

Worship for the Lord's Day

* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

The Rev. Jim Mohr

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

Prelude – *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arranged by Jason Payne

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Psalms 107*

*Call to Worship

The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

*Hymn (on screen) – *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. [Silent prayer.]

Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Response, *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord* by Bob Hudson

Congregation and Worship Team sing together.

Men... *Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (Women echo) 2x*

And He shall lift you up. Higher and higher and He shall lift you up.

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*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 – *Romans 8:26-39*, The Message

Sermon – *The Stuck Hand*

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Song of Praise (on screen) – *Make Room* by Mark Hall, Matt Maher and Casting Crowns

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* arranged by Edward Broughton

***Doxology, Hymn #592**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

Hymn (on screen) – *Christ Be Beside Me*

*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 – *Hornpipe* by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Worship Notes

January 17, 2021

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!

"Thank you" to Westminster College Chaplain **Rev. Jim Mohr** for leading us in worship today.

The flowers are given in honor of Jan McClelland for her work to keep our church on schedule in 2020.



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.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT VALENTINES FOR 2021 will be a bit different this year due to Covid restrictions. The program will run from Sunday, January 24 through Sunday, February 7. Order forms will be online via the church website AND through the Monday Message. Paper forms, inserts, and valentine cards will be available each Sunday morning at the church and during the week. Leave completed forms and check in the special designated box. At Shenango on the Green forms and inserts and cards will also be available through Sue Anne Fairman, apartment 1115.



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Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 1-17

- 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)

WEDNESDAY, 1- 20

- 6pm JHYG (Junior High Youth Group)

SATURDAY, 1-23

- 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, 1-24

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Memo from our Treasurer: 2021 Offering envelopes have been mailed. For those wanting to help with **NWPC per capita**, please see the insert in today's bulletin.

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!

SALT has begun 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.

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.