

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 – *A Song of Faith* by Carl F. Mueller

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *John 20:1-18*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1153-1154

Call to Worship (*From Psalm 118*)

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn #123 – *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Response – *Trisagion* (on music insert)

*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 (words on music insert)

Chancel Choir

Christ is Now Arisen arranged by K. Lee Scott

Second Scripture Reading, *Genesis 18:1-15*, pew Bible O.T., p. 16

Sermon – *God's Sense of Humor*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Offertory Anthem (words on music insert)

Worship Team

What A Beautiful Name by Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper continued

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday
Communion

Leader: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: *Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
We praise thee, we praise thee. Amen.*

Leader: ... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again*

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Prayer After Communion

SENDING

*Hymn #122 – *Thine Is the Glory*

*Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response (on music insert) Congregation and Worship Team
Jesus is Alive! by Ron Kenoly

*Postlude – *The Trumpet Shall Sound* by G. F. Handel

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The Mission Focus for the month of April is South Sudan.

This April we are hosting our PCUSA missionaries to South Sudan, Lynn and Sharon Kandel, on the 15th. What a great opportunity to hear first hand about this couple's work in this war ravaged country and about the PCUSA's, and more locally, our Shenango Presbytery's involvement. More information to come!

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Today

Sunday, April 1 – Resurrection Sunday

10:30am Easter Worship Service

This Week

Monday (2)

6:30pm Discipleship Steering Committee, Room 206

Tuesday (3)

5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal this week

6pm JHYG (Junior High Youth Group), Social Hall

7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal this week

7pm Trustees Meeting, Room 214

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

Wednesday (4)

5pm Worship Committee, Room 206

7pm Deacons Meeting, Room 214

Thursday (5)

9am Mission Committee, Room 206

6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday (6)

Saturday (7)

Next Sunday

Sunday, April 8

9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages

10:30am Worship

6:30pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room

MEMO to Church Officers—Next Sunday, April 8th Greeters:

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| <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) |
| Carol Aiken | Sam Farmerie | Jeff Meyer | Nathan Hunter |

Upcoming event!! Things you need to know (but didn't know who to ask) about end of life issues. More details soon!

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 **Sue Anne Fairman** for assisting today. **Children’s Church** does not meet this morning but will resume April 8th.

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 in the Ligo Room for your child/children to use during worship.

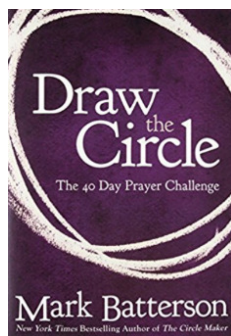
Greeting you at the main entrance is the **Aiken family - Dave, Carol and Lena**. Dave has been a member here since he married Carol in 1986. He has served as a Trustee in the past. He is employed with Delphi Packard as a machine repairer. Carol is a life long member. She is now serving as a Trustee. She serves on the Personnel Committee and NWPC Preschool Committee. She is employed by UPMC Horizon as a secretary. Lena also is a life long member. She is a Registered Dietitian at UPMC Horizon/Jameson. She also works part time at the Shenango Home. Lena is currently serving as a Deacon.

The bouquet of flowers this morning is in celebration of the anniversary of **Sam and Janice Farmerie**. Fifty-seven years ago today, these two crazy kids embraced their inner April Fool and tied the knot. We wish them many more years of shenanigans to come.

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

A New Members Class will be offered on Sunday, April 15th, following worship. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the church office, 724-946-3541 or office@nwpresby.org, if you plan to participate.

Announcements

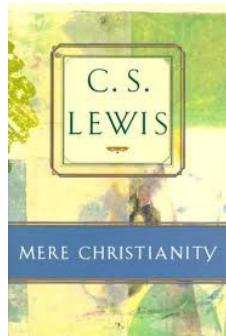


Take the Small Group Survey! Did you participate in one of the *Draw the Circle* small groups? The Discipleship Steering Committee is asking you to complete a **very short survey** so we can better plan for our future together.

You'll find the survey by using this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N26CVRR>

Printed copies of the survey will also be available at the church office. Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience!
THANK YOU!

Adult Sunday School Class: *Mere Christianity* **April 8 - May 13, 9:15-10:15 am**



In this eight-session video group study, facilitated by Brad Walters, you will discover why *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis is one of the most read and beloved Christian books of all time. But seventy years later from when it was first delivered on radio, what relevance does it have to our world today? Eric Metaxas and a variety of Christian leaders – including Philip Yancey, Alister McGrath, Devin Brown, Paul McCusker, Douglas Gresham, and others – help us understand the timeless message of C. S. Lewis in fresh ways for a new generation.

The first purpose of this video study is to explore the positive ideas that C.S. Lewis has so eloquently written about in *Mere Christianity* for those who already call themselves Christian. The second purpose is to explain in an engaging, winsome and non-threatening way the basic tenets of the Christian faith as illustrated by C.S. Lewis to those who do not claim to be Christian. This study aims to fulfill the vision of C.S. Lewis of reaching people from all faith backgrounds.

First Friday Morning Bible Study of the spring will be on April 6 from 10 - 11 am in the Craft Room at Shenango on the Green. Roman Garrison will be leading the first week's study, focusing on 3 questions: fasting, the Transfiguration, and the coming of Elijah. Please bring with you your favorite Scripture reading that you would like to share (10-15 minutes) with the class on subsequent Friday mornings.

It's time for SHYG's

SPRING  FLING

A Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser
for "Spring Flingers" of ALL ages !!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH

6 TO 8 PM

NWPC SOCIAL HALL

Snacks and beverages provided

And, of course: 🎵 the music 🎵

\$ We are asking for a donation at the door. \$

