



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

WELCOME

300th ANNIVERSARY HYMN INTRODUCTION

HYMN NO. 267

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist-Rick Rugel

One: People of God, come with your questions, your hopes, and your fears.

All: Our hearts are troubled, yet we turn to the One who calls us by name.

One: Christ says to us, “Do not be afraid,” for God is making a home among us.

All: We come seeking that home—where mercy is wide, and grace is deep.

One: Jesus shows us the way of life, the truth that sets us free, the love that never lets us go.

All: We come to follow him, to learn from him, to rest in him.

One: In Christ, we glimpse the very heart of God—steadfast, compassionate, and near.

All: We open our lives to this holy presence, trusting that God is with us now.

One: And Christ promises that those who believe will share in his work—acts of healing, justice, and hope.

All: We come ready to be shaped, strengthened, and sent.

One: So let us lift our voices, open our hearts, and offer our praise.

All: For God is our dwelling place, Christ is our way, and the Spirit is our guide. Let us worship God.

WORSHIP SONG

“Everything Glorious”

The day is brighter here with You
The night is lighter when I’m with you
Would lead me to believe
Which leads me to believe

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
And I am Yours
What does that make me?*

My eyes are small but they have seen
the beauty of enormous things
which leads me to believe
there's light enough to see that

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
and I am Yours (2x)*

(Worship Team)

*You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
and I am Yours (2x)
What does that make me?*

(You may be seated)

WORSHIP SONG

“Vast as the Heavens”

Your love, oh Lord
As vast as the heavens
It is overwhelming to me
Your faithfulness reaches the skies, the skies
Your righteousness towers over these mountains
Of struggle in my life (Repeat)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:1-5

(Liturgist)

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. ²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. ³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me; ⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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

"All Things New"

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Christ invites us to trust him with our whole hearts, yet we cling to fear and rely on our own strength. Confident in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

God of grace and truth, you call us to trust in you, yet we confess how quickly our hearts grow troubled. We cling to our own ways, even when Christ has shown us a better path. We doubt your presence, though you promise never to leave us. We ask for signs, forgetting that in Jesus you have revealed your very self. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts again to your steadfast love. Lead us in the way of Christ, that our lives may reflect his works and bear witness to your glory. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Friends, hear the good news: Christ does not leave us lost or alone. In him, God's mercy is made known, God's love is made flesh, and God's grace is poured out for the world. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

(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)***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Valerie Pendrak

Jesus tells us that those who trust in him will do the works he does—and even greater works. Through our giving, we join in Christ’s ministry of healing, hope, and reconciliation. Let us offer our gifts with gratitude, that God may use them—and us—for the life of the world.

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

Valerie Pendrak

Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for your purposes. Where there is fear, bring peace. Where there is need, bring provision. Where there is longing, bring your presence. Shape us into people who walk in the way of Christ and bear witness to your love in all we do. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

Valerie Pendrak

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Where I Am"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Page 12 Blue Hymnal)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna In the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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.

(We celebrate communion by intinction. Please come forward, dip a piece of bread in the cup, and partake.

Gluten-free elements are available on the side tables. You may consume the bread and wine upon returning to your seat.)

COMMUNION HYMN

"Blessed be Your Name"

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed Be Your name *(Chorus)*

Chorus:

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name (*Chorus*)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name (*Chorus*)

HYMN NO. 527

“Near to the Heart of God”

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 Christ steady your hearts, the love of God make a home within you, and the power of the Holy Spirit lead you in the way of life. Go in hope, go in courage, go in the name of the Triune God. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless you and Keep You" by Peter. C. Lutkin

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord lift His coun-ten-ance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine up-on you,
And be gra-cious, and be gra-cious;
The Lord be gra-cious, gra-cious un-to you.
Amen**



Prayer Concerns:

Betty Pauciello
Erin C. Watson
Jean Witkoski
Drew F.
Robin Haug
Ron Vickery
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



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Charlotte Rugel in loving memory of her husband, Robert; and given in memory of William Bohn on his birthday by Carolyn and children. Deacons Paul Augustine & Patrick Van Tassel 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on **May 17**, which will take place immediately after the worship service. The meeting is to elect the church's nominating team. Following the selection of the nominating team, a link will be posted on the Church website. This link will enable members to nominate individuals who they believe should be considered for church officer positions.

Elders: Donald Millin, Micah McGovern, Deacon: Patrick Van Tassel

Nominating Team Candidates

Rick Rugel, Jennifer Kreischer, Barbara Landis, Beth Madden, Peg Kaelin

Alternates: Barbara White, David Gracia

NEXT MEN'S GROUP MEETING, May 30th at 6 PM

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 **Which Society Should I be Helping to Build?** We look forward to an engaging discussion as we explore these important themes together.

CELEBRATING DONNA'S 12 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY

We invite you to join us in expressing our gratitude to Donna Mazeika for her twelve years of devoted service at Neshaminy Warwick Presbyterian Church. The celebration will take place following worship on **June 7th**, during a special brunch held in her honor.

How You Can Participate

- If you wish to share a personal note or message with Donna, please bring a card to the event. There will be a designated basket available for collecting these cards.
- For those who would like to contribute toward a church gift for Donna, you may send checks or cash to the church office. Please be sure to mark your contribution for this purpose.

SAVE THE DATE! FAMJAM 2026: August 9 and August 16 at NWPC from 3-6pm
"Shine Bright in a Dark World!": Let your child's light shine this summer! Join us for an exciting experience of faith, fun, family and friendship as we learn how to be a light in today's world. More information to follow!

"Let your light shine before others..." – Matthew 5:16

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).



MOMENT IN HISTORY

1792

After the war, the church finances suffered from the depreciation of the paper money Congress had issued. By 1792 financial recovery was complete enough to warrant the planting of twenty-five trees on the church property. Pew spaces were rented at a yearly rate of \$1.14 a seat or \$5.70 a pew. The church was also used as a singing school.

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.

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

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

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—Girl Scout Troop 6 pm Youth Room

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

FRIDAY—Wedding Rehearsal 4 pm

SATURYDAY—Dougherty/Mairena Wedding 4 pm

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

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ENVELOPE:

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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.