

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 – *Away in a Manger* arranged by Joel Raney

Linda McGrath and Kathy Montgomery piano duet

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Luke 21:25–36*

*Call to Worship

When will God's promise be fulfilled?

The days are surely coming.

When will we be saved?

The days are surely coming.

How will we know the signs to take place?

The days are surely coming when a branch from David shall come forth to execute justice and righteousness in the land.

What shall it be called?

The Lord is our righteousness.

*Hymn (on screen) – *Love Has Come*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,
to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.

Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,
to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.

Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,
to a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.

Unison Prayer:

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.

*Response (here & on screen) – *Away In the Manger*, verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

*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 – *Sing, All Ye Nations!*

Chancel Choir

words by Francis Scott Key; music - Daniel C. Meyer

Sing, all ye nations! The arm of the Lord is revealed in its power, fulfilling God's word.

Ye watchmen of Zion, the glory beholding, long promised, now dawning to gladden our eyes. Shout aloud, through all lands the bright vision unfolding, and call Zion's hosts to awake!

Roll on, thou glad earth, thy dark places are gleaming with light from on high, and the new risen ray on thy far distant mountains and lone isles is beaming, and the nations awaken, and hail.

Roll on in thy path, till the radiance, increasing, its noonday effulgence around thee shall fling, and thy people all join in hosannas unceasing, to praise their Creator, Redeemer and King!

Scripture Reading -- *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

Sermon – *Boundless Love*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

*Song of Praise (on screen) –

Follow the Light by Marc Byrd, Sarah Hart and Trey Heffinger

Service continued,

December 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent – Love

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 – *Pastorale* by Gilbert M. Martin

***Doxology**, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn (on screen) – *Christ Is Coming!*

Postlude – *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow* arranged by Mark Hayes

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (here and on screen) -- *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*, v. 1

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,

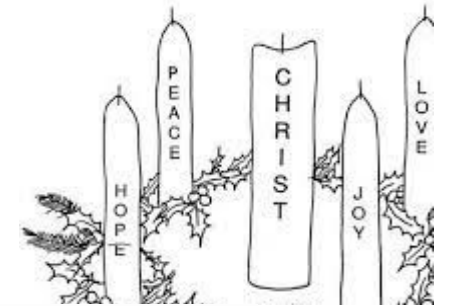
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

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: *"For the safety and welfare of our congregants we highly recommend the wearing of masks by all persons."* The Session is utilizing CDC guidelines and state mandates. Seating remains arranged to ensure social distancing. Hand sanitizer is available.

Children's Advent Bulletins for ages 3-6 & 7-12 are located at the ramp door.

Greeting you this morning are David & Judy Book.



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Free Advent Devotionals:

Find different Advent booklets from which to choose in the entryways:

Heading to the Manger-Advent Meditations from Great Christian Writers of the Past

Let the Heavens Be Glad – inspiration from Henri J.M. Nouwen

A Season for Singing, devotions for Advent by Dr. Mary Manz Simon

An Advent Alphabet, from Frontier Fellowship

Come To Bethlehem And Be Nourished is *Presbyterians Today's* Advent and Christmas Devotional to read online at PCUSA.org/2021advent.

The Discipleship Steering Committee found a 15-day devotional book, **COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS**. Simple devotions accompany the addition of one piece of your nativity set each day. If you don't have a nativity set, contact Sara Arblaster (724-290-0580) or Linda Black at NWPC (724-946-3541). You can get a copy of COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS devotional in the Ligo Room.

Thank you for your support of the church with your generous gifts of your time, of your talents and of your treasures. We are blessed by your generosity so that we may be a blessing within and beyond our church.

- 1) If you haven't done so, please return your 2022 ESTIMATE OF GIVINGS. Cards are at each of the entrances. Or you may send your pledge via email directly to our treasurer, Kim Romig, kim@nwpresby.org.
- 2) Your 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Ligo Room. Please help us save postage and pick up yours today.
- 3) YEAR END GIVING must be postmarked by December 31st. Online giving will be recorded on the date the transaction is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Romig. *Thank You!*

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 our treasurer, Kim Romig (kim@nwpresby.org) about Bill Pay. **If you/someone you know in our NWPC family needs assistance**, please contact Rev. Camlin: matt@nwpresby.org or 724-747-7422.

New in the New Year:

Ramsey+ Financial Peace - New FPU Class to begin January 10th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Mission Focus: Christmas Joy Offering - received today



Christmas Joy Offering is a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. *Please see today's insert highlighting this offering.*



The "Christmas Celebration Party Thing" is TODAY - 5pm in the sanctuary. It will be a fun-filled, meaningful time together! There will be no supper and we ask that you wear a mask, but there will be a warm fire, hot cocoa, and cookies outside afterwards.



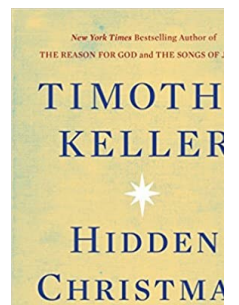
The **Christmas Eve Service** will be held in our sanctuary on December 24th at 7pm. Please remember to wear a mask. We will have battery-operated candles for all to use for our annual *Silent Night* tradition.

Adult Sunday School Series-**"Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ"** by Timothy Keller.

In this book, the author takes readers on an illuminating journey into the surprising background of the nativity. By understanding the message of hope and salvation within the Bible's account of Jesus' birth, readers experience the redeeming power of God's grace in a deeper and more meaningful way. Participate in-person, 9:30-10:15am, downstairs in the Lillian Martin Room, or via ZOOM. Participants are encouraged to purchase the book. For those choosing to participate remotely via ZOOM:

1. Download the Zoom application to your computer, tablet or smartphone.
2. Request a password from Brad Walters via email, brad.walters415@gmail.com
3. A few minutes before 9:30am, use the password to log in to the Zoom meeting.

If all this seems a bit much, you can also listen to the classes later through YouTube by typing "Brad Walters NWPC" into the search bar.



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 19, 2021-4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas Joy Offering

- 9am Men's Bible Class on the Book of John, Room 214 - *in person*
9am SALT Class: *meets both in-person and by ZOOM*
Contact Jim Hines: 724-699-4056 or jhines55@hotmail.com
9:30am Rev. Brad Walters facilitating "*Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ*" - in-person downstairs in the Lillian Martin Room / for Zoom, contact brad.walters415@gmail.com
9:30am Sunday Morning Classes for children & Confirmation Class (balcony, #306)
10:30am WORSHIP here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church or via LiveStream at livestream.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
5pm Christmas Celebration Party Thing, Sanctuary and Outside!!
SHYG-attending the Christmas Celebration Party Thing!

TUESDAY, 12-21, NWPC Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary/Ligo Room

- 1:30pm **Red Cross Community Blood Drive**, Rooms 214 & 215
To make appointment contact: barb.kimbell@redcross.org/724-371-6058
7pm AA Meeting, Room 214 - *in person*

WEDNESDAY, 12-22, NWPC Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary/Ligo Room

- 6:30pm Session Meeting, Room 214 - *in person*

THURSDAY, 12-23

- 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

FRIDAY, 12-24 - Christmas Eve

- 7pm Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols, *Sanctuary - in person*

SATURDAY, 12-25 – Christmas Day

SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

- 9am Men's Bible Class on the Book of John, Room 214 - *in person*
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Please Note: Sunday School and Children's Church will not meet December 26th or January 2nd since many of our families and teachers may be traveling for the holidays.

TWO URGENT REQUESTS JUST RECEIVED:

1. From Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA): "On December 10, a horrific line of powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by the time morning had broken. One of these tornadoes was on the ground for a terrifying and unprecedented 250 miles, more than 200 of those miles in Kentucky alone. In the wake of these catastrophic storms, we are called to be the hands and feet of God as we reach out to shelter, feed, care for and help rebuild the lives of those who have lost loved ones, homes, work and a sense of safety as a result of the tornadoes. We are invited to stand with them — and to stand together — bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us, no matter what. **The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.**"

For those wanting to give: You may make your check out to NWPC and indicate on the memo line that it is for "PDA-tornados" and our treasurer Kim Romig will send it. Also you can give directly, at pcusa.org/DT21.

^{No JHYG this week}
And be sure to pray for those experiencing loss, confusion, and despair that they may quickly receive the help they need, and, for community leaders and emergency personnel working to provide the care and restoration needed.

2. From the Red Cross: "We are offering a \$250 Amazon.com Gift Card to help combat the lowest blood supply levels at the Red Cross in 10+ years. Our current supply has forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery like organ transplants. Some patients requiring transfusions **may not receive the blood products they need.** We are facing a dangerous situation unless more donors give over the holidays."

If the Blood Drive on December 21st at NWPC meets 100% of the goal set and collects 20 or more units the church will receive the Amazon.com Gift Card by email as an appreciation gift for willingness to host the drive during this challenging time. Also, all presenting donors will receive an exclusive long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Contact Red Cross Area Representative, Barb Kimbell, barb.kimbell@redcross.org / 724-371-6058 to make an appointment or with any questions. "Thank you for your continued support."