

# Worship for the Lord's Day

\* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Linda McGrath

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

Prelude – *March of the Kings* by Carl Simone

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Matthew 2:1–12*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1026

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

***The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.***

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

***Proclaim God's praise among the nations.***

\*Hymn #53 – *What Child Is This*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

***Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.***

\*Response (on screen) – *Trisagion*

\*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

Scripture Reading – *Ephesians 3:1–12*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1242

Sermon – *The Terrible Messiness of Incarnation* The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

\*Song of Praise (on insert and screen)

Worship Team

*Here I Am to Worship* words and music by Tim Hughes

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem – *Faith* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Chancel Choir

Surrounded by His power that protects me, devoutly waiting quiet without fears;

I pray the Father and you friends select me to spend together coming days and years.

***Surrounded by His power and believing, we faithful trust His guidance on our way. God lives with us the morning and the evening, and surely He is with us each new day.***

The old may torture now our hearts and sorrow and evil days and pain may not be spared.

O, Lord, we know You guide us 'til tomorrow we find the glory that for us prepared.

\****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.***

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.***

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper continued,*

January 6, 2018  
Epiphany  
Communion

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 #66 – *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response (on screen)

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

\*Postlude – *A Joyous Acclamation* by Gerald Peterson

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# Today

## Sunday (January 6, 2019)

- 9am Men's Bible Study, downstairs in the Lillian Martin Room  
9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages resume  
10:30am Worship – Communion

# This Week

## Monday (7)

## Tuesday (8)

- 6pm JHYG (Junior High Youth Group), Youth Room  
7pm AA Meeting, Room 309

## Wednesday (9)

- 10am Staff Brown Bag Brunch Meeting, Room 206

## Thursday (10)

- 1:30pm Presbytery Sudan Partnership Committee Meeting, Social Hall  
7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## Friday (11)

## Saturday (12)

- 8:30am Women's Bible Study, Room 215

**Come join family and friends for an open house celebration of Ethel (Mickey) Bailey's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, January 12, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm** in the Community Room at Shenango on the Green. Enjoy a piece of cake and a time of fellowship. No gifts, please.

# Next Sunday

## Sunday (13) Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

- 9am Men's Bible Study, downstairs in the Lillian Martin Room  
9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages  
10:30am Worship  
2pm 2019 Dominican Republic Mission Trip Orientation Meeting, Room  
6pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room

**Note to all Church Officers:** In January the monthly meeting of the **elders, deacons, and trustees** will take place during the NWPC Officers' Retreat on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room of Shenango on the Green.

# 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 **Linda Black** for staffing our Nursery today. **Marilyn Reeher** will be assisting her.

**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 **Joel & Jill Postema** and **Diane Camlin**.

**Copies of the 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** at the main entrance this morning are **Jim & Jill Mohr** who have enjoyed being members at NWPC for 15+ years. Jim serves as the Westminster College Chaplain and Jill teaches preschoolers here. They love being grandparents to Jonny, Ellie and Margaret and parents to Angie and Dan, Katie and Will. Jill currently serves as an elder and plays in the Carillon Handbell Choir.

We are very pleased to have our middle school students serve as **acolytes** in worship. Today **Micah Shelenberger** and **Liam Camlin** are lighting the candles. Next Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> Stephannie Klamut and Emily Arblaster will serve as acolytes.



**Sudan's flag marks our Mission Focus for January.**

Our own Denise Sciuto works with Frontier Fellowship on mission issues in Sudan. More information will follow in weeks to come.

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## Announcements

**Notes from our treasurer:** If you haven't done so, **please return your 2019 pledge card.** Copies are available on the lamp table nearest the elevator in the Ligo Room. If more convenient, send your pledge via email directly to the Treasurer Kay Taylor ([kay@nwpresby.org](mailto:kay@nwpresby.org)). **2019 Offering envelopes** are in the Ligo Room. Please save postage and take yours with you. **Year end giving** must be in the treasurer's office today but will not be deposited until January 7, 2019.

**The 2019 Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin board by the southeast door (near the Ligo Room). Please sign up now for dates important to you. Particularly needed are Sundays in January, February and March. The cost remains \$30. The flowers are yours to take home after worship. Questions? Please contact Cinda Hickman ([hickmanw@westminster.edu](mailto:hickmanw@westminster.edu)).

**Attention All:** Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is being offered Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm, during the months of February and March. Please consider marking your calendars now to join in. Learn how freeing and peaceful it truly is to tell your money what to do, instead of wondering how you will pay the bills this month! More details on bulletin insert next week.

A poster for the 2019 All Church Retreat. The background is a black and white photograph of a person standing on a rocky outcrop with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, set against a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image in white. At the top, it says '2019 ALL CHURCH RETREAT' in a large, handwritten-style font. Below that, on the left, is registration information: 'Registration Forms can be found in the Ligo Room. Digital registration forms can be found on the retreat facebook page and church social media.' Further down on the left, contact information for Kristen Phillips is provided: 'Questions? Contact Kristen Phillips-forsbekl@gmail.com Call 724-946-3749 Text 724-657-7497'. In the center, there is a large white outline of a megaphone with 'L.O.L.' written inside it. To the right of the megaphone, the words 'Live Out Loud', 'Learn Out Loud', and 'Love Out Loud' are written in a slanted, handwritten font. At the bottom right, the dates 'January 25-27, 2019' and the location 'Life Ministries Castle, Franklin, PA' are listed. At the very bottom right, the special guest speaker and facilitator information is given: 'Special Guest Speaker &amp; Facilitator - Rev. Jim Mohr, Chaplain @ Westminster College'.

Registration forms are available  
in the Ligo Room today.