Worship for the Lord's Day

* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements
Refrain: God is good / All the time / All the time / God is good

Prelude – Be Thou My Vision by Gordon Schuster
Tawnee Hunter, Alyson Reiter and Stacey Steele, flutists

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 25:6-10 selected verses)
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
A feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines.
Of rich food filled with marrow, and well-aged wines strained clear.
Let us be glad and rejoice in His Salvation.
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
The sheet that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever.
Let us be glad and rejoice in His Salvation.

*Hymn 253 – I’ll Praise My Maker

Prayer of Confession in Response to God’s Grace
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not given ourselves in seeking to establish justice and righteousness for all people.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Hear the good news: Christ Jesus entered into the world to rescue sinners. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Response – Jesus, Name Above All Names by Naida Hearn
Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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 – Sunshine in My Soul by Hewitt / Sweney
Chancel Choir

There is sunshine in my soul today, It’s a glow so warm and bright,
Brighter far than shines in earthly skies, a pure and heav'nly kind of light.
Oh, there is sunshine beautiful sunshine, and the peaceful happy moments roll;
As I look with love into my brother's face, There is sunshine in my soul.
There is music in my soul today, It's a song that I must sing.
For a song of peace is in my heart, Oh, let the joyful tidings ring.
Oh, there is sunshine beautiful sunshine, and the peaceful happy moments roll;
As I look with love into my sister's face, There is sunshine in my soul.
There is springtime in my soul today, and my skies are blue above,
For I know there dawns a better day, a wondrous age of peace and love.
Oh, there is sunshine beautiful sunshine, and the peaceful happy moments roll;
As we look with love into each other's face, There is sunshine in my soul.

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

Scripture Reading – Luke 14:15-24, pew Bible N.T., 1111

Sermon – The Great Banquet
The Rev. LoAnn Fairman

*Song of Praise (on insert and screen) – I Cannot Come to the Banquet
by American Medical Mission Sister Miriam Therese Winter

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Presentation of Offerings (If you haven’t already, please pass the Friendship pads.)
Invitation to the Offering
Offertory - The Solid Rock arranged by Jeffrey Bennett
*Doxology, Hymn #592
*Prayer of Dedication
We are delighted to welcome the Rev. LoAnn Fairman to our pulpit this morning. LoAnn retired from teaching high school at St. Catherine’s School in Richmond, Virginia. She was the Chair of Religion and taught Bible, World Religions and Ethics. She also retired from pastoring a small Presbyterian congregation in rural Goochland County, Virginia, “Providence, Gum Spring.” In July of 2018 the Fairmans moved to New Wilmington. She is now the Chaplain at Shenango on the Green. She swims laps at the Westminster pool. She and Paul exercise at Penn Ohio Rehabilitation and Performance. They enjoy gardening, reading, thinking, and having good conversations with interesting people. The Fairmans have four adult children, two grandchildren, a dog, “Goochie,” and two cats, “Charlotte” and “Rosemary.” Thank you for leading us in worship today.
Announcements

Registration is open for our **2020 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic**! The dates for this trip are March 14-21, 2020. Talk to Chris Parish, Don Sheelenberger, Matt Camlin, or Joel Postema if you want to know more. A link to the registration form is available on the church’s website, www.nwpresby.org

**Attention all Westminster College students!** We’re glad you are here. Please watch for UKirk (New Wilmington Presbyterian Church’s college ministry) announcements. We welcome your participation not only in our worship services but also any of our church’s ministries and events. If you have questions, please ask Dave and/or Tawnee Hunter (Ukirk leaders) – hunterfamily82@gmail.com.

**Women’s Saturday Morning Bible Study** will resume this coming Saturday, October 19th. Start time is 9am in Room 214 and led by Sandy Veitch. See you then!

The **Nominating Committee**, entrusted with the task of finding church officers to begin their terms of service in 2020, has begun their work. Please pray for them.

**Margaret Trautman** moved this past week to live closer to her family. Her new address is: 2045 Frank’s Parkway, Room 215, Uniontown, OH 44685

**Hillary Leslie and Craig Kennedy** will be getting married at NWPC on Sunday October 20th, 2019 at 2:30 pm. Following the ceremony, there will be light refreshments in the Ligo Room. The ceremony is open for all to attend – they hope to see you there!

**Congratulations to Dr. Leah Hunter** who graduated from Penn State in August with her PhD in school psychology and is currently working as a post doctoral research associate at Penn State. Leah is an alumna of Westminster College.

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**Announcements continued,**

The next **Red Cross Community Blood Drive** is Monday, October 28th here at NWPC, Rooms 214 & 215, from 1pm to 6:30pm. *Give blood—save lives.*

**Living and Aging Well**—Join Family Hospice, part of UPMC, and Shenango on the Green to explore the challenges we face as we grow older. On Thursday, October 17th at 4:30pm, Westminster College Witherspoon Room, McKelvey Campus Center. This presentation is a video documentary with Dr. Gawande followed by an open discussion with Dr. Frank Farone, Family Hospice Medical Director, Mary Jane Brumbaugh, Shenango on the Green Director of Nursing, and Kelly Klamut, Shenango on the Green Director of Social Services.

**Westminster College PreK-4/Special Education students** are presenting *Story Time at McGill Library from 1:30-2:15pm on Thursdays until November 21.* All children and caregivers are welcome to attend for interactive read-alouds and follow-up activities.

**Join the Frontier Fellowship trip to Uganda: December 8 – 16, 2019**

COME: See the ways God is at work in East Africa; meet ministry partners who are sharing the Good News of His Kingdom in Uganda. We’ll visit and encourage our South Sudanese partners now living in Uganda as we learn more about the refugee crisis and the leadership development opportunities for people from difficult places in the Sudan.

**ESTIMATED COST:** $900, excluding airfare  **TEAM SIZE:** open to 6 people

**TO LEARN MORE/BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Contact Trip Leader Denise Sciuto, Frontier Fellowship Associate Director dssciuto@frontierfellowship.com or 724-7661678

Application deadline is November 1, 2019 with $250 deposit

**Helping Disabled American Veterans:** Leesburg ECO Presbyterian Church is partnering with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization in offering a place for those veterans who need help checking eligibility, establishing & filing claims- help with any issues- as well as offering information. Janice Nulph, a Veteran Service Officer with the DAV, will be at the church building on the first Thursday of each month beginning November 2019. 9am-2pm. Centrally located to area communities, this service will make it easier to get help without traveling to the main office in Butler. No appointment is necessary – first come, first served. To speed up the process, veterans should bring their DD214 (discharge form) with them.
Calendar: October 13 – 20, 2019

Sunday (October 13, 2019) 2nd Sunday Fellowship
9am Men’s Bible Class, downstairs in the Lillian Martin Room
9:30am Sunday Morning Classes for all ages
10:30am WORSHIP
11:30am Refreshments & Fellowship, Ligo Room
6-8pm Pumpkin Fun-Outdoor Movie-Roast S’Mores, Church side yard
6-8pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room

Monday (14) SHYG’s Pizza Joe Fundraiser (Please use coupon in bulletin.)
6:30pm Financial Peace University, center balcony room, #306

Tuesday (15)
3:40pm Kids Club, Social Hall
5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
5:30pm Beginner Spanish Class, Room 214
7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7pm AA Meeting, Room 309
7:30pm Intermediate Spanish Class, Room 214

Wednesday (16)
6-7:30pm JHYG (Junior High Youth Group), Youth Room
6:30m Session Meeting, Room 214

Thursday (17)
6pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, downstairs in the Choir Room
7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday (19)
9am Saturday Morning Bible Study, Room 214
3:30pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday (October 20, 2019)
9am Men’s Bible Class, downstairs in the Lillian Martin Room
9:30am Sunday Morning Classes for all ages
10:30am WORSHIP
11:30am Prayer Team Meeting, Lillian Martin Room
2:30pm Hillary Leslie-Craig Kennedy Wedding, Sanctuary
6-8pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group), Youth Room

MEMO—Next week, October 20
Greeters:
N.W. Door  S.W. Door  N.E. Door  S.E. Door
(by Ramp) (Maple & Market corner) (by Nursery) (by Church Library)
JHYG  JHYG  JHYG  JHYG

October’s Mission Focus is on us, in the US.

Our flag reminds us of the freedoms and the bounty we enjoy living in this great nation. We are also reminded that “To who much has been given, much is required”. As we head into the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas there is always a call for helping those less fortunate with meals, clothing, and basic human needs.

Through our Mission Committee we support the City Rescue Mission in New Castle by collecting food items and turkeys for Thanksgiving as well as volunteering to work in their kitchen serving meals to the homeless. We also provide aid to their women’s shelter. (See insert in today’s bulletin.)

Our church has a long a history of helping children and families in the New Wilmington Area School District, providing meals and food in backpacks for those who do not have enough to eat. Recently we assisted the schools with their new school store by donating clothing and toiletries. At Christmastime, our Deacons will put up the Giving Tree.

Across the street at Westminster College, our congregation assists with the Food Pantry for students who come up short on their meal plans and finances and need assistance in having nutritious food available to them.

We reach out to the Spanish speaking members in our community who want to learn English by providing language classes for them. There are also language classes for those who want to learn Spanish so that they can minister more effectively here and when going to the Dominican Republic on our annual mission trip there.

Root International in Mercer provides for basic needs of furniture and clothing both locally and around the country and Mexico, whether due to natural disaster or poverty.

NWPC has also had history with Habitat for Humanity with volunteers and financial support to make affordable housing available to families in need.

There are many other ways we as a church reach out locally and nationally. For those who want the hands-on experience of mission work, there are many opportunities to be involved with the organizations that we partner with. Best of all though, is the outreach we as a church have shown to our friends and neighbors in the community who find themselves in a time of need/crisis and we can step in to show the love of Christ in a very real and tangible way. For more information or questions regarding local mission opportunities or giving, contact a Mission Committee member.
SONG FOLLOWING THE SERMON:

From “Medical Mission Sisters album - Joy Is Like the Rain”

The Wedding Banquet
words and music by Miriam Winter

CHORUS:
I cannot come
I cannot come to the banquet,
Don’t trouble me now.
I have married a wife,
I have bought me a cow.
I have fields and commitments
That cost a pretty sum,
Pray, hold me excused,
I cannot come.

VERSE 1: A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town.
He laid a festive table and he wore a wedding gown.
He sent invitations to his neighbors far and wide
But when the meal was ready, each of them replied: (CHORUS)

VERSE 2: The master rose up in anger, called his servants by name, said:
"Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame,
Fetch the peasant and the pauper for this I have willed,
My banquet must be crowded, and my table must be filled. (CHORUS)

VERSE 3: When all the poor had assembled, there was still room to spare,
So the master demanded: “Go search ev’rywhere,
To the highways and byways and force them to come in.
My table must be filled before the banquet can begin. (CHORUS)

VERSE 4: Now God has written a lesson for the rest of mankind;
If we’re slow in responding, He may leave us behind.
He’s preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day.
When the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say: (CHORUS)

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, Room 212. “Thank you” to Sue Anne Fairman and Marilyn Reecher for staffing our Nursery today. Please note; a nursery volunteer is needed for October 27, November 3 and November 24. Please sign-up in the nursery following worship or contact Linda Black if you are available on one of these dates. Thank you.

Children’s Church, Room 213, is a creative and developmentally appropriate worship experience for children aged 3–4th grade; their teachers are Jill Postema and Diane Camlin.

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. Fall Worship Bags are located in the front pew of the transept.

Today’s flowers are given in honor of Ruth McCracken for her love and friendship over the years by Cathy Smith.

Welcoming you at the main entrance on this WC Homecoming Weekend are some of our Westminster College students. We are grateful for the participation of these students in morning worship, in some of our Sunday morning classes (both as students and teachers), in our music ministry through bells, choir and worship team. Each week we also enjoy the very lively participation of Westminster students in our Kids Club ministry. We are blessed by their service and grateful for their presence among us!

We are very pleased that our middle school students serve as acolytes in worship. Today Will Bruckner and Seth Arblaster are lighting the candles. Next Sunday, October 20th, Ellie Postema and Liam Camlin will serve.
THANKSGIVING MAY SEEM FAR AWAY, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP GETTING READY FOR THE CITY RESCUE MISSION’S BIGGEST ANNUAL OUTREACH!

**Most needed items:**
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Gravy
- Canned Yams
- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pie Crust Mix
- Pie Filling (Fruit or Pumpkin)
- Evaporated Milk
- $15 for "Birds"

FIND CONTAINERS FOR DONATIONS AT EACH DOOR
OCTOBER 20th THROUGH NOVEMBER 10th

*Thank you from the Mission Committee*