

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 – *Prelude on Londonderry Air* arranged by Noel Rawsthorne

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23*

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship in the presence of God,

as if we stood on God's holy hill.

We gather to worship as children of God,

as if we were standing in the waters of grace.

We gather to worship the living God,

for God is here among us.

*Hymn (on screen) – *God Is Here!*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Loving, righteous God, our hearts are defiled with the wickedness you hate.

You have called us to yourself, but we have gone astray. Forgetting your living

Word, we cling to dead traditions. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your

commandments. Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips while our hearts are

far from you. [Silent Prayer.]

Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions; cleanse our tongues from evil words so

that our worship may be pure and undefiled and we may live with you in love

for others. Amen.

*Response (here and on screen) – *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying* by Ken Medema

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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backpack:

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Blessing of the Backpacks

The Word in Music – *I'll Fly Away* arranged by Craig Courtney

The Choir would like to dedicate this week's Word in Music to our beloved

Chuck Wiley who always sang with great gusto and added much fun to our rehearsals.

He will be greatly missed.

Scripture Reading – *James 1:17-27*

Sermon – *Worthless Religion*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *This Kingdom*, words and music by Geoff Bullock

RESPONDING 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 – *Priere a Notre Dame* from *Suite Gothique* by Leon Boellmann

**Doxology*, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn (on screen) – *Take My Life*, verses 1, 2, and 6

*Postlude – *Choral* from *Suite Gothique* by Leon Boellmann

*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.

Worship Notes

Worship Reminders: Due to the current high rate of new cases of COVID in Lawrence County, the Session passed the following mask guideline at the August 18 meeting: *"For the safety and welfare of our congregants we are highly recommending the wearing of masks by all persons."* The Session continues to monitor the situation utilizing CDC guidelines and state mandates. Seating remains arranged to ensure social distancing. Hand sanitizer is available.

Children's Bulletin for two age groups (3-6 & 7-12) are located at the ramp door.

Today's flowers are given by Tim & Carolyn Cuff, thanking God for 42 years of married life together.

Greeting you today are Kelly, Rob and Stephannie Klamut.

Our thanks to Andrew Withington for playing the organ today while Kathy is away.

SAVE the DATE - Sunday, September 12th: Sunday Morning Classes and the Confirmation Class begin; in worship our Choir is singing as are the children-their VBS theme song, grandparents will be honored, *and* 3rd grade students receive their Bibles; at 6pm SHYG will "kick-off" (followed by JHYG on Wednesday, the 15th.)

Mission Focus for August: Malawi



The Malawi Mission Fund was begun by Dr. Joseph Hopkins in 1988. However, in 1979, Joe and Lou Hopkins and their daughter Elaine moved to Malawi as PCUSA volunteers for 5 months. Joe taught at Zomba Theological Seminary and Lou taught music and recorded 100 unpublished hymns in Chichewa, a national language of Malawi. Joe said the poverty of the Malawi people moved him to establish the Malawi Mission Fund which responds to appeals for assistance from pastors and students. Since that time the Hopkins family, including grandchildren, have remained connected to the country. In 2013 Joe asked Sue Anne Fairman to administer the Fund which currently helps 8 orphanages with school fees. One of the more popular ones (in our Valentines' Alternative Gift program) raises chickens that feed the orphans and provide income for families. NWPC has supported the Malawi Mission Fund for many years. *Thank you.*

August 29, 2021
Blessing of the Backpacks



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Church Calendar

SUNDAY, August 29, 2021

- 9am Men's Bible Class on the Book of John, outside at the WC Field House; contact Wally King (724-866-1027)
- 9am SALT Class via Zoom: contact Jim Hines, jhines55@hotmail.com, for Zoom invitation.
- 10:30am WORSHIP here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church or via LiveStream at livestream.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM

TUESDAY, 8-31

- 7pm AA Meeting, Room 214 - *in person*

WEDNESDAY, September 1st

- 5:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Room 214

- 7pm Trustees Meeting, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, 9-2

- 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

- 6:30pm Mission Committee, Room 214

SATURDAY, 9-4

- 9am Adult Bible Study, Room 214 - *in person*
Contacts: Wally King (724-866-1027) or Dave Dawson (724-946-8828)

SUNDAY, September 5, 2021- Harvest Picnic

- 9am Men's Bible Class on the Book of John, outside at the WC Field House; contact Wally King (724-866-1027)
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- 11:30pm Harvest Picnic – *in the church side yard, following Worship*

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Online Giving: To donate a one-time gift/setup recurring payments, visit nwpresby.org/give. The Instructions link is under the Give tab. 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.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is raising funds to provide humanitarian aid for the crisis in Afghanistan and the disaster in Haiti.

If you would like to donate toward these efforts, you can:

- 1) Use our church's **GIVE NOW** link to make your donation. You can indicate in the "notes" if you would like your donation to go to Afghanistan or Haiti aid. If there is no indication, it will be split 50/50.
- 2) Send a check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Please indicate Afghanistan and/or Haiti in the memo line.
- 3) Write a check to NWPC with Afghanistan and/or Haiti in the memo line.
- 4) Call 800-728-7228 for a credit card donation.

Here are a few resources through PC(USA) and PDA:

PC(USA) and Afghanistan - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/pda-blog/2021/08/18/afghanistan-evacuations-and-refugees/>

PC(USA) and Haiti - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/after-a-massive-earthquake-and-a-tropical-storm-haiti-continues-to-face-serious-challenges/>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

Note: A portion of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, taken up during Palm Sunday or Easter services, is always designated for disaster relief through PDA. Often the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Methodist Church are among the first to appear on the scene in a disaster situation. This was noted as churches responded to Hurricane Katrina several years ago.