

# Worship for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Alex Schroder

Refrain: God is good / *All the time* / All the time / *God is good*

Prelude – *Celebration Journey* by Michael Mazzatenta

Carillon Handbell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading, *John 3:1-7*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1129

Call to Worship

The bread of life opens our eyes.

*The word of life opens our ears.*

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

*and by those wounds we are healed.*

Peace be with you.

*And also with you.*

Hymn #119 – *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

*Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.*

\*Response - *Lead Us Back* by Third Day

Worship Team and congregation sing together:

*Lead us back where we belong. Call us as Your very own.*

*Lead us back – Safe into Your arms.*

\*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

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

*They will return after the sermon.*

The Word in Music – *A Gentle Alleluia* by Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

Sing a gentle alleluia in the stillness of this place.

Lift a tender song of worship as you contemplate God's grace.

Let the music of forever calm your spirit, ease your mind,

as you listen for a whisper from the heart of the Divine. Alleluia.

Sing a gentle alleluia as you contemplate God's grace.

Second Scripture Reading, *Luke 24:36b-48*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1126

Sermon – *Living with Hope*

Lynn & Sharon Kandel

Song of Praise (on insert), *Worthy is the Lamb* by Darlene Zschech

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

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

Offertory - *Redeeming Love* arranged by Ovid Young

\**Doxology, Hymn #592*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn #372 – *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude – *March On In Victory* by David Paxton



April 15, 2018  
Welcome Lynn & Sharon Kandel

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

**Today we welcome to NWPC 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.

**If you would like to meet the Kandels and learn more about their work, please stay for lunch (pizza and salad) following worship in the Social Hall.**

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## Today

### Sunday, April 15

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

## This Week

### Monday (16)

### Tuesday (17)

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

### Wednesday (18)

- 6:30pm Session Meeting, Room 214

### Thursday (19)

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

### Friday (20)

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

### Saturday (21)

## Next Sunday

### Sunday, April 22

- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Greeters:

N.W. Door (by Ramp)	S.W. Door (Maple & Market corner)	N.E. Door (by Nursery)	S.E. Door (by Church Library)
<b>Tyler Cathcart</b>	<b>Lyle Johnston</b>	<b>Buddy Stuart</b>	<b>Angie Urban</b>

## 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 **Debbie Krawchyk** for assisting today.

**Children’s Church** is a gathering where children (preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Butch** and **Jill Wilson** have been members of NWPC for 40+ years. They have served on various boards and committees. Greeting is a pleasure to them as they get to say hello to friends at NWPC.

**The flowers** this morning are given in loving memory of Jeanne by Bob Wushinske.

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.

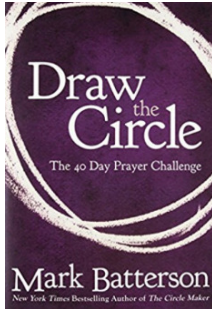
### Today following worship

- **A New Members Class, Room 214**, is being offered following worship. Lunch will be provided. You are welcome to come to this informative meeting even if you decide not to join at this time.
- **All are invited** to have pizza and salad with our guests, the Kandels, and Mission Committee in the Social Hall immediately after this morning’s service.

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**Upcoming event:** Things you need to know (but don’t know who to ask) about end of life issues, coming on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP by contacting the Church Office so we can plan for food and child care - [office@nwpresby.org](mailto:office@nwpresby.org) or 724-946-3541.

# 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:

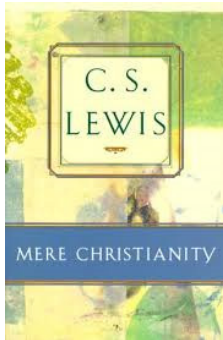
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N26CVRR>

Printed copies of the survey will also be available at the church office. TODAY is the deadline for completing the survey.

THANK YOU!

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## Adult Sunday School Class: *Mere Christianity* April 8 - May 13, 9:15-10:15 am – Room 214



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.

Although this study began on April 8<sup>th</sup>, it is not too late to join. The class meets in Room 214. You may order a copy of CS Lewis's book "Mere Christianity" or the study guide, "Discussing Mere Christianity Study Guide: Exploring the History, Meaning and Relevance of C.S. Lewis's Greatest Book" by Devin Brown from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or other book retailer.

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**The next Friday Morning Bible Study** will be Friday, April 20, at 10am in the Craft Room at Shenango on the Green. Ken Philips is in charge, focusing on Old Testament and New Testament references to heaven and hell.

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**Sweet Survivors** meets April 26<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, at Ryder's Restaurant. Please contact Carole Welch if you plan to attend, [cwnwpa@live.com](mailto:cwnwpa@live.com) or 724-946-8836.



**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](mailto:alexandraligotaylor@gmail.com) or at [724-714-1770](tel:724-714-1770) and we can give you more information! Thank you!

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
May 4 & 5

**You're Invited!**  
Please join us on

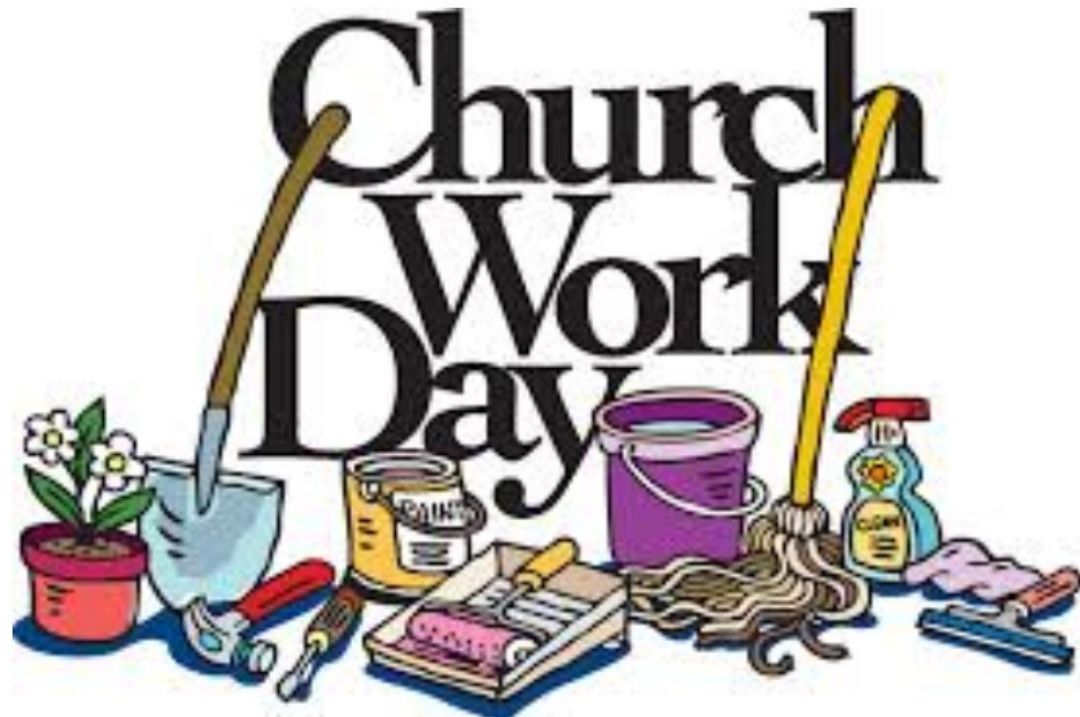
<b>May 4, 2018</b> 11:30 am - 2 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm	<b>May 5, 2018</b> 10 am - 2 pm
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— SATURDAY, MAY 5 —

**TIME: 9AM TO NOON**

**CHILD CARE PROVIDED**