

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 – *And Can It Be?* arranged by Marilyn Ham

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *John 20:19-31*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1154

Call to Worship

Peace be with you.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

Hymn #104 – *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. 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

Children's Message

1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School Class

At this time, the children are invited to Children's Church.

They will return after the sermon.

The Word in Music

Chancel Choir

The Meditations of My Heart by Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight,

O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

Second Scripture Reading, *Acts 4: 32-35*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1161

Sermon – *Reflections on Our Dominican Mission*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Offertory - *A Joyous Acclamation* by Lani Smith

**Doxology, Hymn #592*

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn #399 – *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude – *Day of Joy* by Franklin Ritter

April 8, 2018



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

Next Sunday April 15, during Sunday School and worship we will have the privilege of hearing from two of our mission partners from Africa, Lynn and Sharon Kandel. Together they serve as the point persons for global partners in Sudan, Ethiopia, and South Sudan, US constituents, mission co-workers, Presbyterian World Mission and Presbyterian Mission Agency staff. Sharon is the primary lead for Ethiopia, and Lynn is the primary lead for Sudan and they are both deeply engaged in South Sudan. They work with the three Critical Global Initiatives (CGIs) addressing the root causes of poverty particularly as they affect women and children, sharing the good news of the Gospel, and engaging in ministries of reconciliation amidst cultures of violence. South Sudan has multiple and diverse needs so a variety of skills are required to help rebuild it. Sharon and Lynn are blessed to work with people in South Sudan who have an assortment of talents and abilities. They say 1 Peter 4:10 helps them appreciate the gifts of every person. The verse says: *Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.* “This means a lot to us because we all come with different gifts, abilities, and education and we all are needed,” Lynn says. “We pray that this helps us to not judge others because of their differences but rather to welcome them.”

Lynn and Sharon have been in Juba, South Sudan for two years working primarily with the South Sudan Education and Peacebuilding Project and moving into the Regional Liaison position felt very natural to them both. With Sharon having grown up in Ethiopia there was already a connection and heart for that country. For South Sudan, this meant taking a slightly different role in working towards peace and being an encouragement for the people of this country but it felt right since they have already established relationships with so many people.

Those who want to meet the Kandels and hear of their experiences are invited and encouraged to attend the Senior High Sunday School Class on the 15th and also worship the same day.

Come, make them feel welcome and affirm our support of their work.

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Today

Sunday, April 8

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:30am Worship
6:30pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room

This Week

Monday (9) SHYG Pizza Joe Fundraiser—*please use coupon in the bulletin*

- 7pm Wilmington Area Soccer Club Meeting, Room 214

Tuesday (10)

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

Wednesday (11)

- Noon Staff Brown Bag Lunch Meeting, Room 206
7pm Reconciliation Steering Committee, Room 206

Thursday (12)

- 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday (13)

- 10am Friday Morning Bible Study, Shenango on the Green Craft Room

Saturday (14)

- 10am Memorial Service for Art McConnell, Sanctuary
6-8pm SHYG's SPRING FLING Fundraiser - for ALL ages (*See insert.*)

Next Sunday

Sharon & Lynn Kandel will be joining our senior high Sunday school class in the SHYG room on April 15th at 9:30 am. The Kandels are PCUSA Regional Liaisons to the Horn of Africa. Come join our high school students as we learn more about being a missionary and living in South Sudan. All are welcome!

Sunday, April 15

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:30am Worship
11:45am New Members Lunch & Class Meeting, Room 214
11:45am Lunch with the Kandels, Social Hall
6:30pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room

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 **Diana Reed** for assisting today.

Children's Church is a gathering where children (preschool through 3rd grade) engage with a Bible story in a creative and developmentally focused way. The group meets in the Children's Church Room, #213. Today's teachers are **Jill & Joel Postema** and **Diane Camlin**.

Greeting you at the main entrance are **Ann & Ozhang Karimi**. They have been members since 2002. Ann has served as deacon and played the bells. Ozhang is retired from ServiceMaster and Ann was a teacher. Ann now is doing taxes for H&R Block. Their daughter Tanya is an assistant District Attorney in Colorado Springs. Their son Derrick works for Carnegie Robotics in Pittsburgh. He has two sons, ages 2 and 4.

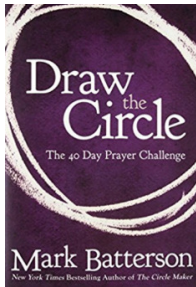
The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ross and Esther Ellis by Biz and Jim Hines.

Our singers today are from the Grades 1 & 2 Sunday School class which is taught by Beverly Shelenberger and Jennifer Green. Special thanks to **Joan Dawson** who leads singing each week in both the Pre-K & K class and the Grade 1 & 2 class.

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.

A New Members Class will be offered next 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

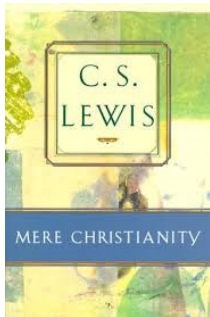


Take the Small Group Survey! Did you participate in one of the *Draw the Circle* small groups? The Discipleship Steering Committee is asking you to complete a **very short survey** so we can better plan for our future together.

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 by April 15th. **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.

Friday Morning Bible Study has resumed -- every Friday from 10 to 11 am in the Craft Room at Shenango on the Green. Please bring with you your favorite Scripture reading that you would like to share (10-15 minutes) with the class.



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY!

Now is the Time to Register for Summer Camps and Conferences:

Are you looking for up-to-date information and links for camps and conferences for your child? Visit our church website, <http://nwpresby.org/growing/summercamps>. Under the "Growing" tab, you will find a brief description and link to several of the camps in our area. Also listed are the names of families who have had experience as "happy campers" at that location!

The Deacons would like to give each child from NWPC who is going to a faith-based summer camp, other than missionary conference, a **\$100 gift** towards attending camp this year! If your child has signed up for camp already, or is planning to sign up, please notify Alex Schroder at alexandraligotaylor@gmail.com or at [724-714-1770](tel:724-714-1770) and we can give you more information! Thank you!

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

MEMO to Church Officers—Next Sunday, April 15th 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)
Tyler Cathcart	Lyle Johnston	Buddy Stuart	Angie Urban

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. \$

