessed us with gifts beyond measure. Receive these offerings, and use them to bring light where there is darkness and hope where there is need. Make us faithful stewards of your grace, so that our lives may reflect the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Being an Obvious Christian”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN NO. 429

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

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 into the world as salt and light—preserving what is good, revealing what is true, and shining with the love of Christ. 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:

Family of Rich McNeeley
Family of Lois Williams
Bill M.
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
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 memory of her father, George Hafner and grandmother, Josephine Hafner from Cheryl Allen; and given in loving memory of her husband, Robert from Charlotte Rugel. Deacons Beth Haller & Peg Kaelin will delivering the flowers. Each week the flowers can be a bright moment for someone needing prayers or praise. If you know of someone please let the assigned deacons delivering flowers know after the service.



ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will take place **TODAY** immediately following our worship service in the Sanctuary.

MISSION CORNER

TODAY is SOUP-er Bowl Sunday!! Once again we will collect cans of soup for area food pantries. In honor of our 300-year anniversary, we have a goal of collecting **300 cans of soup!** We know this generous congregation can do it! A collection box will be placed in the outer narthex on Feb 1st and Feb 8th. If every member donates just 1 can we can easily make our goal! If you prefer to donate money instead, a member of our team will use it to buy soup on your behalf.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Strength to Love by Martin Luther King Jr.

10:00 A.M. in the Auditorium

"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.

SAVE THE DATES!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join us for an Ash Wednesday worship service
on February 18th at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 19th.

NEXT MEN'S GROUP MEETING, MARCH 8TH at 6pm

We invite you to join us in the lounge for our engaging monthly Men's Group. This gathering provides an opportunity for meaningful conversation and connection among participants. During this month's meeting, we will focus on the biblical perspective of what it means to be human. Together, we will consider important questions such as: Who are we created to be? Why were we created in the first place? Our discussion will also include a comparison between the biblical understanding of humanity and the beliefs about human nature found in other ancient world religions. This comparative approach will help us reflect deeply on our own faith and broaden our perspective.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, March 29th



MOMENTS IN HISTORY

1754 Charles Beatty was directed by the Synod to go to Virginia and North Carolina for three months to assist newly formed or destitute congregations. While he was gone, the Synod supplied substitute pastors for Neshaminy.

CELEBRATION EVENTS FOR 2026

January	Hymn Introduction Kick-off Brunch
February	"Souper Bowl" Mission Project – Collect 300 cans of soup
February/March	NWPC Timeline Installation
June or July	Family Ice Cream Social
September	Mission Project: Collect 300 books
October/November	Tricentennial Weekend Celebration
<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Moments in History</i> <i>Special Hymns</i>

Additional Surprises throughout the Year!!

300th Anniversary Committee Members:

Joanne Cochran, Chair

Leslie Bonner

Barb Landis

Chris Davies

Jan Millin

Mark Davies

Chelsea Rounds

Linda King

Wendy Wirsch

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, March 27. 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 5 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
—Annual Meeting 10 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

MONDAY—Finance/Property Team Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—Sara Circle 9:15 am Lounge
—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

WAYS TO GIVE



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www.nwpc.net



ON YOUR PHONE:

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



ENVELOPE:

1401 Meetinghouse Road,
Warminster PA 18974

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.