

# 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 – *Toccata In The Style Of Scarlatti* by Gordon Young

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *Mark 9:2-9*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1074

Call to Worship

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

*We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

*Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!*

\*Hymn #455 – *All Creatures of Our God and King*, verses 1, 5 & 6

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

*God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops— yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*Response – *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

Children's Message

Jill Mook Wilson

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

*They will return after the sermon.*

Second Scripture Reading, *Jeremiah 29:4-7*, pew Bible O.T., p. 833

Sermon – *For the Common Good*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

\*Song of Praise (on insert) – *A Mighty Fortress* by Christy Nockels and Nathan Nockels

## 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 - *Love in Any Language* by Jon Mohr and John Mays

Todd Cole

\**Doxology, Hymn #592*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn #150 – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Congregational Meeting

Presentation of the Annual Report

Election of Trustees

Election of At-Large Members of the Nominating Committee

New Business

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude – *Chorale Postlude* by J.S. Bach

# Worship Notes

February 11, 2018  
Annual Congregational Meeting

**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 **Meridee Bair** for assisting today.

**Children’s Church** is a gathering where children engage a Bible story in a creative and developmentally focused way. Students (preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) meet in the Children’s Church Room, #213. Today’s teachers are **Stephany & David Bruckner**.

**Greeting you this morning** at the main entrance are **David & Phyllis Gray**. They have been members of the church for many years. Phyllis is a retired teacher from Wilmington Area Schools, and David is retired professor from Westminster. Their four grown children, Amy, Lisa, Gwen, and Josh have been lovingly nurtured by this congregation, and supported by a vital public education in the Wilmington Schools.

**The flowers** are given in honor of Valentine’s Day and the NWPC Mission Committee’s Alternative Gifts Valentines program.

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

**Today**, let us celebrate God's faithfulness to our church and its ministry during the **Annual Congregational Meeting**. We will worship together using an abbreviated order, and then begin our annual meeting. Please join us immediately following the Annual Congregational Meeting to celebrate the **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NWPC Preschool** with a reception in the Preschool Classroom #216 and refreshments next door in Room #215.

**Reminder:** ♥ **Alternative Gifts Valentines** program ends today. There are order forms at the table in the Ligo Room where Mission Committee members are available to assist you.

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# Announcements

**Celebrating 10 years!** It has been **10 years** since the NWPC Preschool opened its doors for the very first school year! That means there have been approximately **250 children** in the Wilmington Area who have gone through our preschool program.

In honor of this milestone, there is a **celebration TODAY** which would not be complete without acknowledging all the **dedicated people** who have shared their time, energy, donations, and wisdom with the NWPC Preschool over the last 10 years. After our service / meeting this morning there is a **reception in the Preschool Classroom #216 and refreshments next door in Room #215**. We would love to greet you there, thank you in person and share how the preschool has grown!

**NWPC Preschool Registration for 2018-2019 school year began February 1.** Children who turn 3 by 9/1/2018 will be enrolled in the class that meets on Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-11:30am. Children who turn 4 by 9/1/2018 will be enrolled in the class that meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30am - noon. Application packets containing more information are available in the literature racks throughout the church or at [www.nwpresby.org](http://www.nwpresby.org) under the preschool tab. If you have any questions contact the Director, Jill Mook Wilson (724-699-2775 or [nwpcpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:nwpcpreschool@gmail.com)).



**From Church Treasurer Kay Taylor:** Your 2018 offering envelopes are in the Ligo Room. Please save postage and take yours today. 2018 per capita=\$38.09. By contributing this per member cost you free up dollars for important NWPC ministries.

✿ **The Flower Calendar**, posted on the bulletin board by the south east door of the church (near Church Library), has several Sundays in February and March available for you to remember / celebrate a special person or occasion. The cost remains at \$30. The flowers are yours to take after worship on the date you select.

**Nursery volunteers are needed:** A SIGNUP SHEET is located in the Nursery with Marilyn Reeher. Please check for available dates. Clearances, necessary for new volunteers, are free of charge. For help with clearances, see Linda Black. Thank you.

**Sweet Survivors** will meet in the private dining room of Ryder's Restaurant (corner of routes 208 & 18) on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Order – dinner or dessert, from the menu. We will be headed home by 6:30pm. Any woman who has or has had cancer is welcome. If you plan to attend please notify Carole Welch (724-946-8836 or [cwnwpa@live.com](mailto:cwnwpa@live.com)) so she can tell Ryder's the total number of those expected.

# Announcements continued,

**Westminster College 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Wayne H. Christy Memorial Lecture** will take place this evening, February 11, at 7pm in Wallace Memorial Chapel. Eight-time All American swimmer and secondary school administrator Shauna Braun Zukowski, '92, will speak on her experiences as an educator, administrator, wife, mother and survivor of a ruptured brain aneurysm. This event is free and open to the public.

The Wayne H. Christy Memorial Lecture series honors the late Dr. Christy, who was a long-time faculty member and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Westminster College. As Dr. Christy dedicated his life to relating the heritage of faith to the emerging issues of a changing culture, the lecture series seeks out men and women who distinguish themselves by relating Christian faith to issues of contemporary life. Also, Dr. Christy, his wife Lola, daughters Lo Ann and Ronee were all active members of NWPC.

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**Westminster College** also invites the community to the following events:

- Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, in Wallace Memorial Chapel a movie presentation, "Under African Skies". This movie tells the incredible story behind Paul Simon's Graceland and features the upcoming WC Spiritual Emphasis speaker Bakithi Kumalo.
- Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, in Wallace Memorial Chapel Grammy Award winning bassist/singer/songwriter & speaker Bakithi Kumalo will share his experiences: "*Take Chances, Have Courage*" Special music: South African All Stars.
- Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in Orr Auditorium a concert performed by Bakithi Kumalo and the South African All Stars: Morris Goldberg, Rodney Harris & David Bravo. There is admission charge of \$10/person.

NWPC will be privileged to have Bakithi Kumalo and the South African All Stars share their faith through music during worship Sunday morning, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

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The next **American Red Cross Community Blood Drive** will be Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1-6:30pm, here at NWPC, in Rooms 214 & 215. Right now the American Red Cross has a critical need for eligible blood donors. In addition to unfavorable weather, seasonal flu has contributed to very low donor turnout at many blood drives. Donations are critically needed in the coming days so that patients can continue to receive lifesaving treatments.

# Today

## Sunday, February 11, 2018

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:30am** **Worship and Annual Congregational Meeting**, followed by  
NWPC Preschool 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Rooms 216 & 215, and  
♥ Alternative Gifts Valentines, Ligo Room – *This is the last day!*
- 6 pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room
- 7pm Westminster College 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne H. Christy Lecture at  
Wallace Memorial Chapel (*See announcement.*)

# This Week

## Monday (12) SHYG Pizza Joe Fundraiser—*please use coupon in the bulletin.*

7pm Wilmington Area Soccer Club, Room #214

## Tuesday (13)

- 3:30pm Kids Club, Social Hall
- 5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6pm JHYG (Junior High Youth Group), Social Hall
- 7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7pm AA Meeting, balcony-Room 309 (at the top of the stairs)

## Wednesday (14) Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

Noon Staff Brown Bag Lunch Meeting, Room 206

## Thursday (15)

- 6 - 7pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room
- 7 - 8pm “*The Week That Shook The World*” Tenebrae Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 8pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

# Next Sunday

## Sunday, February 18, 2018

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:30am** **Worship**
- 6 pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room
- 7pm Westminster College, Wallace Memorial Chapel-Bakithi Kumalo  
will share his experiences: “*Take Chances, Have Courage*”  
Special music: South African All Stars Guest (*See announcements.*)

<b>MEMO to Church Officers—Next Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Greeters:</b>			
<b><u>N.W. Door</u></b>	<b><u>N.E. Door</u></b>	<b><u>S. E. Door</u></b>	<b><u>S. W. Door</u></b>
(by Ramp)	(Maple & Market corner)	(by Nursery)	(by Church Library)
<b>Nancy Donatelli</b>	<b>Tawnee Hunter</b>	<b>Nancy Welker</b>	<b>Jill Mohr</b>

## Rwanda, our Mission Focus for February



NWPC’s mission connection with Rwanda comes not from one of our missionaries sent to Rwanda but quite the other way around. From Rwanda, came William and Ebraile Mwizerwa to Tennessee and in the year 2000 began the refugee ministry arm of Legacy Mission Village. It was during SHYG’S 2009 Youth Mission Trip there that our church became aware of the need of refugees from Africa.

They have to learn a whole new way of life, a new culture, many everyday, practical skills and the language to survive and flourish here. SHYG returned for their 2015 Mission Trip.

Over the years, William has served the refugee community in middle Tennessee as a minister, a counselor and a teacher, well-equipped to encourage those he works with as he and his family know first-hand the plight that refugees face because of the trials and suffering that they endured in their homeland of Rwanda.

In 1994, the Mwizerwa family lived through the horrific genocide in Rwanda where nearly one million people were killed in just one hundred days - including their parents and most members of their extended families. By the grace of God, William’s family (his wife Ebralie and their four children) survived the massacre. Running from their home without taking anything, they made a dangerous journey to Nairobi, Kenya.

William came to the United States in May of 1998 and became very active at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville. In that same year, he took a mission tour of 10 major cities from Tennessee to Maine, assessing the lives and needs of refugees in America. He saw refugees who were forced to flee their homelands due to horrific circumstances such as war, genocide, famine and persecution. He saw individuals who had lost everything – their homes, material goods, their normal way of life, their friends and even their families. Many of these refugees did not choose to come here, but were forced to when they had to leave everything and enter a new land where they would face great obstacles.

William and his family seek out these broken spirits and minister to them through actions and truth. Being refugees themselves serves as great motivation to the Mwizerwa family as they work, helping hundreds of refugees adjust to their new homes and become active and productive members of their communities.

Legacy Village is one of our Valentine’s Alternate Gifts recipients.