

Worship for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Wayne Gordon

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

Prelude – *Give Thanks* arranged by Patricia Sanders Cota

Joybells Handbell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *I Thessalonians 5: 1-11*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1257

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 90*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

You turn us back to dust, saying, “Turn back, you mortals.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or a like a watch in the night.

*Hymn **415** – *Come, Labor On*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Response (on insert) – *Shine On Us* by Michael W. Smith

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face, shine on us.

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face, shine on us.

That we may be saved, That we may have life

To find our way in the darkest night...

Let Your light shine on us.

Let Your grace fall on us.

Let Your love come over us.

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*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

Chancel Choir

Let All Things Now Living arranged by Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stay'd us, Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His Light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light into light!
His law He enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in his orbit, obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim Him Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise,
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

The children are invited to Children's Church at this time.

They will return after the sermon.

Second Scripture Reading, *Psalm 90:1-12*, pew Bible O.T., p. 630

Sermon – *Good Grief: How Many Shopping Days?*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

*Song of Praise (on insert), *Hear Our Praises* by Reuben Morgan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Presentation of Offerings and Thank Offering

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

Offertory - *Thanksgiving and Praise* arranged by Marilyn Ham

****Doxology, Hymn #592***

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT THE WORD

*Hymn **#420** – *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude – *Voluntary on "Kremser"* (Old Netherlands Melody, 1625) by Gordon Young

Worship Notes

November 19, 2017

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 **Meridee Bair** and **Janine Stuart** 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 **Dar & Sally Huey**, members of the church since 1976. They are both retired from Westminster College. Their family: Marcus & Bethany Smith and daughters Selah Grace (2) and Amayah Rae (3 months) live in Charlotte, NC. Nathan & Rachel Marx and daughters Gemma Adair (5) and Willa Lillian (1) live in Stow, OH.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Don & Bev Shelenberger, grateful for 41 years of marriage as they celebrate their anniversary tomorrow. Also, from the Shelenbergers *"During this week of Thanksgiving we want to remind ourselves as we say our prayers each day to also thank God for our many blessings."*

The pink rose bud celebrates the birth of a daughter, Virginia Marie Kneeland, to Lukas & Erica Flynn Kneeland on October 30th. Her first-time grandparents are NWPC members Rick & Linda Flynn. The Kneeland family lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

We are very pleased to have our middle school students serve as **acolytes** in worship. This morning **Micah Shelenberger** and **Afton Camlin** are lighting the candles.

The **2017 Thank Offering** received today, as requested by our Mission Committee and approved by Session, will support hunger relief in Sudan. The bulletin insert provides general information about the offering. Thank Offering envelopes (blue) are in the pew racks. *Thank you.*

Thank Offering Sunday
SHYG Chili Fundraiser

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HOORAY!!! IT'S TODAY!!!!

It's the ever-famous, long-awaited, mouth-watering,

CHILI FUNDRAISER

*Immediately following the worship service,
SHYG youth will have
DINE IN or TAKE OUT CHILI
in the Social Room*



Today

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
Rev. Camlin will be the speaker and music will be presented by Second
Chance Praise Team and Westminster Handbell Choir.

This Week

Monday (20)

Tuesday (21)

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 (22)

Thursday (23) Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday (24) Church offices closed.

Saturday (25)

11am Celebration of Life Service for Glenn A. Smith, Sanctuary

Next Sunday

Sunday, November 26, 2017

No Sunday School Classes today

10:30am Worship

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!

• **PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School classes (all ages) will not meet next 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.”*

For your calendar:

As we see signs of the upcoming holidays, many of us experience feelings of joyful anticipation. For others in our midst who have felt the loss of a loved one, or experienced some other loss, this is a time of struggle and sometimes sadness and fear. **The Blue Christmas service on Sunday, December 3rd in the Ligo Room** is for anyone feeling the need for support at this time of year. If you are in that place, please plan to come and bring friends or family who might also be seeking healing.



The 27th annual **Christmas Celebration** is Sunday, December 17th.

Announcements

**Christmas is coming.
Why not try something new this year?
Come sing with us for the Advent season!**

Chancel Choir rehearses at 6pm on Thursday.

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.

Congregational Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch on Sunday, December 3rd: Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 3, 2017 immediately following worship in the sanctuary. Its purpose is the election of church officers who will begin their terms of service in January 2018 and to approve the terms of call for our pastor, Rev. Camlin. Afterward, all are encouraged to stay for a Pot Luck Lunch in the Social Hall being sponsored by the Capital Campaign Committee. Conversation around the table will enable you to express your ideas about church repairs and improvements that you feel need to be done in order to accomplish the ministry of NWPC in light of our vision statement:

The New **Wilmington Presbyterian Church** seeks
discipleship to Christ
reconciliation in Christ
divine encounter through Christ, and
generosity with Christ

MEMO to Church Officers—Next Sunday, December 3rd Greeters:

N.W. Door (by Ramp) Karen Wallace	N.E. Door (Maple & Market corner) Tim Cuff	S. E. Door (by Nursery) Tim Cuff	S. W. Door (by Church Library) Laurie Mackaness
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The **Shenango Valley Chorale** will present G. F. Handel's *Messiah* at 2:30pm today at the First Presbyterian Church on State Street in Sharon. Members of the Chorale include our own Marti Boyd, Karen Latta and Chuck Wiley.

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.