

# Worship for the Lord's Day

Greetings & Announcements

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

Prelude – *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is* arranged by Albin C. Whitworth

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Jeremiah 29:10-12, The Message*

Call to Worship

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Let us worship God!**

Hymn (on screen) – *For the Beauty of the Earth*, verses 1, 4 and 5

Unison Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

**Lord, it's plain and simple: our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are different from your ways. Try as we may, we are unable to walk in perfect step with you. We put other things first: our social lives, our to-do lists, our addictions, our arrogance. And yet, you give us chance after chance to shape our thoughts and ways around you. Forgive us our misplaced priorities, O God. Shape our behavior and our lifestyles by the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ, that we might better follow you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon – *adapted from Ephesians 2:4-10*

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people! It's not accomplished by our works, so that we'd be able to brag about it. No—we are who God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Believe this good news!

We have been saved. We have been redeemed.

We have been forgiven.

Response – *Holy Spirit Rain Down* by Russell Fragar

**Holy Spirit rain down, rain down;  
O Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again;  
Holy Spirit rain down, rain down;  
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard;  
Come change our hearts as we stand on Your Word;  
Holy Spirit, rain down.** CCLI License #1116973

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 – *I Saw the Light*

Dan Smith, Mike Leslie and Todd Cole

Blessing of the Backpacks –

Pastor: ...At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom...

**Parents: We offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings, and for opportunity to learn and wonder.**

**Congregation: We pray for teachers, students and staff, that this year might be safe and rewarding for all. Be with them as they face the challenge of learning and teaching in new ways, the fear of failure, and the expectations of parents, friends, and self. In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world.**

Pastor: Be with the backpacks these tags will mark, that they may carry well the lessons learned; and those that carry them, that they may study daily with full hearts, clear eyes, and open minds. Watch over their lessons that they may see you at work in the world.

**All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Scripture Reading — *Philippians 4:6-7, ESV*

Sermon – *Let's Take a Moment to Pray*

The Rev. Jim Mohr

Song of Praise (on screen) – *This is Amazing Grace*

words and music by Josh Farro, Phil Wickham and Jeremy Riddle

## SPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*"Forgive us our sins"*)

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Adoration* by Mark Hayes

***Doxology***, Hymn #592

Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

Hymn (on screen) – *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*, verses 1 and 5

Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response (here and also on screen)

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

***May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you.***

***May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.***

***May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.***

***May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.***

Postlude – *Forward in Faith* by David Paxton

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## Worship Notes

**The flowers today** are given in gratitude on the forty-first anniversary of Carolyn & Tim Cuff's wedding. They give thanks to God and to each other for forty-one story filled years together.

**"Thank you"** to Westminster College Chaplain **Rev. Jim Mohr** for leading us in worship today while Rev. Camlin and his family are on vacation.

**FOR OUR CHILDREN:** Tune into our Livestream broadcast **at 10:15am** to hear one of our own storytellers share a book to help us better understand the morning message. Our story ends before the regular Livestream worship begins. Don't miss it. (<https://livestream.com/nwpresby>)

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## GOOD NEWS: In-person Worship to begin

Beginning next Sunday, September 6, Westminster College has invited the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church to resume in-person worship at *Anderson Amphitheater*. If you are not familiar with this setting, it is the very large, open-air (but roofed) amphitheater adjacent to Lake Brittain on the college's campus. All necessary arrangements have been made to assure that we will be able to continue our LiveStream service from that location, so if you continue to have reservations about gathering in person, please know that worshiping with us from home will continue to be an option. You will, however, need to download or print a bulletin from our church's website, because we will not be able to provide the liturgy and song lyrics on your screen at home as we have in the past. Bulletins are typically available on our website either Fridays or Saturdays before Sunday morning worship. If you live at Shenango on the Green, we will continue to provide bulletins for you by delivering them to the building.

**It is very important that everyone who attends worship understand what is expected.** It is Westminster College policy that we *must wear masks* from the time we set foot on campus until the time we leave. **The seating has been arranged for us to ensure social distance between individuals** (near the front), **for couples** (near the middle), **and for family groups** (near the back). The chairs being provided are the metal folding chairs used for the mission conference. If you would rather bring your own lawn/camp chair, you are welcome to do so. **Hand sanitizer will be provided, as will printed bulletins.**

**As for worship itself**, we hope to provide a measure of "familiarity," despite the unfamiliar space. That said, we will be operating with fewer personnel in the chancel, in order to comply with campus guidelines. Obviously, physical contact (such as during the Passing of the Peace) will not be permitted. We'll have a small praise team, but no choir. We may have song leaders who will sing the hymns, but we are asking the congregation *not* to join them in singing. Scientific studies have shown that congregational singing poses *the greatest risk* for transmitting the novel coronavirus that causes CoVid-19. If you feel strongly the need to participate, please be disciplined enough to limit yourself to humming along. Finally, while we will not celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on September 6; we *do* plan to celebrate it on October 4, which is World Communion Sunday.

**We are very excited to see you next week!**

**A New Adult Bible Study** will begin meeting at the church from **9–10am on Saturday, September 12** and each Saturday thereafter. Contact Wally King (724 866-1027) or Dave Dawson (724 946-8828) for more details.

**Money Matters: Online giving is available.** If you would like to donate, a one-time gift or setup recurring payments, visit [nwpresby.org/give](http://nwpresby.org/give). If you would like instructions on setting up the smartphone app or need help setting up your payments, find the Instructions link under the Give tab on [nwpresby.org](http://nwpresby.org). Another option: email Kay Taylor at [kay@nwpresby.org](mailto:kay@nwpresby.org) for details about Bill Pay. **If you need assistance, or know someone in our NWPC family that does,** contact Rev. Camlin: [matt@nwpresby.org/724-747-7422](mailto:matt@nwpresby.org/724-747-7422).



### The Mission Focus for August: Burundi

NWPC supports the ministry and programs of the organization Five Talents which works in Burundi as well as many other countries. Burundi is a small land-locked country in Eastern Africa with a population of 8 million. It is the world's most rural country and 90% of the population relies on agriculture and subsistence level farming. Since independence in 1962, Burundi has been plagued by ethnic and political conflict. The country is still recovering from a civil war that devastated infrastructures, contributed to high illiteracy rates and poor health care. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranked 184 out of 188 countries on the UN's Human Development Index (2015). Life expectancy at birth is just 56 years. Only 5.2% of women have at least a secondary education, compared to 9.2% of men. Some or all of these factors result in many women becoming further trapped in poverty. This is especially true in remote areas where women are often marginalized and face fewer opportunities for training or income generating activities. Program Overview: The Mothers' Union Literacy and Development Program has successfully trained Burundians in literacy and numeracy since 2005. The program reaches vulnerable, low-income communities through a grassroots network of Mother's Union and the Anglican Church of Burundi. This network extends across the country to all major regions, to nearly one thousand communities. Five Talents provides business skills training as well as savings and credit group formation to the literacy program participants. Members have access to mentorship, basic financial services, and emergency funds. To date, 40,000+ members have joined community savings and loan associations; 80% of these groups are now self-managing.