



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

WELCOME

300th ANNIVERSARY HYMN INTRODUCTION

HYMN NO. 478

"Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist-Dorothy Smith

One: On the evening of the first day, when fear kept the disciples behind locked doors, the risen Christ came and stood among them.

All: Christ enters our fear and speaks, "Peace be with you."

One: When doubt clouded Thomas's heart and questions weighed heavily on his spirit, Jesus did not turn him away.

All: Christ meets us in our uncertainty and offers grace.

One: When the disciples could not imagine a future, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon them, filling them with courage, purpose, and hope.

All: Christ breathes new life into us, sending us out as witnesses to resurrection.

One: So come—you who are joyful and you who are weary, you who believe easily and you who long for signs, you who feel locked in and you who are ready to be sent.

All: We come to encounter the living Christ, who brings peace, who offers presence, and who transforms our doubt into faith.

One: Let us worship the God who breaks through our barriers, who speaks peace into our chaos, and who calls us blessed even when we have not seen.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.

WORSHIP SONG

“The Earth is Yours”

Your voice it thunders the oaks start twisting
The forest sounds with cedars breaking
The waters see You and start their writhing
From the depths a song is rising
Now it's rising from the ground

Holy, Holy Holy, Holy Lord
The Earth is Yours and singing
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
The Earth is Yours the Earth is Yours

Your voice it thunders the ground is shaking
The mighty mountains now are trembling
Creation sees You and starts composing
The fields and trees they start rejoicing.

Now it's rising from the ground
Now it's rising from the ground
Hear us crying out Hear us crying out

(You may be seated)

WORSHIP SONG

“Walk by Faith”

I believe you when you say
Your hand will guide my every way
I receive the words you say
Every moment of every day

I will walk by faith, even when I cannot see
Because this broken road prepares Your will for me 2X

You help me rid me of my fears
You've been so faithful all my years
With one breath You make me new
Your grace covers all I do

I'm broken, but I still see Your face
You've spoken, pouring your words of grace

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

(Liturgist)

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight. ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. ⁷I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Prayer"

Christine & Ondine Van Tassel

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Even in the presence of the risen Christ, we cling to fear, doubt, and closed-off hearts. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Risen Christ, you come to us in our locked rooms, yet we struggle to trust your peace. You breathe your Spirit upon us, yet we hold our breath in worry and hesitation. You meet us in our doubts, yet we pretend to have all the answers. Forgive us. Open our hearts to your presence, open our lives to your mission, and open our hands to your grace. Renew us with your Spirit, so that we may believe and follow with joy and courage.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: Christ comes not to condemn but to restore. The One who entered the disciples' fear enters our lives with mercy. 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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Risen Christ, you came and stood among your fearful disciples and said, “Peace be with you.” We bring before you the anxieties and burdens of your people. For all who live with fear, uncertainty, or grief, speak your word of peace and calm troubled hearts.

All: Peace-giving Lord, be with us and restore our hope.

One: You breathed your Spirit upon the disciples and sent them into the world. We pray for your Church in every place. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection through our words, our actions, and our love.

All: Risen Lord, send us in your name.

One: You showed your wounded hands and side, reminding us that your resurrection does not erase suffering but transforms it. We pray for all who are sick, hurting, or in need of healing—in body, mind, or spirit. Surround them with your presence and renew them with your life-giving power.

All: Healing Christ, bring wholeness and new life.

One: You returned again for Thomas, meeting him in his doubt with grace and truth. We pray for those who struggle to believe, those who question, and those who feel distant from you. Meet them with your patience and love, and strengthen faith where it feels fragile.

All: Faithful Lord, help us believe.

One: As you sent the disciples into the world, we pray for all nations and leaders. Guide them in paths of justice, reconciliation, and peace. We pray especially for places torn by violence, division, and fear.

All: Lord of peace, renew the world with your mercy.

One: In quiet trust, we lift before you the prayers of our hearts—those spoken and unspoken, for those we love and for our own deepest needs.

(Moment of silence)

Gracious God, receive these prayers, offered in the confidence of your resurrection and the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray...

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

The risen Christ breathed peace and purpose into the disciples, sending them into the world with good news. We offer our gifts in gratitude, that Christ's mission of reconciliation and hope may continue through us.

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

Generous God, you have given us new life in the risen Christ and the breath of your Spirit. Receive these gifts, and use them to open doors, heal wounds, and share your peace with all creation. Send us forth as witnesses to your grace and truth. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Born from Above"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN

"In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses

Chorus:

**And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known**

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet
The birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. **(Chorus)**

I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling.
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. **(Chorus)**

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

May the peace of the risen Christ enter every locked place within you. May the breath of the Holy Spirit renew your strength and deepen your faith. And may the love of God go before you, behind you, and within you, this day and always. **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:

Robin Haug
Ron Vickery
Izzy and family
Ed Laguardia
Dawn Park
Sue Ellen Nolan
Family & friends of Steve Weirback
Family of Rich McNeeley
Bill M.
Wanda Warwick
Tony Witkosky
Jessica Hess
Edna Reiss

Tom Curfman
Mick Arnold
Karen Deloia
Jerry Furr
Kim Roberts
Cyndee Carr
Karin Hart
Crystal Ceneviva
Tom Ceneviva
Rhonda Auman
Maria D. Andres
Dave Cochran

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 loving memory of Thomas Hammonds & Joseph Kennedy from Todd and Ruth Kennedy; and given in loving memory of Rod from the Anderson family. The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of their parents Virginia & Eddie Helsel and Sue and Frank Henderson from Jan & Jim Helsel.

NEXT MEN'S GROUP MEETING, TONIGHT 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.



NEW MEMBERS: Sunday April 26th 10:30 In the Lounge

What does it mean to belong to a church? Whether you have worshiped with us in person at Neshaminy-Warwick, Presbyterian Church, or you have met us through online worship, we invite you to consider uniting with our congregation through membership. We'd be delighted to include you in our family of faith. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Pastor Mark. Even if you are not sure about membership, you are welcome to come and learn more about the church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 10 am Auditorium

Strength to Love by Martin Luther King Jr.

"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.



MOMENT IN HISTORY

1777 Washington crossed the Delaware at Coryell's Ferry (now New Hope) and marched down York Road with 11,000 men. They pitched camp near Crossroads (now Hartsville) less than a half mile from the church. During the thirteen day encampment, the weather was insufferable. Under such miserable conditions the high-ceilinged church building with its wood pews must have seemed an attractive shelter for the sick and wounded and there can be no doubt that it was used as a hospital. A number of soldiers died during the encampment, and they are said to have been buried in the church cemetery, with unmarked gravestones.

DEVOTIONAL

April's activity for the 300th Celebration is a special devotional book that represents our 300 years of faith. It includes a selection of devotions from the last 300 years. It also includes some information on the evolution of devotions during these 300 years.

Copies will be available starting April 19th.

BE SURE TO GET YOUR COPY!

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.

PETER'S ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE

Recently Peter Clayton went on a trip to the "White Continent" Antarctica.

He will share stories of his trip with a slide presentation.

Sunday, April 19th in the Lounge at 10:30am after Food & Fellowship

PHILLIES VS. MIAMI GAME

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Phillies vs. Miami Dolphins

Price per person \$66.00

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE "JOSHUA"

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

(If 30 people \$180.00 pp, If 40 people \$165.00 pp)

Includes motor coach, ticket, and gratuities

Includes lunch at Fulton Steamboat Inn

8th Annual WKM Golf Outing Five Ponds Golf Club

Benefiting West Kensington Ministry



Monday, May 11, 2026

Best Ball / Scramble Format

9:45 a.m. Shot-Gun Start

(Sign-In/Registration starting at 8:45 AM)



Donation: \$190.00 per player

Includes: Lunch - Greens Fees and Cart - Putting Contest
Hole Prizes, Door Prizes
Post-Tournament Reception

Your Support will benefit a Critical Urban Ministry

Support Opportunities:

Sponsor a Hole.....	\$300
Sponsor or Donate a Prize.....	\$400 or prize value
Sponsor WKM logo Golf Balls.....	\$900
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Lunch.....	\$1500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Reception.....	\$2500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Beverage Cart.....	\$1000
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor the Golf Outing.....	\$5000
Silent Auction - Bid or Donate an Auction Item	
Purchase Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle	

To Register: go to www.westkensingtonministry.net
Click on the GREEN "Golfer Registration" icon
It's near the bottom of the home page

More info? Contact: Chad Pilling – pillingcb@gmail.com
Joe Porter – josephporter1011@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Men's Group 6 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—Staff Meeting 2 pm Lounge
—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
—Deacon Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge
—Peter's Antarctic Adventure 10:30 am Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

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ENVELOPE:

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Lisa Ceraso, Director of Children's Ministries
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.