

# Worship for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

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

Prelude – *Thanksgiving Praise* by Donald F. Callender

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24*, pew Bible N.T., p. 915 & 916

\*Call to Worship

The Lord God is our shepherd.

***We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.***

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

**But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

\*Hymn #559, *We Gather Together*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

***Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.***

\*Response (on insert) – *Open the Eyes of My Heart* by Paul Baloche

\*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

*Sing, All Ye Nations!* by Daniel C. Meyer

**Sing, all ye nations! the arm of the Lord is revealed in its power, fulfilling God's word.**

Ye watchmen of Zion, the glory beholding, long promised, now dawning to gladden our eyes, shout aloud, through all lands the bright vision unfolding, and call Zion's hosts to awake!

Roll on, thou glad Earth, thy dark places are gleaming with light from on high, and the new risen ray on thy far distant mountains and lone isles is beaming, and the nations awaken, and hail.

Roll on in thy path, 'til the radiance, increasing, its noonday effulgence around thee shall fling, and thy people all join in hosannas unceasing, to praise their Creator, Redeemer and King!

Second Scripture Reading, *Ephesians. 1:15-23*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1241-1242

Sermon – *Good Grief: The Last Word*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

\*Song of Praise (on insert), *Jesus Saves* by David Moffitt and Travis Cottrell

## 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 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arranged by Cindy Berry

**\*Doxology, Hymn #592**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING OUT THE WORD

\*Hymn #151 – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude – *Festival of Praise* by John Johnson

# Worship Notes

November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

**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 **Marilyn Reeher** for staffing our Nursery and to **Peggy Gordon** for assisting today. There is **no Children's Church** this morning.

**Greeting you today** at the main entrance are **Jean Book** and **Frances Sharp**. **Jean** has lived in New Wilmington more than 50 years. She was secretary of this church in the mid-1960's and subsequently worked in McGill Library for 25 years. Jean is an avid reader. “**Frannie**” moved to New Wilmington when she was married in 1958. She was a nurse at Jameson Hospital for many years. She enjoys walking the streets of New Wilmington and attending Westminster College Celebrity Series.

**The flowers** in the chancel today are given in memory of her parents, Bill and Elizabeth Stephens, by Nancy Donatelli.

We are very pleased to have our middle school students serve as **acolytes** in worship. This morning **Emily Arblaster** and **Stephannie Klamut** are lighting the candles.

**Advent Worship Bags – for parents worshipping with children ages 4 to 8 or 9 years of age:** Worship Bags, one per family, can be picked up on one of the tables in the Ligo Room for your child/children to use during worship during the Advent season. A laminated note in the bag explains what is within the bag for your child to keep and what should be returned in the bag at the end of the service. The bags will be replenished each Sunday of Advent.

## **Congregational Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch next 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.

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## Today

**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

No Sunday School Classes today

**10:30am Worship**

## This Week

**Tuesday (28)**

5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6pm JHYG, Social Hall

7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7pm Wilmington Area Soccer Club, Room 214

7pm AA Meeting, balcony Room 309 (at the top of the stairs)

**Wednesday (29)**

Noon Staff Brown Bag Lunch, Room 206

**Thursday (30)**

6pm ♪ Chancel Choir, Choir Room ♪

7:30pm Worship Team, Sanctuary

## Next Sunday

**Sunday, December 3, 2017 – First Sunday of Advent**

9:30am Sunday School classes for all ages!

9:30am UKirk Brunch, Social Hall

**10:30am Worship – Communion**

11:45am Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

Noon Congregational Pot Luck Lunch, Social Hall

6pm SHYG, Youth Room

**MEMO to Church Officers—Next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Greeters:**

**N.W. Door**

(by Ramp)

**Karen Wallace**

**N.E. Door**

(Maple & Market corner)

**Jill Mohr**

**S. E. Door**

(by Nursery)

**Tim Cuff**

**S. W. Door**

(by Church Library)

**Laurie Mackaness**

## Community Events

**You are invited** to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK** on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm in the New Wilmington Borough Park. Come enjoy Christmas lights, food, fun and entertainment. Mr. & Mrs. Claus are expected to be there!

**Shenango Valley Chorale** presents their Christmas Concerts on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Wallace Memorial Chapel and on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church of Sharon. Both concerts begin at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at the door: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, age 12 and under are free.

## Sunday School classes for all ages continue!

### **Coming Soon: Advent!**

In December, watch for a special Sunday morning gathering in Room 214 from 9:30-10:15am 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 interested in purchasing a devotional book* to accompany this series, please contact Linda Black by November 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost of each book (Behold the Lamb of God by Russ Ramsey) is \$12. It is also available from Amazon for \$5.99 for your e-reader.

**Please note:** All children and youth classes, as well as SALT and the Men's Bible study will continue through December (on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>).

Sunday School classes **will not meet** on December 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Advent Devotionals:**

- The **New Wilmington Ministerium** will have an **Advent Devotional** available at each of the church entrances soon!
- ***Because of Bethlehem***, by Max Lucado, is a free four-week Advent study and online video. ([www.faithgateway.com/because-of-bethlehem-study-registration](http://www.faithgateway.com/because-of-bethlehem-study-registration))
- **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary** has several Advent options available at their website, <https://www.pts.edu/devotional>.

## For your calendar:



As the holidays approach, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm 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.

**Christmas Vespers, Westminster College:** Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at Wallace Memorial Chapel.

NWPC's 27<sup>th</sup> annual **Christmas Celebration** is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. See insert for ways you can participate.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 6pm on Thursday.