

# 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 – *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arranged by Darrell Archer

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17*, pew Bible O.T., p. 15

\*Hymn #466 – *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

\*Response - *Praise Adonai* by Paul Baloche

Worship Team sings the first time. Congregation and worship team sing the second time.

*Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb seated on the throne.  
Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts.  
Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun 'til the end of every day.  
Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth, all the angels and the saints.  
Sing praise.*

\*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, *James 2:14-18*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1289

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Ministry Fair

\*Song of Praise (on insert) – *You Shine* by Brian Doerksen

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 Anthem

Chancel Choir

*Make This Church a Welcome Place* by Joel Raney/J. Paul Williams

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place.

To the hungry and the poor, may there be an open door.

To the weary and distressed, may this be a place of rest.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place.

Reaching out to others, serving both great and small,

sharing our abundance with one and all.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a holy place,

where we come to seek the truth; fill our hearts and worship you

in our words and through our deeds, knowing you will meet our needs.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place.

\**Doxology, Hymn #592*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn #367 – *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude – *I Am Thine, O Lord* arranged by Albin Whitworth

# Worship Notes

February 25, 2018  
Ministry Fair

**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 **Molly Mistretta** for assisting today.

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

**The flowers** in the chancel are given in celebration of Samuel Mistretta’s 13th birthday by his family.

**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.

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

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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. Refugees who were forced to flee their homelands due to horrific circumstances such as war, genocide, famine and persecution; individuals who had lost everything – 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 had no where to go. 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. Legacy Village was one of our Valentine’s Alternate Gifts recipients.

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## Today

### Sunday, February 25, 2018 – Ministry Fair

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages  
 10:20am Church Chums gather for worship at Shenango on the Green  
**10:30am Worship**  
 6 pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room  
 7pm Vespers Westminster College, Wallace Memorial Chapel

## This Week

### Monday (26)

### Tuesday (27)

- 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 (28)

- noon Staff Brown Bag Lunch Meeting, Room 206  
 6:30pm Session Meeting, Room 214

### Thursday (March 1)

- 6 - 7pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room  
 7 - 8pm *"The Week That Shook The World"* Tenebrae Rehearsal **for selected soloists**  
 8pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Friday (2)

### Saturday (3)

## Next Sunday

### Sunday, March 4, 2018

- 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, March 4<sup>th</sup> Greeters:

<u>N.W. Door</u>	<u>S.W. Door</u>	<u>N.E. Door</u>	<u>S.E. Door</u>
(by Ramp)	(Maple & Market corner)	(by Nursery)	(by Church Library)
<b>Sandy Johnston</b>	<b>Sharon Meyer</b>	<b>Alex Schroder</b>	<b>Lena Aiken</b>

## Announcements

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP!** Sign up today at the Discipleship table or contact Linda@nwpresby.org.

### Adult Sunday School Opportunity during Lent:

This morning Rev. Dave Hunter began the 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](mailto:linda@nwpresby.org)). The book is recommended for class discussion.

### **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.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.

**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.

### **VBS is coming!!**

Please save the date: Monday - Friday, June 18-22!

Mark your calendars now!