

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 C* by J.S. Bach

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *Ephesians 1:9 & 10; 3:7-11*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1241 & 1243

Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 60*)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn. God gathers us from far away and carries us.

With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

We respond in praise.

With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God

*Song of Praise (on insert) – *Jesus Messiah* by Carson, Tomlin, Cash and Reeves

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. 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

The Word in Music

South African All-Stars

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

They will return after the sermon.

Sermon – *An Interview*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin and Bakithi Kumalo

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

South African All-Stars

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

****Prayer of Dedication***

SENDING

*Song of Praise (on insert) – *Days of Elijah* by Robin Mark

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude – *Go Forth in Faith* by David Paxton

Lenten 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 Lenten season. A 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 Lent.

February 18, 2018

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(Note: date indicates term concludes 12-31 of the year listed.)		
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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 Ebraile 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.

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 **Jill M. Wilson** for assisting 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**.

We are pleased and privileged to welcome Grammy Award winning bassist/singer/songwriter and speaker **Bakithi Kumalo** and the **South African All-Stars: Morris Goldberg, Rodney Harris & David Bravo** to our worship service. Thank you for sharing your faith through music with us. We are glad you are here.

This evening, 7pm, at Westminster College Wallace Memorial Chapel, Bakithi Kumalo will share his experiences, "*Take Chances, Have Courage*", with special music provided by the South African All-Stars. **Tomorrow**, 7pm, in Orr Auditorium there is a concert performed by Bakithi Kumalo and the South African All Stars. Admission is \$10/person.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Cole, Sr., by the Cole family.

We are very pleased to have our middle school students serve as **acolytes** in worship. Today **Will Bruckner** and **Micah Shelenberger** are lighting the candles.

Adult Sunday School Opportunity during Lent:

Beginning next Sunday, February 25th, Rev. Dave Hunter will lead adults in discussion from Walter Brueggemann's devotional book, "*A Way Other Than Our Own*." Brueggemann is the world's leading interpreter of the Old Testament and is the author of numerous books. These short, thought-provoking reflections for the season of Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace. Books may be obtained from Amazon in either print or Kindle formats (\$10/\$8) or by contacting Linda Black (linda@nwpresby.org). The book is recommended for class discussion.

Today

Sunday, February 18, 2018

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:30am Worship
 11:45am UKirk Lunch, Social Hall
 6 pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room
 7pm Bakithi Kumalo and the South African All-Stars,
 Wallace Memorial Chapel, Westminster College

This Week

Monday (19) President's Day

Tuesday (20)

- 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 (21)

- 6:30pm Session Meeting, Room 214

Thursday (22)

- 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 25, 2018 – Ministry Fair

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:30am Worship
 6 pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room
 7pm Vespers Westminster College, Wallace Memorial Chapel

MEMO to Church Officers—Next Sunday, February 25th Greeters:

<u>N.W. Door</u>	<u>N.E. Door</u>	<u>S. E. Door</u>	<u>S. W. Door</u>
(by Ramp)	(Maple & Market corner)	(by Nursery)	(by Church Library)
Sam Farmerie	Tawnee Hunter	Nancy Welker	Jill Mohr

Announcements

NWPC Preschool Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun:

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.nwpcpresby.org under the preschool tab. If you have any questions contact the Director, Jill Mook Wilson (724-699-2775 or 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.

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 28th 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) so she can tell Ryder's the total number of those expected.

The **American Red Cross Community Blood Drive** is tomorrow, February 19th, from 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.

Easter flowers: Starting next Sunday, the Easter flower form will be in the bulletin so that we can meet the florist's mid-March deadline for ordering. The cost will remain at \$10. 50 and Easter lilies, tulips and daffodils will be available. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School will be June 18-22nd!