

Worship for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Jessica Shelenberger

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

Prelude, *A Ringing Christmas* arranged by Linda McKechnie

Carillon Choir

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *Mark 1:1-8*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1063

*Hymn #13, *Prepare the Way*

Advent Candle Lighting

Unison Prayer:

Thank you, O God, for the peace you give us – the peace which passes all understanding. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to be fulfilled, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us to amend our lives today, and everyday, to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with the world. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Response – piano duet by Katie Dreyer and Kathy Montgomery

What Child Is This? arranged by Joel Rainey

*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

Women's Ensemble

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arranged by Jill Friedersdorf & Melissa Malvar-Keylock

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all man-kind.

Bid ev'ry strife and quarrel cease and fill the world with heaven's peace.

Minute for Mission - Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota

Ken Jewell

Children's Message

Todd Cole

Second Scripture Reading, *2 Peter 3:8-15a*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1300

Sermon - *O Little Town: Peace to All on Earth*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

*For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, a peace to all on earth.*

*Song of Praise (on back of bulletin), *All Is Well* by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Michael W. Smith

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, *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski Carillon Choir

**Doxology, Hymn #592*

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT THE WORD

*Hymn #449, *My Lord! What A Morning*

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude, *Lift Up Your Heads* arranged by David Paxton

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Second Sunday of Advent

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The United States of America is December's Mission Focus of the NWPC Mission Committee. We display the smaller U.S. flag from the Ligo Room in the chancel area, drawing our attentions to the many missional outreaches that our Church supports throughout the nation.

The recent hurricanes have led us to support not only Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, but we have also entered into relationship with the congregation of the **First Presbyterian Church of Dickinson, TX**. The Church was heavily damaged by the flood waters and was in desperate need of building materials and replacement of the contents. Even during the clean up and rebuilding process the church continues to run their diaper ministry for those in need. We thank Wayne and Peggy Gordon for being our liaisons to this church and bringing us into relationship with them.

Most recently we received a request from **Mr. Ken Jewell**, a district administrator in our own **New Wilmington School District** to help with his mission brainchild. During his vacation to the South Dakota Badlands, Mr. Jewell had an encounter with a park ranger, who was also a teacher in one of the nation's poorest schools, the **Wolf Creek Elementary School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**. Comparing teaching notes and districts, Ken became shockingly aware of the poverty and need of the children there. Pulaski Elementary School was closing and had over 3,500 books in its' library that were no longer needed. Ken knew just the place for them, but how to get the books into the hands of the Indian children? He would need a truck, gas, and expense money. He would be the driver if he could get the help he needed. Presenting his cause to the Board of Education and seeking the help of individuals and local churches, Ken was given approval by the School Board to send the books. Churches and individuals granted the money needed to make the trip. Our students happily helped pack the books into the van and also sent greetings and post cards in hopes of encouraging the recipients of the books to write back and kindle relationships. Ken made the journey to South Dakota to share 3,500 books with the school that had no library. Ken saw a broader picture, a missional picture, to develop a relationship between the students in New Wilmington and the students at Wolf Creek School. In the future Mr. Jewell hopes to foster that relationship with work trips to the reservation involving students and other community members. We look forward to hearing Ken Jewell's personal account of his experiences on his recent trip and the impact it has had. We are glad that NWPC was able to help with this project that has far reaching missional implications.

Mission opportunities are endless, whether across the nation, around the world, or to our neighbor. We can be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing comfort, hope, and most importantly the good news of Jesus' love and salvation to a needy world.

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 **Marilyn Reeher** for staffing our Nursery and to **Angie Urban** for assisting today.

There is **no Children's Church** today.

Greeting you this morning at the main entrance is the Boyd family. Betsy has been a member of NWPC for 19 years and served on various committees during that time. Presently, she serves on the Capital Campaign Committee. Betsy is employed by Butler Health System and works out of Dr James Gardner's office as a Wellness Coach. Son, Morgan, is a junior business economics major at Allegheny College. Elizabeth ("EB") is a junior at Wilmington High School and involved in FBLA. Mary, an 8th grader at Wilmington Middle School, is a member of the Greyhound Marching Band. Here, at NWPC, she is active in SHYG, worship team, and bells.

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

Thank you to Katie Dreyer and to the members of the Women's Ensemble for sharing their gifts of music with us this morning. Katie is a first year student at Westminster College, majoring in Music Education.

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.

The **2017 Advent Devotional Booklet** was written by local area pastors, and formatted and edited by Rev. Camlin. Copies are in the Ligo Room table. Please take one for your family. An electronic PDF version is available by emailing Kim Romig (kim@nwpresby.org).

Today is the deadline to return Giving Tree Bags & Tags!

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:30am Sunday School classes for all ages!

10:30am Worship

11:45am Lunch and Caroling

♪ **Joy to the World - Christmas Caroling** ♪

Lend your voices as we bring the gift of cheer to NWPC shut-ins
Immediately following our worship service a light lunch will precede caroling.
All ages welcome.

4pm Christmas Vespers, Orr Auditorium

6pm SHYG, Youth Room

This Week

Monday (11) SHYG Pizza Joe Fundraiser—*please use coupon in the bulletin.*

Tuesday (12)

5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6pm JHYG, Social Hall

No Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal this week

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

Wednesday (13)

5pm Worship Committee, Room 206

Thursday (14)

6pm ♪ Chancel Choir, Choir Room ♪

7:30pm Worship Team, Sanctuary

Next Sunday

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30am Sunday School classes for all ages!

10:30am Worship – Christmas Joy Offering received (*See announcement.*)

27th Annual Christmas Celebration

5pm – Dinner in the Social Hall

6pm – Program, *Christmas in the Airport*, takes off in the sanctuary

(*Details available on green & red bulletin inserts- including rsvp form.*)

Announcements

Attention college students: The church will be open for finals study hours Monday and Tuesday, December 11th and 12th from 8am - 9pm, and Wednesday, December 13th from 8am to 5pm if you would like an alternate place to study. Snacks, drinks and Wi-Fi will be available in the Ligo Room.

Sunday School classes: All children and youth classes, as well as SALT and the Men's Bible study will continue through December (on the 3rd, 10th and 17th). Sunday School classes **will not meet** on December 24th or 31st.

Also note: There will be no Church Chums on December 31st.

Christmas Joy 2017 – Out of Gratitude We Give



During Advent, churches throughout the denomination will again receive the Christmas Joy Offering, which equally supports the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and racial ethnic schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every congregation's gifts to the Offering are critical to the future of these ministries. Here at NWPC the offering will be received **Sunday morning, December 17**. You will find offering envelopes for this purpose in the pew racks.



Christmas Eve Sunday at NWPC:

Morning Worship, 10:30am

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, 7pm

Pledge Cards: Just a quick reminder, if you haven't done so, please **send in your 2018 pledge card**. This enables the Treasurer and Finance Committee to more accurately **create the budget for the various ministries** for the upcoming year. Misplaced your pledge card? There are copies available on the lamp table nearest the elevator in the Ligo Room. If more convenient, you may send your pledge via email directly to the Treasurer, Kay Taylor (kay@nwpresby.org). Time and Talent commitment cards are also available.

MEMO to Church Officers—Next Sunday, December 17th Greeters:

N.W. Door (by Ramp) Karen Wallace	N.E. Door (Maple & Market corner) Jeff Meyer	S. E. Door (by Nursery) Steve Gealy	S. W. Door (by Church Library) Sharon Meyer
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