

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 – *A Festal Fanfare* by J. S. Bach

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Genesis 1:1–5*

*Call to Worship

In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it:

“It is good.”

In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it:

“It is good.”

In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it:

“It is good.”

Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,
calling us closer to all that is good.

*Hymn (on screen) – *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are—not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way.

[Silent prayer.]

Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Response - *Lead Us Back* by Third Day

Worship Team and congregation sing together:

***Lead us back where we belong. Call us as Your very own.
Lead us back – Safe into Your arms.***

*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

Sermon – *New Beginnings: Now What?*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

Song of Praise (on screen) – *Offering* by Paul Baloche

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Wade in the Water* arranged by Mark Hayes

****Doxology, Hymn #592***

****Prayer of Dedication***

SENDING

Hymn (on screen) – *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

*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 – *Voluntary* by Maurice Greene

January 10, 2021

Worship Notes

Worship Reminders: All in attendance *must wear masks* while inside. Disposable masks are provided if you've forgotten yours. Seating is arranged to ensure social distancing. Hand sanitizer is available.

PRE-SERVICE STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN is presented via Livestream (<https://livestream.com/nwpresby>) on Sundays 10:15-10:25am. **Special note to everyone worshipping in the sanctuary:** Please enter quietly if you arrive during Story Time as our voices will be broadcast along with the story teller's voice!

Today's flowers are given in honor of all those on the Mission Committee who keep us informed of those in need around the world.



The **2021 Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin by the southeast door, the one closest to WC chapel. If you are not attending worship in person you can still sign up for dates important to you by stopping in during the week. The back door is unlocked Monday-Friday from 8am to 5pm. Or, send an email to office@nwpresby.org with the date in which you are interested. You will hear back confirming your request. The cost remains the same: \$30.

Please find in today's bulletin the **letter of thanksgiving** for your generous support given through the 2020 Thank Offering. Our Mission Committee chose to make a difference by sending monetary help to the Fire Fund of Westminster Church in Medford, Oregon where folks in their congregation and community lost all they had to wildfires there in September. The total amount received for the NWPC 2020 Thank Offering is \$3,147.00. An additional \$2,000 was sent from the Mission Committee.



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Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 1-10

- 9am Men's Bible Class via Zoom on the Book of John
Contact Justin Zackal, justinzackal@gmail.com for Zoom invitation.
- 9am SALT Class via Zoom: contact Jim Hines, jhines55@hotmail.com, for Zoom invitation. (See announcement.)
- 10:15am Children's Story Time (livestream.com/nwpresby)
- 10:30am WORSHIP here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church or via LiveStream at livestream.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
- 6pm SHYG (Senior High Youth Group)

TUESDAY, 1-12

- 6:30pm NWPC Preschool Board Meeting via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, 1-13

- 10am Staff Meeting via Zoom
- 6pm JHYG (Junior High Youth Group)

SATURDAY, 1-9

- 9am Adult Bible Study on the Book of Luke, Ligo Room in-person & via Zoom
(Seating spaced 6' apart. Please wear a mask.)
Contacts: Wally King (724-866-1027 or Dave Dawson (724-946-8828)

SUNDAY, 1-17

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Memo from our Treasurer: 2021 Offering envelopes are in the Ligo Room. For those here for worship, please take yours with you today. Others may stop during the week; the church is open Monday – Friday, 8 am-5 pm.

Online giving: To donate a one-time gift or setup recurring payments, visit nwpresby.org/give. You can find the Instructions link under the Give tab on nwpresby.org. Or, email Kay Taylor (kay@nwpresby.org) about Bill Pay.

If you or someone you know in our NWPC family needs assistance, please contact Rev. Camlin: matt@nwpresby.org/724-747-7422.

Announcements

Here is the **January Challenge** of the Discipleship Steering Committee presented by committee chair Bev Shelenberger:

This Challenge again requires your creativity and sharing. This Pandemic has created NFT as my husband calls it. It may not be true for all of us because some have stretched time and patience to the max. For the rest of us it is NEW Found Time. We have time but what have we chosen to do with it? Some of us have tried new recipes or learned new skills, acquired new pets or found new websites. I am asking you to share recipes or pictures or products of your finds with others. January brings a new year and a new hope. We are blessed by the Church and its people. We do not go through this alone. Share the love. Find those who need help and help in whatever way is safe. We can be creative in solutions. Prayer Warriors-you are doing great work too. My new find is recipes. I like a sheet pan supper, Arroz Con Pollo. I will send you a copy of the recipe if you like or put several copies at the church. See you in Church either virtually or in person. Share your thoughts: send to media@nwpresby.org.

For NWPC Family: We believe every family can experience a life free from money stress if they have the right plan and the right tools. We believe it so much that we've invested in Ramsey+ for our church and made it available to your family for free! ***Please take advantage of this opportunity.*** Go to our website, nwpresby.org, and find the link under the Ministries section on the toolbar. You won't regret it!

Today **SALT** began a Zoom discussion of, *Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic and Beyond*, by Matthew Fox. Julian of Norwich lived through the bubonic plague that killed close to 50% of Europeans. Being an anchoress, she 'sheltered in place' and developed a deep wisdom that she shared in her book, *Showings*, which was the first book in English by a woman. A theologian way ahead of her time, Julian develops a feminist understanding of God as mother at the heart of nature's goodness. The book is available through most online book sellers. SALT Zoom sessions begin at 9:00. Contact Jim Hines (call or text 724 699 4056) if you are interested in participating. All are welcome.

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, the Mission Committee, and Pastor Matt,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and Happy New Year!

I am writing to say thank you for your generous giving to aid those affected by the devastating fires this past September. Fueled by dry conditions and a driving wind, the fast-moving flames devoured a 9-mile path from the city of Ashland, north through the cities of Talent and Phoenix, destroying nearly 3,000 structures and leaving thousands homeless.

Together with your gifts, we have been able to be a light and a comfort in this difficult time. Through our fire fund, we have been able to give more than \$50,000 in aid to our community. We have helped by providing first and last month's rent, so that families could get into new housing. We've helped purchase trailers for temporary housing, provided basic necessities for families, helped keep kids connected for their online schooling, repaired a vehicle that was all a family had left, replaced destroyed furniture and appliances, and so much more. This past month, we worked with the school district to provide 20 families with gift cards so that they could celebrate Christmas, letting the parents be the heroes in providing gifts for their kids. In short, we have been blessed to be a blessing in a difficult year that has left many longing for the light.

We know that we have a long road ahead of us still. Our community will still be cleaning up the damage for some time, and the actual rebuilding will be the work of years, not months. But we are confident that the Lord will continue to lead us. We know that God's people here in the Rogue Valley will continue to pull together to echo once more the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”

Thank you for being a part of that, even from the other end of the nation! May God bless you this year!

In Christ,

Chris Ward,

Transitional Pastor
Westminster Presbyterian Church - Medford, OR

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

1. Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land, world of bird and beast and, later, in God's image, woman, man.

There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant,
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.

2. Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God, is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.

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3. Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore. Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.

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PRESBYTERY PER CAPITA



What is Per Capita?

Per Capita has been a part of our history for over 160 years. It was first used to enable commissioners from all areas to attend meetings of the General Assembly. Per Capita is an apportionment, a means of fairly sharing the costs of governance across the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. It is *not* a tax or an assessment or "dues." Yes, it is a voluntary offering.

Historically, Per Capita has been used to fund those ecclesiastical functions essential to the continuance and decision-making process of the governing body. There are also necessary administrative costs of running the church.

Per Capita provides opportunity for the financial participation of all local churches as part of a connectional and representative church. It is not the personal responsibility of members of a congregation. It is the responsibility of the presbytery and the sessions. (1994 interpretation of the B.O. G9.0404d). Per Capita funding enables a governing body council to make decisions regarding the distribution of mission dollars without itself being funded by those same dollars. If Per Capita were eliminated, the dollars received would first have to fund those areas currently funded by Per Capita, thereby compromising mission dollars.

Shenango Presbytery 2021 Per Capita is \$40.41 per member, remaining the same as in 2020. What does it fund?

Per Capita giving makes it possible to call outstanding Presbytery staff (clergy and laypersons alike) that possess leadership skills in the area of administration and ministry, and are therefore able to serve the local churches in some of the following ways:

- Help with pulpit supply in case of illness or vacancy
- Help PNC's search for new pastors
- Maintain, advise and supply aids for officer training, Christian Education and church programs
- Distribute gifts to your designation
- Order and distribute Planning Calendars, Books of Order and Books of Confession
- Keep accurate financial records for mission giving, church loans and Per Capita
- Keep necessary statistics for all churches

A Real Bargain!

Why Pay It?

To share the costs of maintaining good governance within our church body is a mutual responsibility and a moral obligation. Per Capita provides the opportunities necessary for fair representation because everyone who is a member of the PC(USA) shares in the benefits of our connectional system of government. It encourages unity in that we not only think about ourselves, but we consider the concerns of the whole church across these United States. We do not want other people making decisions for us; we want to be a part of that decision-making process. Per Capita is a responsible way of sharing costs that fairly belongs to the entire Presbyterian Church.

Your Generosity Steering Committee takes its responsibility very seriously and makes every effort to be good stewards of the gifts you give. When all churches are willing to assume the financial responsibility of maintaining our Presbytery operations, the costs are shared equally. A decision not to participate in Per Capita giving places undue financial burdens on your sister churches. This is especially true in Shenango Presbytery where our budget is tight, with little or no opportunities for additional funding.