



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

## WELCOME

## 300th ANNIVERSARY HYMN INTRODUCTION

HYMN NO. 151

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—Dorothy Smith

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**All: We sing the glory of God’s name; we give God glorious praise.**

One: Come and see what God has done—marvelous works of power and mercy, stretching from generation to generation.

**All: God turned the sea into dry land; our ancestors passed through the waters on foot.**

One: God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**All: Even when we were tested, refined like silver, pressed down with burdens, and led through fire and water—still God was faithful.**

One: In every trial, God has been our strength. In every joy, God has been our song.

**All: Therefore we come with thanksgiving, lifting our voices in praise.**

One: Come, all you who seek the living God—you who rejoice, you who mourn, you who are weary, you who are hopeful.

**All: We gather as one people, trusting the God who brings us into a spacious place.**

One: Let us worship God with gladness, with gratitude, and with hearts open to the Spirit’s leading.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving, we worship the Lord!**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Holy is Your Name”

Lord of all Lords, ancient of days  
All glory to the name, we magnify and praise  
Worthy and pure, truthful and right  
Awesome in majesty, and glorious in might

*Holy is Your name, faithful and true  
Beautiful Savior, we come to worship You  
Holy is Your name, high above all  
We come to praise You, now on your name we call*

Fairest of fair, God with us now  
Let every tongue confess, and every knee will bow (Chorus)

You are holy, You are worthy, we call on Your holy name  
You are holy, You are worthy, we call on Your holy name (Chorus)

*(You may be seated)*

## WORSHIP SONG

“What a Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You wanted earth to know your glory  
Jesus, you brought heaven down  
Our sin was great Your love is greater  
What could separate us now

What a Wonderful Name it is  
What a Wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a Wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a Wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again  
You have no rival You have no equal

Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a Powerful Name it is  
What a Powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a Powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a Powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:1-12

(Liturgist)

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; <sup>2</sup>sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. <sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. <sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." <sup>5</sup>Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. <sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, <sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, <sup>9</sup>who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. <sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. <sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; <sup>12</sup>you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

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**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

(Liturgist)

The God who brought our ancestors through the sea and sustained them in every trial invites us to bring our whole selves—our gratitude, our burdens, our sins. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Liturgist)

**God of steadfast love, you have carried us through deep waters and brought us into safe places, yet we confess that we forget your faithfulness. You test us, refine us, and lead us, but we resist your shaping and doubt your purposes. You call us to trust, yet we cling to fear. You call us to praise, yet we hold back our joy. Forgive us, O God. Set us free from all that keeps us from you, and lead us again into the spacious place of your grace. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: The God who hears our cries, who carries us through fire and water, also restores us with mercy and steadfast love. 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)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Liturgist)

One: God of heaven and earth, You are not confined by walls made by human hands. You are the Creator who gives life and breath and all things.

**All: You are the living God; in You we live and move and have our being.**

One: You made every nation and set the times and places of our living, so that we might seek You—reach for You—and find You.

**All: Draw near to us, O God, for You are not far from each one of us.**

One: Turn us from empty idols—everything we trust more than You: our pride, our possessions, our fear, our control.

**All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

One: You call us to repentance and to a new way of life. Shape us as Your people, bearing witness to Jesus Christ, whom You raised from the dead.

**All: Renew our minds; reform our lives; restore our hope.**

One: We pray for the poor, the hungry, and all who struggle to meet basic needs; for those without stable work, fair wages, safe housing, or daily bread.

**All: Provide, O God, and make us generous; give us courage to seek justice and to love mercy.**

One: We pray for the sick and those who care for them: for those awaiting diagnosis, enduring treatment, living with chronic pain, or facing death.

**All: Heal and sustain, O Lord; grant strength to bodies, wisdom to caregivers, and peace to anxious hearts.**

One: We pray for all who suffer—in grief, loneliness, addiction, depression, or despair; for those harmed by abuse; for those imprisoned or oppressed; for refugees and all who are far from home.

**All: Be their refuge, O God; surround them with comfort, protection, and trustworthy companions.**

One: We pray for peace among nations and within communities; for an end to violence, terror, and war; for leaders to choose restraint, truth, and the hard work of reconciliation.

**All: Prince of Peace, break the cycle of hatred; teach us Your ways; make us instruments of Your peace.**

One: We pray for Your church in every place: keep us from trusting in our own strength, and send us to love our neighbors with humility and courage.

**All: Send us, Lord, to seek You, to serve the vulnerable, and to proclaim Christ with our words and our lives.**

One: Let us now silently offer our personal prayers.

One: Because You are our God and we are Your children, we offer our lives to You. Receive these prayers, spoken and unspoken, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together...

## LORD'S PRAYER

(Liturgist)

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

(Liturgist)

God has brought us through trials and into blessing. In gratitude for God's sustaining love, let us offer our gifts—our resources, our time, our lives—that God's work of justice, mercy, and joy may flourish in the world.

## 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

Faithful God, you have kept us among the living and guided us with your steadfast love. Receive these gifts, and use them to bring hope where there is hardship, joy where there is sorrow, and life where there is struggle. Make us generous in all things, that our lives may reflect your grace. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and

perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**One:** The Word of God for the people of God

**All:** **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

“Everybody Worships”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## HYMN NO. 316

“Breathe on Me, Breath 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 God who brings us through deep waters, who refines us like silver, and who leads us into a broad and spacious place, go with you this day. 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.

## 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.**

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*Please join us in the Auditorium for  
Food & Fellowship*  
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**Prayer Concerns:**

Marianne Dubresson  
Betty Pauciello  
Erin C. Watson  
Jean Witkoski  
Drew F.  
Robin Haug  
Ron Vickery  
Ed Laguardia  
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 Jan and George Rounds to the glory of God and in honor of Keith Rounds on his birthday; and given by Lynne and Warren Friedel in loving memory of their mothers—Anne Weitzman and May Friedel. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Doris Rowley 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 Kreisler, Barbara Landis, Beth Madden, Peg Kaelin

Alternates: Barbara White, David Gracia

## NEXT MEN'S GROUP MEETING, May 31st 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.

## CALL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: TEACHERS AND HELPERS

Do you have a desire to share the word of God with the children of our congregation? Our Sunday School program is looking for warm, caring volunteers to serve as Helpers and Teachers. No prior experience required—just a willing spirit and a kind heart.

You can expect:

- Flexible scheduling options to suit your needs
- Simple lessons with support materials and guidance provided

The satisfaction of helping children grow in faith!

If you feel called to serve or would like more information, contact Lisa Ceraso, Director of Children's Ministries: [childrensdirector@nwpc.net](mailto:childrensdirector@nwpc.net). All volunteers submit a Child Abuse Clearance obtained free of charge for volunteers.



**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

## 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.

## 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.



## MOMENT IN HISTORY

1793

The Presbytery of Philadelphia met at Neshaminy and a committee was appointed to provide for their accommodations. It is recorded one committee member was to provide "cold collation" (a light informal meal) and "cyder" while another made provisions for their horses.

## 8TH ANNUAL WEST KENSINGTON GOLF OUTING

This golf outing will be held **TOMORROW** 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](http://westkensingtonministry.net). Click on the GREEN “Golfer Registration” icon, it’s near the bottom of the home page.

## 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](mailto: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*

# THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

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

WEDNESDAY –Sarah Circle 9:15 am Lounge  
–Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY –Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room  
–Wedding Rehearsal 6 pm

FRIDAY –McKeown/Hermosilla Wedding 5 pm

SUNDAY –Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge  
–Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
–Congregational Meeting 10 am Sanctuary  
–Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium  
–Deacon Meeting 10:30 am Lounge  
–Christian Ed Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge  
–Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room  
–Parent Mission Trip Meeting 7:30 pm Youth Room

## WAYS TO GIVE



**ONLINE:**  
[www.nwpc.net](http://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:

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### Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor  
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.