



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

### WELCOME

### 300th ANNIVERSARY HYMN INTRODUCTION

HYMN NO. 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist-John Shaffer

One: In the hour appointed, Jesus lifted his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you."

**All: We gather to glorify God, whose love is revealed in Christ and whose life is shared with the world.**

One: Jesus prayed for his disciples, saying, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me."

**All: We come as those who have received God's name, called into a story of grace, and welcomed into a community of hope.**

One: Jesus prayed, "All mine are yours, and yours are mine."

**All: We belong to God—held in mercy, claimed in love, and united in purpose.**

One: Jesus prayed, "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

**All: We seek the unity Christ desires for us—a unity rooted not in sameness, but in shared love, shared mission, and shared trust in God.**

One: Jesus prayed not only for his first disciples, but for all who would come to believe through their witness.

**All: We stand in that long line of faith, grateful for those who came before us, and mindful of those who will come after us.**

One: Come, people of God—gathered by Christ, held in the Father's care, and empowered by the Spirit's presence.

**All: We come to worship the God who knows us, the Christ who prays for us, and the Spirit who makes us one. Let us worship God with joy, with gratitude, and with our whole hearts.**

## WORSHIP SONG

### “Make Us One”

Father the hour has come Be glorified in Your Son  
So that the world may believe Together we fall at Your feet

*God make us one The cross is our common ground  
We sing where Your blood flowed down  
Hallelujah Make us one  
One body, one Spirit, one faith  
Salvation in only one name  
Hallelujah Hallelujah*

Forgive us of all of our sin  
Show us Your mercy again  
Shatter the walls that divide  
For we are the body of Christ (Chorus)

Can you imagine that day  
The chorus of angels and saints  
A sound that has never been heard  
All of the praise You deserve  
Lord won't You hasten the day  
We'll be that chorus of angels and saints  
A sound that has never been heard  
All of the praise You deserve (Chorus)

*(You may be seated)*

## WORSHIP SONG

### “We Are One In the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray the all unity, May one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians By our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.  
And together will spread the news, That God is in our land. (Chorus)

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's pride. (*Chorus*)

All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.  
All praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (*Chorus*)

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 45:1-7

(Liturgist)

**45** Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

**One:** The Word of the Lord

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

## **JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR**

*"I Am Not Alone"*

*(Children are now dismissed to their Sunday School teacher,  
or if you prefer they may return to their seats with you.)*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"The Lord Almighty Reigns"*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

(Liturgist)

Jesus prays for us—not because we are perfect, but because we are beloved. Trusting in that love, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Holy God, you have given us your name, your truth, and your love, yet we confess that we have not lived as your people. We divide where you call us to be one. We cling to fear where you offer protection. We seek our own glory rather than yours. Forgive us, O God. Make us one with Christ, so that our lives may reflect your grace and our witness may reveal your love to the world. Amen.

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ prays for us, intercedes for us, and claims us as his own. In him, we are forgiven; in him, we are made whole; in him, we are united as one people. 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)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Liturgist)

One: Holy God, on the night before the cross, Jesus lifted His eyes to heaven and prayed. We join that prayer now, trusting that our Savior still intercedes for us.

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, pray for us, and draw us into Your life.**

One: Father, glorify Your name in all the earth. Make Your saving love known, that many may know You—the only true God—and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

**All: Be exalted, O God; make Yourself known among the nations.**

One: Jesus prayed that we would be one. Forgive our divisions—between congregations, generations, cultures, and convictions. Heal what pride has fractured and what fear has hardened.

**All: Make us one in You, that the world may believe Your love is true.**

One: Sanctify us in the truth; Your word is truth. Where we have loved lies, correct us. Where we have spoken harshly, cleanse our tongues. Where we have ignored Your commands, turn our steps back to Your ways.

**All: Set us apart for Your purposes; shape us by Your Word.**

One: As You sent Your Son into the world, so send us. Give courage to Your church to serve neighbors, welcome strangers, protect children, and practice mercy with humility.

**All: Send us, Lord—into our homes, workplaces, schools, and streets—with Your love.**

One: We pray for peace in the world. Where nations rage and neighbors turn against one another, speak Your reconciling word. Restrain violence, comfort the grieving, protect the displaced, and raise up peacemakers.

**All: Prince of Peace, give peace to our world, and make us instruments of Your peace.**

One: We pray for leaders and authorities in every land: grant wisdom, restraint, and a love for truth. Let policies protect the vulnerable, let diplomacy be pursued with patience, and let justice roll down where corruption thrives.

**All: Guide those who govern; turn hearts from power to service and from fear to courage.**

One: Holy God, make Your love complete in us. Let Christ be formed in us, that we may reflect His glory—not our own—and walk in the unity He prayed for. Let us now silently offer our personal prayers.

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)

Jesus prayed, "All mine are yours, and yours are mine." Everything we have comes from God's generous hand. In gratitude and trust, let us offer our gifts— that God's love may be known in this community and throughout 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**

Generous God, receive these gifts, and receive our lives with them. Use what we offer to strengthen your church, to protect the vulnerable, to unite your people, and to glorify your name. Make us faithful stewards of your grace, for the sake of Christ, who prays for us.  
**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 17:1-11

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

One:               The Word of God for the people of God

**SERMON**

“Jesus Prayer for Us”

Donna Mazeika

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**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 calls you, the Christ who prays for you, and the Spirit who unites you guard your hearts, guide your steps, and make you one in love—today and always. **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.**

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*Please join us in the Auditorium for  
Food & Fellowship  
after the Congregational Meeting*

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Carol (CJ) Jones  
Edie Stauch  
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  
Maria D. Andres  
Dave Cochran  
Jessica Hess  
Edna Reiss  
Tom Curfman  
Mick Arnold  
Karen Deloia  
Jerry Furr  
Kim Roberts  
Cyndee Carr  
Karin Hart  
Crystal Ceneviva

**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 Sue Ann McOwen in loving memory of her parents, Ferne & Thomas; and given in memory of loved ones from Kim Richter. Deacons Leslie Bonner & Wendy Wirsch 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 **TODAY**, 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 Garcia

## 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.

## 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.

**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

## 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.



## 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**



## **MOMENT IN HISTORY**

### **Mid 1790s**

Around this time a sexton was employed at eight dollars a year, "plus for every large corpse he should bury 10 shillings or \$1.33 and in proportion for those that were less." A short time later the sexton was paid an additional \$2 for "cutting and splitting the stove wood."

### **STEP INTO OUR STORY: THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY HERITAGE EXHIBIT**

"They say if these walls could talk, they'd have 300 years of stories to tell. Starting this Sunday, we're giving them a voice! As part of our Tricentennial celebration, we are pulling back the curtain on our past. We have been able, for a limited time, to borrow some artifacts from the Presbyterian Historical Society.

Come explore a curated collection of historic artifacts-of some of our founding items that have seen generations through trial and triumph. This isn't just a dusty display; it's a celebration of the faith that built our home. On your way to coffee hour, stop and visit the glass display case for these additional items. Don't miss this rare chance to touch history!"

### **A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY**

Hazel Charles just celebrated her 103rd birthday on May 13, 2026. If those who know her and wan to send her a birthday card her address is 21310 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.

### **PHILLIES BUS TRIP**

All 35 tickets have been sold for the Phillies vs. the Miami Marlins baseball game to be held on August 18, 2026. Monies in the amount of \$66 are due by July 1 and checks are to be made payable to NWPC and mailed to the church. As a reminder you can bring along food but no bottles or glass containers. For the ladies only small purses are allowed. Clear bags are highly recommended. If you want to purchase food or other items, a credit card is the only acceptable form of payment. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-896-9923 (cell#) or email her at drsmith524@verizon.net.

## THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

- 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  
–Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Youth Room  
–300th Ice Cream Social Meeting 11 am Book Lounge  
–Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room  
–Parent Mission Trip Meeting 7:30 pm Lounge
- MONDAY –Nominating Team Meeting 6 pm Lounge  
–Session Meeting 7 pm Lounge
- 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 –No Choir Rehearsal
- SUNDAY –Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge  
–Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
–Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

### 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.