

Worship for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Tim Cuff

Refrain: God is good / **All the time** / All the time / **God is good**

Prelude – *Psalm XX (Exaudiat te Dominus)* by Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading, *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1257

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 78*)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

We will not hide them from our children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders he has done.

*Hymn **275** – *God of Our Life*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Response (on insert) – *Lead Us Back* by Third Day

Worship Team and congregation sing together:

**Lead us back where we belong. Call us as Your very own.
Lead us back – Safe into Your arms.**

***Passing of the Peace:**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Word in Music - *Jesus Loves Me* arranged by Michael Hassell

Chancel Choir

Angela Renninger, saxophone

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide!

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
if I love him when I die, he will take me home on high.

*The children are invited to Children's Church at this time.
They will return after the sermon.*

Sermon – *Good Grief: Hope, Not Despair*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

*Hymn **530** – *O Lord of Life, Where'er They Be*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("*Forgive us our sins...*")

Presentation of Offerings (If you haven't already, please pass the Friendship pads.)

Offertory - *Modal Sequence* by Gordon Young

***Doxology, Hymn #592**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT THE WORD

*Song of Praise (on insert), *Hosanna* by Brooke Fraser

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude – *Echo Alleluia* by Henry Purcell

Worship Notes

If you are a guest today we pray that God will bless you through your presence with us. Please sign the pew pad, including contact information, so we may welcome you.

Assistance for worship is available including large print bulletins and hymnals. We also have personal audio receivers that provide sound amplification.

Childcare: The Nursery for babies and toddlers (infants-age 2) is located through the side doors of the sanctuary to the left of the pulpit area. “Thanks” to **Janice Farmerie** and **Jill Mohr** for staffing our Nursery today.

Children’s Church is a gathering where children engage a Bible story in a creative and developmentally focused way. There are two groups: preschool and kindergarten students go to the NWPC Preschool Room, #216; students in 1st - 3rd grades are in the Children’s Church Room, #213. Teachers are **Joel & Jill Postema** and **Diane Camlin**.

Greeting you today at the main entrance are **Al & Linda Johnston**, NWPC members for over twenty years. They live in the borough of New Wilmington and can be seen walking around town. They have 2 sons. Brian who is married to Donna, a Presbyterian minister. They live in the Sewickley area and he teaches at Shadyside Academy Middle School. They have 2 children: Rebecca who is a junior at the College of Wooster and Christian who is a junior at Quaker Valley High School. Son Bruce, who is married to Tracie, lives in Tucson, Arizona. Bruce works as an athlete trainer for the women’s softball team at the University of Arizona.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Carolyn and Tim Cuff giving thanks to God for their children, their new grandson, Henry Lewis Ogonek, and asking God’s blessing on all the world’s children.

We give thanks today to Westminster College student Angela Renninger for playing the saxophone. Angela is a senior music major.

We are very pleased to have our middle school students serve as **acolytes** in worship. This morning **Sam Mistretta** and **Noah Postema** are lighting the candles.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY TODAY:

Please join us immediately following worship in the Ligo Room for refreshments and fellowship hosted by the Discipleship Steering Committee.”

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Today

Sunday, November 12, 2017 - Fellowship Sunday

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for ALL ages!
- 10:30am Worship**
- 11:30am Fellowship Gathering in the Ligo Room
- 6pm SHYG, Youth Room
- 7pm Westminster College Vespers, Wallace Memorial Chapel, with guest speaker, dynamic storyteller and educator, Ms. Tracy Radosevic. All are welcome.

This Week

Monday (13) SHYG Pizza Fundraiser

7pm Wilmington Area Soccer Club, Room 214

Tuesday (14)

- 3:30-5:30 pm Kids Club – last time for this semester, Social Hall
- 5:15-5:30pm Kids Club families invited to hear Kids Club music, Social Hall
- 5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6pm JHYG, Social Hall
- 7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7pm AA Meeting, balcony Room 309 (at the top of the stairs)



Wednesday (15)

- noon Staff Brown Bag Lunch Meeting, Room 206
- 6:30pm Session Meeting, Room 214

Thursday (16)

- 6pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, downstairs in the Choir Room
- 7:30pm Worship Team, Sanctuary

Friday (17)

- 10am Friday Morning Bible Study, Shenango on the Green Craft Room
Roman Garrison is leading study of Exodus.

Next Sunday

Sunday, November 19, 2017 - Thank Offering Sunday

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for ALL ages!
- 10:30am Worship**
- 11:45am SHYG Chili Fundraiser, Social Hall – *“Eat-in or take-out!”*
- 6pm SHYG, Youth Room
- 7pm Thanksgiving Community Service, Wallace Memorial Chapel

MEMO to Church Officers—Next Sunday, November 19th Greeters:

<u>N.W. Door</u>	<u>N.E. Door</u>	<u>S. E. Door</u>	<u>S. W. Door</u>
(by Ramp)	(Maple & Market corner)	(by Nursery)	(by Church Library)
Cindy Graham	Sandy Johnston	Lyle Johnston	Joan Dawson

Sunday School classes for all ages continue!

• Two Studies Extended!

“*Soul Keeping*,” meeting in Room 214 with Rev. Brad Walters and “*For the Life of the World*,” meeting in Room 307 with Jessica Shelenberger have extended their class sessions through November. There is still time to join with either of these groups to engage in thoughtful teaching and discussion!

• **Sunday School classes (all ages) will not meet on Sunday, November 26th, Thanksgiving weekend.**

• Coming Soon: Advent!

In December watch for a special Sunday morning gathering from 9:30-10:15 with a focus on preparing our hearts for Christmas. Devotional readings with accompanying music tracks by Andrew Peterson will allow a respite from the hurried, pressured preparations that sometimes overtake our lives in the busy holiday season. If you are unfamiliar with Andrew Peterson, here is what one reviewer said of this album: *“I love Andrew Peterson's music and this album telling the story of Jesus is wonderful. This music is calming, relaxing, and uplifting all at once. Listening to Andrew Peterson sing reminds me of my God's love and what matters most in life.”*

Announcements



This Tuesday, November 14th, is our **final gathering for Kids Club** this semester. **Parents and grandparents are invited at 5:15pm** to hear the kids share some of the wonderful songs they have been enjoying this season. Please join us in the Social Hall if you are able! The spring semester of Kids Club will begin in January.

FYI...

It's never too late!

Chancel Choir rehearses at 6pm on Thursday.

The **Thanksgiving Community Service** will take place at Wallace Memorial Chapel, Westminster College on November 19th at 7pm. Rev. Camlin will be the speaker and music will be presented by Second Chance Praise Team and Westminster Handbell Choir.

Two important dates for your calendar:

1. Our **Blue Christmas Service** is Sunday, December 3rd in the Ligo Room.
2. The 27th annual **Christmas Celebration** is Sunday, December 17th.

**MISSION COMMITTEE MISSION PARTNER
FOR NOVEMBER: SUDAN and SOUTH SUDAN**

Sudan was the largest country in Africa, but centuries of conflict between the Arab north and the Nilotic (black) south finally led to two nations: the Republic of the Sudan (north) and the South Sudan in 2011. Many problems continue to plague the two countries.

The Republic of the Sudan



Many members of the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church whose families came from the south were thrown out of the north after 2011. The remaining remnant is suffering through deep divisions because of different ideas on how to heal with their minority status in a Muslim state. The government persecutes and interferes which exacerbates the problem. However, they have two important schools: Gereif Bible School (with 21 students) and Nile Theological College which prepares church leaders at a post-high school level (40 students). Please pray for their principal Musa Kodi who has done amazing ministry in preparing leaders for a suffering church.

The South Sudan



Those expelled from the north came to a new nation in a region devastated by civil war for decades. Education and civil institutions were largely non-existent. The jubilation of freedom quickly deteriorated into a grab for power by a few who split the nation along tribal lines. Tens of thousands have died and millions have been displaced from their homes or have become refugees in neighboring countries. There are five huge refugee camps in Ethiopia alone where 32 parishes with 120 congregations have emerged. Nile Theological College in Juba has grown from 5 to 76 students in two years. Pray for the principal, Rev. Santino Othol, Rev. Philip Obang the head of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church and Achol Majok who leads the women's work and visited us this fall.

Thank Offering
to be received
November 19, 2017

The Thank Offering has been a tradition since 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church of North America as a "thank offering to the Lord." Since that year, when United Presbyterian Women and Women of the Church joined to become Presbyterian Women, the Thank Offering has given more than \$25,000,000 to more than 2,000 programs and ministries that assist those struggling with illness, marginalization, and lack of access to education, services and resources. Here at NWPC our Mission Committee is responsible for this offering. The Thank Offering provides clean water, alleviates homelessness, provides educational opportunities promotes health, and improves the lives of women and children throughout the world in many other ways. Through the Thank Offering we show compassion to our sisters and brothers.

*On either side of the river is the tree of life...
And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.*
Revelation 22:2b

Dominican Republic Mission Trip 2018:

Registration is **now open** for our 2018 trip to Sabaneta de Yásica, March 10 – 17. The work we do there includes VBS for children and teens, medical assistance, physical and occupational therapy home visits, and construction in a community that was seriously flooded by this season's hurricanes. **If you can help** with any of these ministries **or speak Spanish** and would like to serve as a translator for us, please email Rev. Camlin, matt@nwpresby.org, or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/72484792187167>

If you can't be a part of our traveling team, PLEASE pray for our group as we plan and travel and work on this mission trip.



NWPC Preschool is having an Usborne Books Book Fair in Room #215 November 13-17. Everyone is welcome to stop by any of those days from 8am-1pm to look at the books and place an order. If you are interested and those times are not convenient for you, contact Jill Mook Wilson at 724-699-2775 or jmwilson121@gmail.com to schedule a time.