



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

WELCOME

300th ANNIVERSARY HYMN INTRODUCTION

HYMN NO. 150

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—Micah McGovern

One: Beloved of God, come and enter the life of the Spirit. For the God who gathered the first believers gathers us still—calling us to learn, to grow, to share, and to rejoice.

All: We come seeking the community God creates, a community rooted in teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer.

One: Day by day, the early church devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, opening their hearts to wisdom, opening their lives to one another, opening their hands in generosity.

All: We come longing for that same devotion, that same openness, that same Spirit moving among us.

One: Awe came upon everyone, for God’s wonders were made visible in their midst—signs of healing, signs of hope, signs of new life.

All: We come expecting God to move among us again, to surprise us with grace, to strengthen us with love, to bind us together in Christ.

One: They broke bread with glad and generous hearts, praising God and extending hospitality to all.

All: We come ready to rejoice, ready to share, ready to be shaped into a people of welcome.

One: And day by day, God added to their number those who were being saved.

All: We come trusting that God is still building the church, still forming us into a living witness, still calling us into a future filled with hope.

One: Come, let us worship the God who creates community, who nourishes faith, who multiplies grace, and who leads us into life.

All: Let us worship God.

WORSHIP SONG

“Better is One Day”

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

*Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(repeat)*

One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

WORSHIP SONG

“All the Days of my Life”

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside still waters
He restores my soul

He has spread a banquet before me
In the sight of my enemies
While my head is anointed with oil
And the cup of my life overflows

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley
I fear no evil for you are with me
Your rod and staff they comfort me
All the days of my life*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life
I shall live in the presence of you
My whole life long

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

(Liturgist)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. ⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

“It Is Well with my Soul”

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Trusting in that mercy, and seeking the unity and generosity of the early church, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Holy God, You call us into community, yet we confess that we often choose isolation. You invite us to share what we have, yet we cling to our possessions and our fears. You teach us to break bread together, yet we neglect the table of fellowship. You send us out in glad and generous hearts, yet we harbor resentment and withhold compassion. Forgive us, O God. By your Spirit, reshape us into a people devoted to your Word, steadfast in prayer, joyful in worship, and generous in love. Make us signs of your life-giving presence in the world. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: God's promise is sure. The same Spirit who enlivened the first believers is at work in us today. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. Thanks be to God.

(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

One: Lord, you called your people to devote themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

All: Strengthen us, O God, to seek your Word, share in fellowship, and gather with grateful hearts.

One: You inspired awe and wonder through signs and brought unity among your followers.

All: Fill us with reverence for your presence and bind us together in love as one body.

One: They shared what they had, caring for each other and praising you daily.

All: Teach us to be generous, to serve those in need, and to rejoice in your goodness every day. Guide us, Lord, to be faithful witnesses of your love, that your light may shine through us and your kingdom may come.

One: We pray for all who suffer—those who are sick, lonely, or oppressed. Bring them healing, comfort, and hope. Today we especially remember those among us in need of your care in body, mind, or spirit.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for an end to war and violence in our world. Grant wisdom, courage, and compassion to all leaders and those in positions of authority, that they may seek peace and justice for all people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer and bring new life where there is despair.

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 early church shared their resources so that no one was in need. In gratitude for God's abundance and in commitment to Christ's mission, let us offer our gifts—our lives, our time, and our resources—that God may continue to add to the community of hope and healing.

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, Bless these gifts and bless us as we offer them. Use what we bring to strengthen community, to nourish the hungry, to teach your Word, and to bear witness to your love. Make us glad and generous people, devoted to your ways and alive with your Spirit. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"How Jesus Rules the World"
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN NO. 442

"The Church's One Foundation"

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 a people devoted to Christ's teaching, steadfast in fellowship, joyful in worship, and generous in love. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now 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:

Erin C. Watson
Jean Witkoski
Drew F.
Robin Haug
Ron Vickery
Izzy and family
Ed Laguardia
Dawn Park
Sue Ellen Nolan
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

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting is scheduled for **May 17, 2026**, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the church's nominating team. Once the nominating team has been elected, a link will be made available on the Church website. Through this link, congregation members can nominate fellow members for the nominating team to consider.



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of loved ones from Debbie Rankin Kapinos; and given in memory of their daughter, Krissy Millin from Jan & Don Millin. The flowers on the communion table are given in memory of Muriel, Robert, and Richard Goodman from the Goodman family. Debbie Edwards & Sandee Wilson 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.

Hello everyone. A little favor to ask. With our limited amount of Deacons to greet and distribute flowers weekly, I'm reaching out to ask if the congregation would be willing to volunteer for this task as well. We only have 5 Deacons to maintain this responsibility. Any extra help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Cindy Anderson

NEW MEMBERS: TODAY 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

1785 One of the people who often came to hear Irwin preach was John Fitch, an inventor most famous for operating the first steamboat service. One Sunday in April when Fitch was walking home from church, he was rapidly passed by a couple riding in a two-wheeled “chaise” drawn by a horse. At that moment it occurred to him that steam might be used as a propelling power. After running into difficulty with this concept applied to road vehicles he turned his attention to boats.

8TH ANNUAL WEST KENSINGTON GOLF OUTING

This golf outing will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at Five Ponds Golf Club. There is an 8:45 am sign-in time with shot-gun start at 9:45 am. Your donation of \$190 per player includes lunch, greens fees and cart, putting contest, hole prizes, door prizes and post-tournament reception. For more details and to sign up, please go to westkensingtonministry.net. Click on the GREEN “Golfer Registration” icon, it’s near the bottom of the home page.



PHILLIES BUS TRIP PLANNED FOR 2026

Save the date of Tuesday, August 18, 2026 for a bus trip to see the Phillies play the Miami Marlins at Citizens Bank. All are welcome to go, young and old alike. We will leave the church at 3:30 p.m. and return by 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$66 which includes the motor coach, ticket, and gratuities.

You were able to join us last year to see the Phillies and inquiring if you’re going to be able to join us this year. You can contact me at 215-343-1142 or cell#215-896-9923. I have ordered 35 tickets. Our seats are in Section 419, Rows 5-9.

MISSION CORNER: CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

This month, we invite you to help share the joy of reading with the children served by our mission partners - Oxford Circle, Crossroads, and West Kensington Ministry. Books help children grow in confidence, imagination, and hope, yet many do not have regular access to them. We are collecting books that reflect and resonate with these young readers - stories in which they can see themselves. **To make giving easy, a curated book list is available through an Amazon gift registry.**

In celebration of our 300-year anniversary, our goal is to collect **300 books!** Please ensure donations arrive by **May 29**, so the books are ready for summer reading.

Search the **Amazon Gift Registry** for “**NWPC Book Drive**” or use the **QR code below** to view the book list and make your selection. The church address is pre-entered for direct shipping. Monetary donations are also welcome, and books will be selected on your behalf. Any questions can be directed to Linda King at clbjking@comcast.net.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make a meaningful difference - one book at a time.



“When I was growing up in the hills of East Tennessee, I knew my dreams would come true. I know there are children in your community with their own dreams. They dream of becoming a doctor or an inventor or a minister. Who knows, maybe there is a little girl whose dream is to be a writer and singer. The seeds of these dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world.” – Dolly Parton

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Yes, it's that time of year again and Hong and Kyle are going to Honduras this year for their medical mission trip. As we did the last time we went, we will have the opportunity to purchase food bags that we hand deliver off of a flatbed truck to the desperately poor in the countryside. Each food bag costs \$10 and contains flour, rice, beans, oil, and sometime noodles. Each bag will feed a family of four for one week. Please consider donating towards this food drive in Honduras. You can donate via Venmo (@Kyle-Montgomery-86462) or by giving the money directly to Hong or Kyle (mobile 267-229-0266).

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

TUESDAY—Staff Meeting 2 pm Lounge
—WholyFit 6:30 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

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



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



ENVELOPE:

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Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor
Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth
Valerie Pendrak, Director of Youth Ministries
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.