

# 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 – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arranged by Jeffrey Bennett

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – *James 3:13–4:3, 7-8*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1290-1291

Call to Worship

Happy are the people who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
*or take the path that they follow,*  
*or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.*  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
*and they meditate on God's law day and night.*  
The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
*but the way of the wicked will perish.*

\* Hymn (on back of bulletin and on the screen) – *God of the Fertile Fields*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

*God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.*

\*Response, *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord* by Bob Hudson

MEN... *Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord* (WOMEN echo) 2x  
*And He shall lift you up. Higher and higher and He shall lift you up.*  
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\*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

Chancel Choir

*Make Our Church One Joyful Choir* by Troeger/Crutchfield

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day  
and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray:  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.  
Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross  
and to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost.  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.  
Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss  
and our acts and words of care trace the pattern of your cross:  
Shape us Christ to bear your name.  
Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire,  
so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir:  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Amen!

*At this time, the children are invited to Children's Church.*  
*They will return after the sermon.*

Minute for Mission

Wendy Farmerie

Scripture Reading – *Mark 9:30-37*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1075

Sermon – *Operating System Update Required*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

\*Song of Praise (on screen and insert) – *All the Earth* by Hayford, Huirua & Ulugia

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Offerings (If you have not already done so, please pass the Friendship pads.)

Offertory – *Allegro (Organ Concerto No. 15)* by Johann Gottfried Walther

\**Doxology*, Hymn #592

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn #327 – *O Word of God Incarnate*

Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response (on screen)

*May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You* by P. Sutcliffe

\*Postlude – *A Celebration of Praise* by James Denton

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# Today

## Sunday (16)

- 9am Men's Bible Study, Lillian Martin Room
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages begin *(See brochure.)*
- 10:30am Worship
- 11:30pm Prayer Team Meeting, Lillian Martin Room
- 6pm SHYG, Youth Room

# This Week

## Tuesday (18)

- 5:30pm  Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsals begin, Sanctuary 
- 6pm JHYG, Youth Room
- 7pm  Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsals begin, Sanctuary 
- 7pm AA Meeting, Balcony-Room 309 (at the top of the stairs)

## Wednesday (19)

- 9am Meals Ministry, Church Kitchen *All hands welcome!*
- Noon Staff Brown Bag Lunch Meeting, Room 206
- 6:30pm Session Meeting, Room 214

## Thursday (20)

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

## Friday (21)

- 10-11am Friday Morning Bible Study, Shenango on the Green Craft Room
- The group is using the book by F. F. Bruce, *Hard Sayings of Jesus*.

# Next Sunday

## Sunday (23)

- 9am Men's Bible Study, Lillian Martin Room
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages begin *(See brochure.)*
- 10:30am Worship
- 11:30pm Prayer Team Meeting, Lillian Martin Room
- 6pm SHYG

**SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES** - *Start> Becoming a Good Samaritan* encourages and challenges us to answer the question: "who is my neighbor?" Consider joining a small group this fall. Times and locations will be announced next week; groups will begin in early October and will conclude in early November.

## September's Mission Flag is NICARAGUA



NWPC has had many connections to Nicaragua. Most recently our own Wendy Farmerie traveled there on a Fair Trade Scholarship in conjunction with the Silk Road shop of which she is proprietor. Today during worship Wendy will share her experiences from this trip with us.

# KIDS CLUB

## KIDS CLUB REGISTRATION:

Kids Club is a midweek gathering for students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:30pm, September 25<sup>th</sup> – November 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration in the Ligo Room after morning worship (or via a form in the church office) is speedy and is required for all participants. The deadline is Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. One form per family! See Linda Black with questions.

**Sweet Survivors** will meet Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at Ryder's Restaurant. We will order from the menu and be able to leave for home at about 6:15. All women cancer survivors are welcome to join us. Please phone Carole Welch at 724-946-8836 by noon of Tuesday, September 25, if you will be there.

**The class to learn Spanish** begins this Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7pm in Room #214. Your book has already been ordered. You may want to bring a notebook. The donation recommended for this class is \$60 per student and \$100 per couple / family per semester. You may write your check to NWPC, notate in the memo line "Spanish class" and give it to the office or put in Kay Taylor's box. See you then!



**Calling all chefs!** Do you have a specialty you're known for? A meal that family and friends swoon over? We need your expertise! The Reconciliation Steering Committee is starting a program called *Come Cook with Us* and needs guest chefs to teach us that special dish as we all cook together. Complete the form below and put in the offering plate, or call the NWPC office, 724-946-35 41.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info. \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

Coming Soon:



**MONDAYS IN OCTOBER 6–7pm CLASSES RUN BY YMCA**

All ages & abilities welcome; open to the community!  
To be held on the church lawn (inside if inclement weather)

The church family is invited to a reception  
to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ruth McCracken.  
The reception will be on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>  
from noon until 2pm  
in the Community Room at Shenango on the Green.  
All are welcome. Cards only, please.

## Community Event:

**Spiritual Emphasis Westminster:** Next Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, award-winning songwriter, speaker and writer **David LaMotte** will be **In Concert** at Wallace Memorial Chapel on Westminster College campus. On Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> he will present “*World Changing 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness*” in the Berlin Lounge, McKelvey Campus Center. Both are free and open to the public. Learn more about David LaMotte at <https://www.davidlamotte.com>

Sharon First United Methodist Church invites you to **The Rhythm of a Dream** presented by Lisa Allen of Proverbs 31 on Thursday October 4, 2018. There will be great music by our own New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Worship Team! Meet & greet refreshments start at 6:15pm followed by the program at 7pm. The \$5 donation will benefit Aware and West Hill Ministries. The church address is 237 W. Silver St., Sharon, PA. ([www.sharonfirstumc.com](http://www.sharonfirstumc.com) / [Proverbs 31@www.proverbs31.org](mailto:Proverbs_31@www.proverbs31.org))

## 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. **To all new and returning college students:** we’re glad you’re here and invite you to make this church your home away from home!

**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 **Jodie Garrett** for assisting today.

**Children’s Church:** It 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**.

**Something new: Children’s Bulletin** for two age groups (3 to 6 & 7 to 12) can be found in the racks at each entrance to the church.

**Greeting you** today at the main doors are **Paul & Michelle Smargiasso**, both retired teachers. They have been attending NWPC since their student days at Westminster. They raised sons Jason, Heath and Todd. Both like to travel. Paul enjoys golfing and fishing while Michele enjoys reading and doting on her grandchildren.

**The flowers this morning** are given in honor of **Bill Halttunen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**, which is today! Bill is a long-time member and wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend to all.

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**Fall discipleship brochures** are located at each of the entrances of our church. Please note the classes for all ages and special events for fall. Join us!

**Attention all college students:** Be sure to stay for our college luncheon following church today. We will be in the Social Hall downstairs.