



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 84

"In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—Micah McGovern

One: Come, you who long to see clearly—for the Light of the World is in our midst.

All: We come, seeking the One who opens our eyes.

One: Come, you who carry questions, doubts, and honest confusion—for Christ meets us not with condemnation, but with compassion and truth.

All: We come, ready to receive what God will reveal.

One: Come, you who have been dismissed, overlooked, or silenced—for the Spirit lifts up the lowly and gives voice to those who have been ignored.

All: We come, trusting the God who sees us fully and loves us completely.

One: Come, you who have known God's healing touch—and you who still wait for restoration—for the Holy One is present, working in ways we cannot always explain.

All: We come to worship the God who brings light out of darkness and hope out of despair.

One: Let us open our hearts, lift our voices, and stand in the presence of the One who calls us to new sight.

All: With gratitude and wonder, we worship the Lord our God.

WORSHIP SONG

“O Praise Him”

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside
The sound of angel's awe, the sound of angel's songs
And all this for a King, We could join and sing
All to Christ our King

How constant how divine
This love of ours will rise
Oh how constant how divine
This song of ours will rise, will rise

*O praise Him, O praise Him
He is holy, He is holy*

Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise
The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones
And all this for a King
Angels join to sing
All for Christ the King (Chorus)

How infinite and sweet
This love so rescuing
Oh how infinitely sweet
This great love that has redeemed
As one we sing

Alleluia, Alleluia
He is holy, He is holy

(You may be seated)

WORSHIP SONG

“Amazing Grace Your Love Came Down”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*Because your love came down
Your love came down
Your love came down
And it saved me, it saved me*

Through many dangers,
Toils and snares
I have already come
'Twas grace that brought me safe this far
And grace will lead me home (Chorus)

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright-shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun (Chorus)

*Because your love came down
And it turned my life around
Your love came down
And it saved me, it saved me*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-12

(Liturgist)

9 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We ^[a] must work the works of him who sent me ^[b] while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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

"Our Hope Is In Jesus"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

In Christ, the Light of the World has come, yet we often cling to what is familiar, even when it blinds us. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Merciful God, we confess that we often fail to see your presence among us. Like the Pharisees, we cling to our assumptions and resist the new thing you are doing. We question your grace, doubt your power, and turn away from the light that exposes our fear. Open our eyes, Lord. Heal our unbelief. Restore us to your path, so that we may witness boldly to your love and follow Christ with renewed vision. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: Jesus comes not to condemn but to heal, to restore, and to give sight to the blind. In him, we are seen, known, and 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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Just as Jesus opened the eyes of the man born blind, let us come before God, trusting in divine compassion and healing. For peace among all peoples and an end to war and violence—may the light of Christ guide world leaders and nations toward understanding and reconciliation.

All: Lord, in your mercy, open our eyes and hear our prayer.

One: For those struggling against addiction—may God’s grace bring hope, support, and new beginnings to all seeking freedom and wholeness.

All: Lord, in your mercy, open our eyes and hear our prayer.

One: For marriages in distress—may God restore love, trust, and patience, and surround all couples with wise counsel and steadfast community.

All: Lord, in your mercy, open our eyes and hear our prayer.

One: For all caregivers—may the Spirit grant strength, resilience, and moments of rest to those tending the needs of others.

All: Lord, in your mercy, open our eyes and hear our prayer.

One: God of light and compassion, you see each need and meet us in our struggles. Trusting in your mercy, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, our healer and guide.

All: Lord, in your mercy, open our eyes and hear our prayer.

One: For the church’s mission in the world—may all who follow Christ be empowered to share the good news of God’s grace and love, inspiring hope and transformation in every community.

All: Lord, in your mercy, open our eyes and hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence, we pray for those who need love and support today.

And now let us pray the way our Lord and Savior Jesus taught us to pray...

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The man who received his sight could not help but testify to what Jesus had done for him. Our giving is also a testimony—an act of gratitude for grace we did not earn and cannot repay. Let us offer our gifts to God, who opens our eyes and transforms our lives.

OFFERTORY

*(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

Generous God, you have opened our eyes to your mercy and our hearts to your love. Receive these gifts, and use them to bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is despair, and healing where there is brokenness. Make us bold witnesses to your grace, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:13-38

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want

to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Washing the Mud Out"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN NO. 302

"I Danced in the Morning"

INTRODUCING Our New Director of Youth Ministries: Valerie Pendrak

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 with eyes open to God's presence, with hearts ready to receive Christ's compassion, and with spirits strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. May the Light of the World guide your steps and shine through your life for the sake of the world God loves. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION by Philip Loewen

May the peace of the Lord be in your heart as you go, and through the days to come, there abide. May He lead you that in your life His will may be done; the Spirit of the Lord be your guide. May God's love always lift you, in His mercy, comfort give, as through life's joys and trials, you roam. May our Father in heaven bless His children each day, 'til the day He calls His children home. Amen.



Prayer Concerns:

Family of Madeline Schollmeyer
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
Jerry Furr
Kim Roberts
Cyndee Carr

Karin Hart
Crystal Ceneviva
Tom Ceneviva
Rhonda Auman
Steve Weirback
Maria D. Andres
Dave Cochran
Michele Malone
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 celebration of their granddaughter, Isabelle's 12th birthday from Don and Jan Millin; and given to the glory of God! Deacon Patrick Van Tassel & Klaus Mannherz 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 those delivering the flowers this week know.

If you are interested in donating Easter lilies, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142 or drrsmith524@verizon.net.



MOMENT IN HISTORY

1772 Two months after Beatty's arrival in Barbados he died of yellow fever. Neshaminy was without a pastor for two years.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any information for our Sunday bulletins for April 5th (Easter Sunday), April 12th & April 19th need to be given to Cheryl Overton, Church Administrator no later than Monday, March 23rd. Please email at cheryl.overton@nwpc.net or call 215-343-6060 ext. 100.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMATION UPDATE

At the March 2 meeting, the session appointed Elder Don Millin as the chair of the nominating committee. Additionally, Elder Micah McGovern was selected to serve as vice chair on the committee. On March 16, the session will discuss and vote on potential candidates for the nominating team. Members who are considered will be asked if they are willing to serve in this capacity. After the session finalizes the slate of nominees, a two-week notice will be given before holding a congregational meeting to elect the nominating team. The session also approved the creation of a link on the church website. This link will allow members to recommend individuals from the congregation to whom they believe would be strong servant leaders. Members can fill out a nomination form for the nominating committee to review and consider.

SAVE THE DATES!

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 (March 18) 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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

It's that time of year again! Palm Sunday, March 29th, Easter Egg Hunt.

2pm for children ages 2 – grade 5.

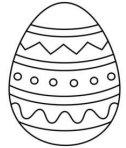
Children will be divided into age groups.

If you would like to help we are in need of the following donations: Plastic Eggs, Individually wrapped candy (NO NUTS OR NUT BUTTER!!!), prizes (i.e., chocolate bunnies, small stuffed animals, children's books, bubbles, balls, coloring books, small board games, fast food, Dairy Queen or coffee shop gift cards {\$5})

Please bring all donations by Sunday, March 22.

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors!!

All are welcome!



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:30 PM, April 2nd at Warminster Presbyterian Church, 500 Madison Ave, Warminster, PA 18974. We will again join Warminster and Olney Presbyterian Churches for this service.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. It is a significant day in the Christian calendar, marking the institution of the Lord's Supper and Jesus' commandment to love and serve one another, as he washed the disciples' feet during this meal. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum," meaning "commandment," referring to this new commandment Jesus gave to his followers.

NEXT MEN'S GROUP MEETING, APRIL 12TH 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. We will continue our journey through Dr. Iain Provan's book, *Seriously Dangerous Religion: What the Old Testament Really Says and Why It Matters*. Our focus will be on the chapter titled *It Isn't Natural – Why Do Evil and Suffering Mark the World?* We look forward to an engaging discussion as we explore these important themes together.



Hired: New Part-Time Director of Youth Ministries

The Session is delighted to announce that on March 2 we approved the hiring of **Valerie Pendrak** as our new part-time Director of Youth Ministries.

Valerie is a lifelong member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Southampton, PA, where she has been deeply involved in ministry with children and youth. Her experience includes serving as a Vacation Bible School teacher, Sunday school teacher, mission trip leader, and adult leader for the youth group. She brings a strong blend of faith, energy, and hands-on ministry experience.

Valerie holds a **B.A. in Communication Studies** (Policy, Regulation, and Advocacy) with a **Minor in Sports and Recreation Management** from Temple University, as well as a **Master of Science in Sports Management** from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. She currently works full time in Community Outreach with Ed Snider Youth Hockey & Education in Philadelphia.

We look forward to welcoming Valerie into our community. She will join our youth group on **Sunday, March 15**, spending time with the youth and leaders from **6:00–7:30pm**. Parents are invited to come at **7:30pm** to meet her and help her begin building relationships with our families.

Valerie will be introduced to the full congregation during worship on **Sunday, March 22**. Please join us in celebrating this new chapter in our youth ministry and in praying for Valerie as she begins her work among us.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room
—Parent Meeting with Valerie Pendrak 7:30 pm Youth Room

MONDAY—Session Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—The Compassionate Friends 7 pm Lounge

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
—Deacon Meeting 10:30 am Lounge

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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
Valerie Pendrak, Director of Youth Ministries
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.