

Worship for the Lord's Day

* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Alex Schroder

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

Prelude – *Chromatic Fugue* by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Deuteronomy 26:1–11*, pew Bible O.T., p. 212

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 91*)

The God of our ancestors heard our cries and saw our oppression when we were slaves in Egypt.

God brought us out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with signs and wonders God brought us through the wilderness.

The Lord, our shelter, our refuge, our dwelling place, says,

“When my people call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will show them my salvation.”

*Hymn #414 – *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Response

Joybells Handbell Choir

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arranged by Patricia Sanders Cota

*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

Word in Music

Chancel Choir

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy by Kathryn S. Bonner

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me with His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me with His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.
Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me with His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

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

Scripture Reading – *Luke 4:1-13*, pew Bible N.T., p. 1093

Sermon – *God Moves Into the Desert*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

*Song of Praise (on insert and screen)

Worship Team

A Mighty Fortress by Christy Nockels and Nathan Nockels

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Commissioning of the Dominican Republic Mission Team

Call to Discipleship

Commissioning Prayer

Prayers of the People

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Song for the Nations* by Chris Christensen

Let me be a healing balm to the nations;
A healing balm to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world knows the power of your name
May your healing flow through us.

**Doxology*, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn #81 – *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (on screen)

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

*Postlude – *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* by J. S. Bach



The 2019 mission team will be in the **Dominican Republic** from March 15-23 and asks you all for your prayers! They will be conducting medical clinics in Sabaneta de Yásica and the surrounding areas, assisting with youth programs and working on construction projects during the week. They conduct medical clinics twice daily (usually 8-11am and 1-4 pm, but start and stop times are always a bit of an adventure in the Dominican Republic), where they consult with Dominican patients and make use of the medicines that NWPC and partner congregations have helped purchase. In terms of youth programming, team members work with local children from the church and community in what would best mirror Vacation Bible School here. For this year's building project, we hope to help with home repairs as in the past, usually working with floors and roofs. The youth ministries and construction teams follow similar schedules, so if you have time either the mornings or the afternoons, please pray for us, our families at home, and our Dominican partners. The team asks you to pray that the Lord will use our presence to His glory during our time in Sabaneta. ¡Gracias!

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Please use the insert in today's bulletin entitled **Lenten Devotional Study Opportunities** to choose something that will be meaningful to you. It lists resources for every age group (children, young adults, adults) that are available in a variety of formats – print, Kindle, audio books, on-line Bible/book studies, and via email. A few of the children's books are in the NWPC library.

Note-This is the correct link for the Max Lucado Lenten Study:

<https://www.faithgateway.com/six-hours-one-friday-easter-obs-registration/>

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 **Frasier Zahniser** and to **Marilyn Reeher** for staffing our Nursery 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 with teachers **Joel & Jill Postema** and **Diane Camlin**. **Children's Bulletin** for two age groups (3 to 6 & 7 to 12) can be found in the racks at each entrance.

Greeting you at the main entrance are **Dave & Tawnee Hunter**, residents of New Wilmington for over 20 years. Their son, **Nathan**, daughter-in-law **Nicole** and grandson **Deveany** are also regularly in church. Their son **Nick**, also a church member, lives in New Wilmington too. Their daughter **Leah** & son-in-law **Dan** currently live in Montclair, New Jersey where Leah is finishing up an internship for a doctorate in school psychology and Dan works as a consultant for Deloit. Tawnee loves to play her flute during worship. Dave & Tawnee have a passion for college ministry at our church and have been privileged to adopt a number of great college students over the years. They are also both gainfully employed, but, at this point in their lives the prospect of retirement seems much more interesting.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Edna & Walter Rudolph by Vonnie MacKenzie and Kay & Chuck Wiley.

We are very pleased to have our middle school students serve as **acolytes** in worship. Today **Stephannie Klamut** and **Emily Arblaster** are lighting the candles. On March 17th Will Bruckner and Sam Mistretta will serve.

Next Sunday, March 17th Rev. Dr. Jason Santos, former Associate Minister at our church, will be leading worship. There will be a time to greet Jason and his family after church.

Today

Sunday (March 10)

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

This Week

Monday (11) SHYG Pizza Joe Fundraiser - *Please use coupon in bulletin*

- 6:15pm Dual Language Classes, Room 214
- 6:30pm Financial Peace Class, middle balcony room-#306
- 7pm Wilmington Area Soccer Club, Social Hall

Tuesday (12)

- 5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6pm Kids Club, Social Hall
- 6pm JHYG (Junior High Youth Group), Youth Room
- 6:15pm Dual Language Classes, Room 214
- 7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7pm AA Meeting, Room 309

Thursday (14)

- 1:30pm Presbytery Sudan Partnership Meeting, Social Hall
- 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday (15) Dominican Republic Team departs - *Please pray for them.*

NWMC Spring Board Meeting, Social Hall & Room 214

Saturday (16)

NWMC Spring Board Meeting, Social Hall & Room 214

Next Sunday

Sunday (March 17) Second Sunday in Lent

- 9am Men's Bible Study, downstairs in the Lillian Martin Room
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:30am Worship – Rev. Dr. Jason Santos preaching
- 11:30am Meet & Greet the Santos Family, Ligo Room
- 6pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room

Announcements

College students: A reminder that there will be a breakfast/bible study on Sunday, March 24th at the Hunter's. We will be discussing the "Awakening to God's Beauty" - short daily devotions for Lent. If you would like to join us and don't have the devotional, there are some copies on the table by the office.

New Bible Study for Women: *Love Does*, a study revolving around putting love into action, will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30pm, at Alex Schroder's home (202 Village Lane, New Wilmington). If you have any questions please contact Alex, 724-714-1770 or Lena Aiken, 724-730-3163.

Adult Sunday School Series: *"The Bible from Scratch: The Old Testament"*

Join us on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:15am in Room 214. Rev. Brad Walters is facilitating a series written by Don Griggs, which presents an accessible, easy-to-understand, overview of the Bible for participants of all levels of familiarity with scripture, including those who have-or fear they have-little or no Bible knowledge. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are able to attend the whole series.

Summer Help Wanted: The **New Wilmington Mission Conference** plans to hire a **Summer Office Assistant** to work in their office at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Hours would be approximately 20/week in May, 30/week in June, and 40+/week in July. Exact schedule is flexible. Skills needed include basic office, organizational, and customer service skills. Person must be proficient in Microsoft Office suite and able to learn new computer software quickly; must be a self-starter and problem solver. For more information, contact Andrea Hall at office@NWMCmission.org.

SUMMER CAMP, ANYONE? Please visit the updated SUMMER CAMP page on our church website, found under the "Ministries" tab. There are camps for almost every age from Preschoolers through Adults. These include camps for young children accompanied by a parent / grandparent, camps where whole families attend, as well as camps geared specifically to a child's age. You'll also find specialty camps with horseback riding, sports, music, the arts and drama, wilderness exploration and more. Our website has links to the homepages of our most popular camps. Our website also lists several members of our church family who know these various camps well and are happy to share their experiences. Camp can be a life-changing experience. Consider making it a part of your summer plans.

MEMO—Next Sunday, March 17th Greeters:

N.W. Door (by Ramp)	S.W. Door (Maple & Market corner)	N.E. Door by Nursery)	S.E. Door (by Church Library)
Cathy Collier	Frasier Zahniser	Christine Parish	Charlene List



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

This year during Lent, we are not providing Lenten booklets or small groups, but rather, we are recommending good reading/listening resources to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter. Here are suggestions submitted by members of the NWPC family – “*Thank you.*”

Children’s Books found in the NWPC Library, available to check out

1. *Benjamin’s Book, The Story of the Resurrection Eggs (and the eggs)* written by Melody Carlson and illustrated by Jack Stockman for younger children.
2. *The Easter Story* retold and illustrated by Carol Heyer. Publisher’s Weekly describes it as “a credible catalyst for family discussions about the true meaning behind this important celebration.”
3. A book for older elementary students, *Journey to the Cross* by Helen Haidle, illustrated by father and son, David Haidle & Paul Haidle, recounts the last week of Jesus’ life to help children understand who Jesus is and what He has done for them.

Family and Children

1. A book, *Love Letters from God* by Glenys Nellist. This guides children through Holy Week. After each story a letter from God that elaborates on the story and a Bible verse, helps to build the excitement of “letter opening” for the child. The family then could write a letter in response to the thoughts God shared. This book was recommended by Todd Cole, and can be purchased through Amazon.
2. *Make Room, A Child’s Guide to Lent and Easter* by Laura Alary and illustrated by Ann Boyajian. This unique book teaches children to experience Lent with all their senses and to see it as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God. This book is also recommended by Todd Cole and available through Amazon.
3. The Book, *The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross* by Carl Laferton is found on Amazon and was recommended to us by one of Dar & Sally Huey’s daughters, Rachel Huey Marx. A good book for elementary school aged children. An activity book by the same title is also available.
4. Suggested for very young children, *The Tale of the Three Trees: A Traditional Folktale* by author Angela Elwell Hunt and illustrator Tim Jonke, is available in hardback and paperback. A simplified version is available as a board book. All can be found on Amazon. It is recommended by Bethany Huey Smith, Dar & Sally’s other daughter, who also suggests using just the Resurrection Eggs, mentioned above.

Young Adult Titles

1. *Learning for the Love of God: A Student’s Guide to Academic Faithfulness* by Donald Opitz and Derek Melleby Available from Amazon as a paperback or free Kindle download
2. *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren. This is Christianity Today’s 2018 Book of the Year and is available in Kindle, audio book, or paperback formats.
3. *Garden City: Work, Rest, and the Art of Being Human* by John Mark Comer. It is described as practical and theologically rich – a book that helps answer why we are here and what we should do about it. Available in Kindle, audio book, audio CD, hardback or paperback formats.

All are suggested by Emily Wilson, currently a student at Westminster College.



Adult Titles

1. *In Constant Prayer* by Robert Benson. This little book (about 150 pages) explains the history and value of the Daily Office as a prayer discipline. It is available for Kindle or in paperback from Amazon, and recommended by our pastor Matt Camlin.
2. *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter*, is a wonderful collection of devotions from Christian writers spanning 20 centuries. From Dorothy Day to C.S. Lewis, to Saint Augustine, to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, to Simone Weil, this is a thoughtfully curated companion and guide for the journey through Lent and Easter. This book is recommended by Brad Walters and can be obtained through Amazon or other booksellers.
3. Denise Scuito and her Frontier Fellowship co-worker Tara recommend the Lenten devotional of Henri Nouwen; henrinouwen.org is a link to the book discussion for Lent 2019, *Walk with Jesus: Stations of the Cross*-timely reflection on issues of poverty, immigration, marginalization, human suffering and compassion. Starts on Ash Wednesday with introduction and continues March 10th. Go to the above link to use the book discussion blog or receive as daily/weekly email.
4. Denise Scuito also suggests using <https://joshuaproject.net/frontier> to pray for the 31 unreached people groups.
5. *014: Richard Rohr, Finally Getting Over Your "Self" with the Enneagram, Pt. I*; the link is <https://www.typologypodcast.com/podcast/2017/09/28/episode14/rohr>. Nicole Hunter says, "This provides such a cool description of the enneagram personality types in line with our God-given gifts. It's mind blowing and amazing."
6. Any RobCast, Rob Bell's podcast, provides authentic context to faith, hope and love. <https://robbell.podbean.com/e/is-this-your-first-accident/> is the link to one of the most recent, *Is this Your First Accident?* and is recommended by both Nicole Hunter and Katanya Cathcart.
7. The on-line Bible Study *Six Hours one Friday with Max Lucado*. OBS leader Laurie McClure says, "Easter is a season of beautiful things. New beginnings ...spring is springing. But you and I know life is not always sunny, is it? What is a believer in Jesus to do in the face of waves of disappointment, harsh winds of futility, the deafening thud of failure? One Friday changed everything for those who believe. The victory Jesus claimed on the Cross is bigger than ...life." The *Six Hours One Friday* OBS starts March 18th and continues until Easter Sunday. To register go to <https://www.faithgateway.com/six-hours-one-friday-easter-obs-registration/>. All you need is the book, which includes your study guide in it, and the four companion teaching videos with Max that are available for free with no expiration—you can watch them anytime throughout the study. This information was sent to and shared with us by Linda Black.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN – Lent starts March 6 and I don't want you to miss it. We women are becoming known for our Easter dresses and meals more than our focus on and celebration of Jesus — that He lived an amazing life, died on the Cross and ROSE from the dead! His story is wild... but most of us have grown a little numb to the story. Or we want to focus on it but we are too busy or too distracted or too _____. Not this time. Not this year. Lent... this is our faith story: the resurrection of Jesus and how we choose to respond to it. *He Is Alive*: we'll study through the whole book of John. It is structured to train us to study God's Word and follow its teaching, while guiding us through traditions of Lent like prayer, repentance, fasting, Lenten candles and Sabbath. Contact Sara Arblaster (724)290-0580 or sarblaster@zoominternet.net for more information.

