

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 – *Glad Tidings* by Thomas Chesterton

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *Luke 2:22-24*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1090

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 148*)

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens.

Young men and women alike,

old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven. Alleluia!

*Hymn #603 – *Song of Simeon*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Response – Hymn #579, *Gloria Patri*

*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

Second Scripture Reading, *Mark 10:17-22*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1076

Sermon - *A Few Words for the New Year*

Elder Scott McGrath

*Hymn #411 – *Arise Your Light Has Come*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Carol Singing

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

Offertory – *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* by J.S Bach

**Doxology, Hymn #592*

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT THE WORD

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude – *Praise Ye The Lord Of Hosts from "Christmas Oratorio"* by Camille Saint-Saens

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 **Sara Arblaster** for assisting today. There is no **Children's Church** this morning.

Greeting you this morning at the main entrance are **Marie Miller** and **Charlene Osborne**. Marie, a long time member who has served in several capacities, is currently one of our volunteer receptionists. She has two children and two grandchildren. Charlene has been a member since 1971. Her two sons, Alan and Christopher, grew up in this church and participated in the youth activities.

Thank you to Scott McGrath for his leadership in worship this morning.

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 2018 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the southeast door (near the Ligo Room). Please sign up now for dates important to you. Particularly needed are Sundays in January, February and March. The cost remains \$30. Questions? Please contact the church office, 724-946-3541 or office@nwpresby.org.

Today

December 31, 2017

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – News Year's Eve Sunday

10:30am **Worship**

This Week

Monday (January 1) Church offices closed – Happy New Year!

Tuesday (2)

7pm Trustees Meeting, Room 214

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

Wednesday (3) Deadline to register for 2018 LeaderFest

5pm Worship Committee, Room 206

7pm Deacons Meeting, Room 214

Thursday (4)

9am Mission Committee, Room 206

6pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday (6)

3:30pm NWPC Church Officers' Retreat, McKelvey Campus Center

Next Sunday

Sunday, January 7, 2018

9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages resume

10:30am **Worship**

6pm SHYG, Youth Room

2018 offering envelopes are in the Ligo Room. Please save postage and take yours with you. Year end giving must be in the treasurer's office today but will not be deposited until January 5, 2018. **Please return your 2018 pledge card:** This enables our treasurer and Finance Committee to more accurately create the budget for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in the Ligo Room, next to the offering envelopes. If more convenient, send your pledge via email directly to Treasurer Kay Taylor (kay@nwpresby.org). Time and Talent commitment cards are also available.

Shenango Presbytery's LeaderFest is Saturday, January 13, 2018, here at NWPC and on WC campus. The special keynote speaker is Dr. Stephen Franklin of Meridian Presbyterian Church in Butler, and there are many workshops focusing on the theme of Discipleship. Early bird registration and the group discount, end January 3rd! Brochures with registration form and seminar descriptions are in the Ligo Room, or go to the Presbytery website (<http://shenango.org>). When registering indicate you are part of the NWPC group; the church is paying the group rate fee.

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