

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 – *Fantasy in A Minor* by J.S. Bach

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *John 9:1–41*

*Call to Worship

We come to be sanctified.

We come seeking to be worthy of our call.

The Lord looks not at our outward selves,

But looks at what is in our hearts.

Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord,

That we might live as children of the Most High.

*Hymn (on screen) – *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*Response (here and on screen) – *Sanctuary* by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

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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

The Word in Music – *What Wondrous Love Is This* by Lloyd Larson

What wondrous love is this, O my soul; what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul!

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme,
I will sing.

When from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on.

Children's Message

Sermon – *Conversations: Do We Know Jesus?* The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

Song of Praise (on screen) – *How Deep the Father's Love For Us* by Stuart Townend

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (...sins...)

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Assurance* by Joel Raney with Tawnee Hunter, flute

***Doxology**, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn (on screen) – *Amazing Grace*

Postlude – *Voluntary in G* by Jean Francois Dandrieu

Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (on screen)

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

March 19, 2023

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Pottery & Pizza

WORSHIP NOTES

If you are a guest today, we pray God will bless you through your presence with us. Please sign the pew pad, including contact information, so we may welcome you.

Assistance for worship is available including large print bulletins found in the bulletin racks, and personal audio receivers that provide sound amplification at the “sound booth” at the back of the sanctuary.

For Children:

To protect the health of our children and caregivers in the nursery, please keep your child with you if he/she is ill or has been ill in the last three days. Thank you for your attention to this request, especially during cold and flu season.

1. **The Nursery** for babies & toddlers (infants – age 3) is located through the side doors of the sanctuary to the left of the pulpit area, Room 212. Providing childcare today during worship is Nancy Welker and Afton Camlin.
2. **Children’s Church** - Room 213, is a creative and developmentally appropriate worship experience for children age 4 to 4th grade. Jill Postema, Sharon Meyer, and Janine Stuart are taking turns teaching.
3. **Children’s Worship Bulletin** for ages 3-6 & 7-12 are located at the ramp door.

Today’s greeters are the Yanak Family – Clayton & Ariel, and their children, Leira and Peter.



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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 19, 2023-Pottery & Pizza following worship

- 9am Men's Bible Class, Room 214
9:30am Sunday AM Lenten Small Group with Brad Walters, Lillian Martin Room
9:30am Sunday School: Grades K-3, Room 111; Middle School Class, Room 309
9:30am SALT Class: *Searching for Stars on an Island in Maine*, by Alan Lightman via Zoom; contact Jim Hines, jhines55@hotmail.com
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, Youth Room

MONDAY, 3-20

- 2pm Lenten Small Group with Sue Anne Fairman, SOG Community Room
7pm Financial Peace University Class, Room 214

TUESDAY, 3-21

- 5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
5:30pm Kids Club, Social Hall
6pm Tuesday PM Lenten Small Group, with Matt Camlin, Lillian Martin Room
6pm Spanish Class, Room 206
7pm Carillon Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, 3-22

- 6pm JHYG, Youth Room

THURSDAY, 3-23

- 10am Thursday AM Lenten Small Group, with Dave Hunter, Lillian Martin Room
5pm **Sweet Survivors**, Mama Janes Eatery - 3334 Wilmington Rd, New Castle
??? / RSVP to Donna Painter, 724-747-5942 or 724-946-2095
6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15pm Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, 3-25

- 9am Saturday Morning Bible Class, Room 214, studying *The Acts of the Apostles*

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

- 9am Men's Bible Class, Room 214
9:30am Sunday AM Lenten Small Group with Brad Walters, Lillian Martin Room
9:30am Sunday School: Grades K-3, Room 111; Middle School Class, Room 309
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MARCH MISSION FOCUS: Dominican Republic

In 1996, Rev. Bill McCoy, then pastor of NWPC, and Jill Jack, a member of Session, travelled with Rev. Doug Pride, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Clearfield, PA along with several members from that church on a fact-finding trip to Sabaneta de Yasica in the Dominican Republic. Their goal was to establish a partnership with the Evangelical Church in that village, under the leadership of Pastor Manual Angel Cancu. The idea was for the church folks to work with the Dominican congregation as they shared the news of Jesus Christ with the people in the Dominican village.

1. The first cooperative effort was holding Bible School for the children. This has continued each year as part of the ministry.
2. The second co-operative effort was construction. The construction group has built a church, a three-story school building, several chapels throughout the area, and more recently, has focused on putting cement floors in homes with dirt floors, and raising the church building above the floodplain.
3. The third effort was begun by Dr. John Mansell when asked by Rev. McCoy to provide medical attention to the villagers. Travelling down 12 or 13 times with several medical personnel, Dr. Mansell saw the government confiscate the medicines he had taken with him, and the government become aware of the need for medical personnel in the village. These are now provided by the government with two doctors available 24/7 so we no longer need to provide these. We still provide medicines which the village doctors give to the villagers with the help of the pastors who know the needs of the people.
4. The fourth effort was education. Under the direction of Joel Postema, Westminster College has helped provide interpreters who in turn, enable our group to provide teacher training, until ultimately, we were providing scholarships for teachers to the local college. With the Christian school we built, we provide scholarships for church families to send their children for a Christian education. These opportunities continue to be an important part of our ministry.

We work annually with our Dominican friends and they look forward to the arrival of "the missionaries" who come for a week each spring, and leave behind doctors (at least two from the church there have become medical doctors), many teachers for both the Christian and government schools, and a vital church whose ministry in the community is a light in the world for Jesus Christ. This is a new wave of mission: a congregation in one location working with a congregation from another part of the world to, together, spreading the love of Jesus Christ.

Summary of March 15 Session Meeting Outcomes

Session held its monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, March 15. Items discussed or acted upon of which the congregation should be aware include:

- 1) Session approved the minutes of its February 15 meeting without correction.
- 2) Session offered eleven of the prayers of the congregation (one prayer was read by each elder present) which were brought forward on February 19, the *Gather for Good* capital campaign Dedication Sunday. This will continue each month until all the prayers brought forward on February 19 have been offered.
- 3) Session continued on-going membership roll maintenance, removing Sam Farmerie upon his death; and Emily Wilson Angliss, Larry Fiedler, and Judy Fiedler upon geographic relocation. The active membership now stands at 367.
- 4) Approved the baptism of Jack Schroder, child of Alexandra and Joshua Schroder, to take place on March 26 at Wallace Chapel (Westminster College) and officiated by the Rev. Bill McCoy.
- 5) Session authorized Rev. Camlin to indicate to a person seeking to utilize NWPC's Sanctuary for a wedding, with Rev. Camlin as officiant, that Session would approve the use of the sanctuary for the wedding dependent upon the couple completing Rev. Camlin's standard pre-marriage counseling and the sanctuary being open to NWPC members.
- 6) Session voted to accept the Health Reimbursement Agreement for the pastor developed by the treasurer (with the *pro bono* assistance of Davevic Benefits personnel). The agreement is a requirement of the IRS.
- 7) Session elected Scott McGrath as the second elder on the Social Hall/Elevator design team.
- 8) Session voted to authorize the completion of the elevator project utilizing \$125,000 of *Gather for Good* capital campaign donations, \$175,000 of estate funds and the \$200,000 PILP loan. Although the elevator installation costs have risen notably since 2019, when first developed, the Session is stepping out in faith in order to make our church more accessible for all people.
- 9) Session voted to extend the contract of Debbie Forsberg, interim Christian Education Director, through December 31, 2023.
- 10) Session elected Pam Zackal as the clerk of session to replace Tim Cuff who will be resigning due to his family's relocation to Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

The next session meeting is scheduled for the evening of April 19, 2023, 6:30 pm.