



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

## PRELUDE

"War March of the Priests" by Mendelssohn

## WELCOME

## 300th ANNIVERSARY HYMN INTRODUCTION

## HYMN NO. 562

"Eternal Father Strong to Save"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist—Micah McGovern

One: Jesus says, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."*

**All: We come seeking to love Christ with our whole lives.**

One: Jesus promises, *"I will ask the Father, and the Advocate will be with you forever."*

**All: We come trusting the Spirit who dwells within and among us.**

One: Jesus gives us peace—not as the world gives.

**All: Our hearts will not be troubled, and we will not be afraid. Let us worship God.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
**(Chorus)**

**Chorus**

**Shine on me, shine on me**  
**Shine, Jesus, shine**  
**Fill this land with the Father's glory**  
**Blaze, Spirit, blaze**  
**Set our hearts on fire**  
**Flow, river, flow,**  
**flood the nations with grace and mercy**  
**Send forth your word**  
**Lord, and let there be light**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
**(Chorus)**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
**(Chorus)**

WORSHIP SONG

“Send us Your Spirit”

**Chorus:**

**Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit; renew the face of the earth.**  
**Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit; renew the face of the earth.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-6

(Liturgist)

**2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. **5** Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

**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

"War March of the Priests" by Mendelssohn

Lee Nelmes

(Dedicated to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

Christ invites us into a life shaped by love, strengthened by the Spirit, and grounded in peace. Yet we know how often we turn away from that life. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Liturgist)

**Holy God, You call us to love you by keeping your commandments, yet we confess that our love is often shallow and our obedience inconsistent. You offer us the Advocate, yet we rely on our own strength. You give us peace, yet we cling to fear and anxiety. Forgive us, O God. Dwell within us by your Spirit. Renew our hearts, so that we may walk in your ways and live as people of your promise. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(Liturgist)

Hear the good news: Jesus says, "Because I live, you also will live." The Spirit abides with us and in us, and God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. 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

(Liturgist)

One: Holy God, on this Pentecost day we remember the sound of rushing wind, the flames of holy fire, and the gift of your Spirit poured out on all people. Come among us again with power, mercy, and grace.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill your people with life.**

One: Breathe upon your church, O Lord. Where we have grown weary, renew us. Where we have become fearful, strengthen us. Where we have been divided by pride, opinion, or hurt, gather us again into the unity of Christ.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one in Christ.**

One: Pour out your Spirit on the young and the old, on those full of hope and those carrying sorrow, on those who speak boldly and those who can only whisper their prayers. Let every generation know your presence and trust your promises.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and speak through every heart.**

One: We pray for the world you love: for places torn by violence, for communities burdened by injustice, for neighbors facing illness, grief, loneliness, or uncertainty. Let your Spirit bring comfort to the suffering, courage to the weary, and justice to the oppressed.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

One: Kindle in us the gifts you have given: wisdom and compassion, truth and discernment, generosity and joy, service and faithful witness. Make us a people who do not merely admire the gospel, but live it with humility, boldness, and love.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and send us in Jesus' name.**

One: God of wind and flame, fall fresh on us. Fill this congregation with holy expectation. Open our lips in praise, our hands in service, and our lives in witness, until the world may see the risen Christ in us. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

And now, in a moment of silence, we lift up our personal prayers to you.

And now, with boldness, we pray the words our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ taught us, saying:

## 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 promises that the Spirit will teach us, guide us, and remind us of all he has said. In gratitude for God's abiding presence and peace, let us offer our gifts—our time, our resources, our lives—to the work of Christ 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

Gracious God, you have given us your Spirit to comfort, strengthen, and guide us. Receive these gifts, and use them to share your peace, your truth, and your love with a world in need. Make us faithful stewards of all you entrust to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-31

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” <sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

One:                   The Word of God for the people of God

All:                   **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

“We Are not Alone”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**HYMN NO. 108**

“Christ is Alive!”

**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 love of Christ lead you, the peace of Christ guard you, and the Spirit of Christ dwell within you. Go forth in courage, for God is with you now and always. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Finlandia” by Sibelius

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**FOR OUR GUESTS**

*Please join us in the Auditorium for  
Food & Fellowship*

*Our service of worship extends beyond the walls of the Sanctuary  
in the form of video recording and live streaming.  
Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility  
that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast.*

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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  
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 in loving memory of David from Karen Lodwig; and given by Dalia Lucas in loving memory of John Robert Lucas. Beth Haller & Peg Kaelin will be 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.

## 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.

### 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.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION

Let's say THANK YOU to all of our Sunday School Volunteers and Youth Leaders who contribute so much to NWPC! Fill out a thank you card with a personal message for a Teacher/Helper/Leader who has inspired you. Put it in the mailbox located on the Sunday School table. We will present your thank you notes and more as a token of our appreciation at our June 21<sup>st</sup> service.



### **MOMENT IN HISTORY Late 1790s**

Rev Irwin took an interest in county politics. He was instrumental in moving the county seat from Newtown to the more central Doylestown. He also played a role in establishing the “county Almshouse” now Neshaminy Manor where he performed the first wedding. During Rev Irwin’s tenure the original church, which had been abandoned and in decay, was torn down. The stones were used to repair the graveyard wall.

### **JUNE 14TH 300TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Celebration is part of our heritage — and this year we have even more to celebrate!

Join us for an old-fashioned Picnic & Ice Cream Social as we commemorate our **300th anniversary** and celebrate our nation’s **250th birthday** on **Flag Day, June 14 from 4-6 p.m.**

Enjoy a light picnic supper, intergenerational games, delicious ice cream, and a few special surprises along the way. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends old and new, share memories, and celebrate the spirit of our congregation together.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the auditorium during brunch so we can prepare for everyone attending. You may also RSVP by calling Cheryl at **215-343-6060**.

We hope you and your family will join us for this memorable celebration!

### **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A GREAT OFFICER OF THE CHURCH?**

**(Nominations are due by June 30th)**

Our Nominating Committee will be prayerfully preparing a list for the upcoming class of Deacons, Elders, and Members-at-large. Serving as a church officer is a meaningful way to deepen your connection with our NWPC family and respond to God’s call to love and serve. It is both an invitation and a blessing to “show up” in faith, offering your gifts for the good of our church community. We invite you, as a member of our congregation, to prayerfully consider who among our congregation reflects the heart and character of a servant leader. Approach these individuals and share with them why you sense God may be calling them into leadership, encouraging them to hold your words in prayerful reflection.

When you’re ready to share their names with the Nominating Committee, please complete the Nomination Form on our church website at **NWPC.net**

*After election of our new officers at a meeting of the congregation the session will provide a period of study and preparation for the new officers. Then the Session will interview those elected regarding personal faith, knowledge of doctrine, government, and discipline, contained in the constitution of the church and the duties of the ministry. The session will confer with each person about their willingness to undertake the ministry and then if approved by the session, the session will appoint a day for ordination and installation. G2.20402*

## 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**

# 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—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY—WTHA Fundraiser 6 pm Auditorium

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

## 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.