



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you. We hope you would participate with us in worship, but please do not feel compelled to take part in any aspect of worship which may make you uncomfortable. Much of our worship is call and response. The bold portions in the bulletin are where the congregation responds to the call of the speaker.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand if you are able)

HYMN OF ADORATION

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

No. 27, Blue Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist-Randy Richter

O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING (Liturgist)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the heavens.

People: Praise the Lord from earth!

Leader: Young and old alike,

People: men and women together. Praise the Lord!

(You may be seated)

SONGS OF PRAISE

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone
Light is breaking, in a stable
For a throne

*And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore
Unto us a child is born
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore*

If I were a wise man, I would travel far
And if I were a shepherd, I would do my part
But poor as I am
I will give to Him my heart

Bridge: Contemporary Worship Team

“Hymn of Joy”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

*Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel
Your love has come
Here to dwell*

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(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. Where do I pick up my child after Sunday School? The teachers will bring them up to the Auditorium at 10:15 am and have them sit at the children's tables. Please look for them to come in and make sure that your child knows where you are so that they don't panic when they can't find you).

CALL TO CONFESSION

Because we have passed through the waters of baptism, we dare to bare our souls before God and reveal the bitterness that dwells in our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please take a few moments of prayer)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As the Lord has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(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)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

With grateful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad in the pew racks.

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.)

OFFERTORY

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Jan Helsel

(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

Loving God: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ's gift for us. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may be Christ for others. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

3 ¹⁻²So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from *his* perspective. ³⁻⁴Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ. ⁵⁻⁸And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk. ⁹⁻¹¹Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Randy Richter

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please stand if you are able and take a moment to greet those around you)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²⁻¹⁴So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. ¹⁵⁻¹⁷Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

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SERMON

“Making New Year’s Resolution... God’s Way”

Donna Mazeika, Director of Youth & Children

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again 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.

WORSHIP SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior

Lord there is none like You

All of my days

I want to praise

the wonders of your

mighty love

My comfort, my shelter

tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath

all that I am

Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord

on the earth let us sing

power and majesty praise to the king

Mountains bow down

and the seas will roar

at the sound of your name

I sing for joy

at the work of your hand

Forever I’ll love you

forever I’ll stand

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you

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.**

HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

No. 28, Blue Hymnal

BLESSING

May the Christ inhabit you, the Father uphold you, and the Spirit sustain you, now and forever.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please join us for brunch in the Auditorium.
All are welcome!

NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER LETTER

December 30, 2018

Please include the following members of our family of faith in your prayers this week:

Prayers: Debbie Watson
Patty Danihel
Audrey (Read) Lammers
Alice Bray
Lloyd Rickner
Doris Ide
Gary & Judi Hannigan (friends of Lynne & Warren Friedel)
Robert Lodwig (brother in law of Karen Lodwig)
Lois Williams (friend of Nina Resavage)
Carol Jensen (friend of Lynda Comstock)
Janice Perkins (daughter of John and Mary Whitehead)
Family of Matt Martin
Family of Mildred Brooks (mother of Jan Millin)
Family of Chester Battersby (father of Pamela Latronica)
Family of Joan Hellings (mother of Sally Hellings)

Ongoing Concerns: Joan George
Betty Stairs
Marilyn Achenbach
Harry Kieffer
Pete Obst
John Zachary
Carol Herwig
Cathy Shaheen
Steven Tomaszeski
Adalyn Lotito
Kay Trammell
Bob Schofield
Jennifer Grove
Jane Fisher
Alexis Belford
Julianna Belford
Ardella Moran

WORSHIP 2019: THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Starting in January our worship services will explore the central beliefs of the Christian faith. The basic questions of the Christian faith seek to answer the questions: What is the ultimate truth about God? About ourselves? And about the world in which we live?

Part 1: God and Human Beings

January 6th

How Can we Find God?

January 13th

What is the meaning of Baptism?

Jan 20th

Who is God? Understanding the Trinity

Jan 27th

What does God want from us?

MISSION CORNER

YOU DID IT !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Your wonderful generosity collected \$3150.00!!!!!! You helped 125 families have a happy Christmas and eased their burden so their Christmas can be better.
YOU are awesome. We can save the world—one person at a time.

THE PULPIT FLOWERS

Are both given to the glory of God! Deacons Cindy Donnelly & Lee Nelmes 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.

If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE



The Red Cross will host a blood drive on January 4th from 2 till 7 p.m.. You can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org or during brunch. If you've donated in the past - THANK YOU, and we look forward to seeing you again on January 4th . If you haven't ever given blood, PLEASE consider making this your first time. The need is continuous and the satisfaction of helping others with what truly is "the gift of life" is rewarding. If you have any questions, please contact Mike O'Neill @ 609-314-0529 or moneill1003@gmail.com. Thank you!

ADULT MISSION TRIP

The Mission Team are looking for people who would like to help rebuild/restore homes for families devastated by disaster. Our next trip is scheduled for April 28th to May 3rd. We will be going to New Jersey for Super Storm Sandy. Please contact the church office with your name and email. Thank You!

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends is a support group for grieving parents and grandparents. The purpose of the group is to provide support to grieving parents through this extremely difficult time. A co leader, who has also lost a child, facilitates the meeting. The group will meet the third Wednesday of every month in the lounge beginning 9/21/16. 7:30-9:00. For additional information please contact Jan Millin at 215-820-3506 or janmke12@gmail.com.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS 2018

STOCK DONATIONS - Donations of stock to the church must be transferred by December 19, 2018 in order to be properly recorded on your 2018 Contribution Statement. It is important to notify the Finance Manager, Jill Lamparella and the Church Treasurer, Bob Gronquist of an impending transfer with details including Your Name, Date of Sale, Broker Number and Name, Stock Name and Number of Shares donated and the specific church account destination of the stock.

REGULAR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS - By law contributions sent through the mail must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 in order to be posted to your 2018 statement. Contributions that are dated 2018 but received after the December 31, 2018 deadline will be considered a contribution to the 2019 year as stated in the IRS Rules and Regulations. Year-end Contribution Statements for 2018 will be mailed prior to the January 31, 2019 deadline. Thank you for your faithful stewardship to Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church in 2018.

BOXED ENVELOPES – Boxed church envelopes will be provided by request, on a first come first served basis, as the number of boxes are limited. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, December 16th for the request of a numbered box. Boxes will be placed in the Narthex in January when they are delivered.

NESHAMINY MANOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our congregation is one amazing group of people who rise to the occasion to help out others as needed. This year is no exception with the Neshaminy Manor Christmas Bazaar. Whether you donated items, worked or sorted the items for the residents to buy is greatly appreciated. This sale is the only way some of the residents can shop for themselves, family, and friends. All monies raised goes back to the Neshaminy Manor Activity Fund and this year we raised \$197.20.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30 AM Prayer Group-Lounge
9:00 AM Service for the Lord's Day
10:00 AM Brunch-Auditorium

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

~New Year's Eve~

~Office Closed~

5:00 PM Family Service
7:00 PM Candlelight Service
8:30 PM Candlelight Communion
Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

~Happy New Year~

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 AM Concern Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

9:15 AM BCIU-Auditorium
2:00 PM William Tennent House
Association-Lounge
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

2:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive
-Auditorium

SATURDAY JANUARY 5

1:00 PM Private Function-Auditorium

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30 AM Prayer Group-Lounge
9:00 AM Service for the Lord's Day
10:00 AM Brunch-Auditorium
10:40 AM Mary-Martha Circle-Lounge
6:00 PM Youth Group-Room 3

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor
Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth
Rev. Sameh Shaker, Pastor of Visitation
Dr. Suzanne Zak Carver, Director of Music
Keith Rounds, Contemporary Music
Cheryl Overton, Church Administrator
Jill Lamparella, Property & Finance Manager
Lloyd Rickner, Sexton

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.