

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 – *The First Noel* arranged by Linda R. Lamb Joybells Handbell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *2 Peter 3:8-15a*

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn (on screen) – *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Unison Prayer (here and on screen):

O Root of Jesse, O God of Peace, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Advent Response (here, on insert or screen) – *A Candle Shines* by Phillip M. Hayden

***A candle shines in the window for peace, to melt our hearts of stone.
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and make our hearts Your home.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
A candle shines in the window for peace, to melt our hearts of stone.***

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 – *I Lift Up Mine Eyes* by David Dickau

I lift up my eyes unto the mountains.
From whence cometh my help? It cometh from the Lord.
Never will He let you slip. He who guards you never sleeps.
He who guards Israel never sleeps nor slumbers.

The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is the shade upon thy right hand.
By day the sun shall not hurt you, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil, He will keep thy soul.
He will guard thy going out and thy coming in forevermore.

Presentation of Children's Bibles

(Children are welcome to join Children's Church at this time - Room 213)

Scripture Reading – *Matthew 3:1-12*

Sermon – *Wibbly-Wobbly Timey-Wimey Stuff* The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
by Charles Wesley, Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews, and Rowland Hugh Prichard

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn (on insert) – *Miracle Hymn*

Lyrics by Candace Lee and Music by Luke Atencio

Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

Hymn (on screen) - *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

Postlude – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arranged by Phil Perkins
Tawnee Hunter, flutist

*Charge, *Benediction and *Benediction Response (on screen) –
May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You by P. Sutcliffe

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:

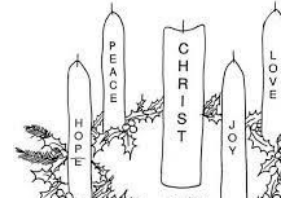
1. **Welcome to our nursery care during the church service**, located through the side doors of the sanctuary to the left of the pulpit area, Room 212. *Please note* the space was thoughtfully designed for children 0-3 years of age. If your child is older than three, please refrain from including him/her with this age group. Many thanks. Providing childcare today are Kim Romig and Alasdair Camlin.
2. **Children 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 will be taking turns teaching.
3. **Children’s Worship Bulletins** for ages 3-6 & 7-12 are located at the ramp door.

Reminder: Session has called a **Congregational Meeting following worship TODAY in the sanctuary** for the purposes of electing officers for 2024 and approving the pastor’s Terms of Call for 2024. *(See the insert in today’s bulletin for the list of nominees.)* And, please plan to attend. A quorum is required.

Church Directory: We are in the process of moving the church directory online with InstantChurchDirectory.com. A hard copy of the directory will remain available, but finding people and contact info will be more accessible via the Instant Church Directory app and website. More information on how to use the new platform will be available in the coming weeks. **The Reconciliation Committee is hosting a picture taking time this morning at the front of the sanctuary following the Congregational Meeting.** Receive free digital photos that can also be added to the online directory.

Westminster College’s Christmas Service is today, 4pm, in Orr Auditorium. This service of Lessons and Carols will feature senior readers, the Concert Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Brass Quintet and Rev. Jim Mohr’s message, “A Silent Night.”

December 10, 2023
Presentation of Children’s Bibles
Congregational Meeting
Second Sunday of Advent



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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 9am Men's Bible Class studying *Psalms*, Lillian Martin Room
9:15am SALT Class-*Begin Again, James Baldwin's America and Its Lessons for Our Time* by Eddie S. Glaude via ZOOM; contact Biz Hines, ehines@westminster.edu, for a link and/or more information
9:30am Sunday School Classes for all children age 2-8th grade
10:30am WORSHIP at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church or via LiveStream (livestream.com/nwpresby) or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
11:30am Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
11:30am Finals Treat Bags for WC students in the Ligo Room
11:30am "Picture Day" for On-line Church Directory, at the front of the sanctuary
4pm WC Christmas Vespers, Orr Auditorium
6-7:30pm SHYG, Youth Room

MONDAY, 12-11 SHYG PIZZA JOE FUNDRAISER (Find coupon in bulletin.)

TUESDAY, 12-12

- 5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6pm Spanish Class, Room 206
7pm Carillon Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

WEDNESDAY, 12-13

- 6-7:30pm JHYG, Youth Room

THURSDAY, 12-14

- 6pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
7pm Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, 12-16

- 9am Adult Bible Study discussing the *Book of Acts*, Lillian Martin Room

SUNDAY, December 17, 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9am Men's Bible Class studying *Psalms*, Lillian Martin Room
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5:30pm Annual Christmas Celebration – "Make Room", Sanctuary



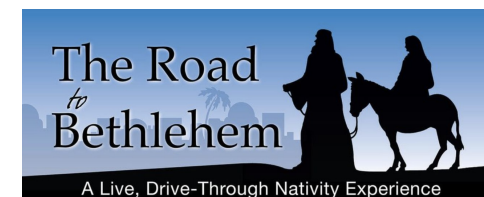
ADVENT IS HERE!

We have two Advent devotional choices:

- 1.) From Frontier Fellowship "*Go + Tell*" invites you to go deeper into the music of the season. Around the world music is a significant part of Advent from the ancient hymns to the contemporary songs created by today's global Church. Each day will bring insight, hope, joy and deepen your understanding of and love for the world's least-reached people. It is available in the Ligo Room.
- 2.) The second choice is a 4-week daily devotional available to download as a PDF or to access online, entitled "*Bless the Advent We Actually Have*" by Kate Bowler. This can be used on your own, with family, friends, or as a small group study. It can be accessed at katebowler.com/advent. It is free, very thoughtful and includes music links to enhance the study time as well.



REMINDER: Today's the deadline to return gifts for residents of The Grove and Shenango on the Green. Please "wrap" in gift bags. Questions? Contact Don Shelenberger 724-946-3388, Marcia Curry (724) 944-4785, or Mary James (724) 977-8453. **Thank you for joining the Deacons in giving to others in our community. We wish you joy-filled holidays.**



The New Wilmington "**Road to Bethlehem**" **live nativity drive-thru event is TODAY starting at 5pm.** Local churches each portray a part of the story of Jesus's birth. NWPC shows the angels appearing to the shepherds. The starting point is New Life Baptist Church (located at 3414 PA-208) where you will receive a map. At the end of the "road" a cookie and drink reception is held at Living Word Church where kids who followed the road get a goody bag and, this year, adults can put their ticket in a basket raffle. Questions? Contact Geraldine Truog-Hodges (724-301-4537) or Doug Phillips (724-372-4180).

It's Time: Register for the 2024 Dominican Republic Mission Trip

The trip will take place February 24 - March 2. Each traveler is responsible for his/her own air travel arrangements and expenses. **Join the team by registering with this link:** <https://shenangopresbytery.wufoo.com/forms/q1legapdj0819b8w/>
The registration deadline is January 31, 2024. Those with questions should speak with Joel Postema (postemajt@westminster.edu/724-944-3944) or with Matt Camlin (matt@nwpresby.org/724-747-7422).



CARE PORTAL UPDATE

NWPC and Neshannock Presbyterian Church recently worked together to provide a twin bunk bed frame, 2 mattresses and bedding for two young boys.

We received this email from Jackie Pontius, our Care Portal contact at Lawrence Co MH/DS:

"You are amazing. It brings tears to my eyes. I cannot imagine these children sleeping on the floor especially with the nights so cold. THANK YOU!"

Community Corner:

There are **five Wilmington Area School District seniors** who would like to go on their senior trip in the spring but can't pay for the trip. The cost is \$500 per student. If you would like to contribute any amount to help them, you may write a check or give online to the church with "senior trip" in the memo line. It would be helpful to have donations by December 18. If you have questions, contact Tammy Milton, senior class advisor, at milton@wasd.school. *Thank you.*



MAKE ROOM:

On December 17th, at 5:30pm, our church family's annual tradition, the Christmas Celebration, will take place in the sanctuary for all to enjoy.

Dust off your wiseman crown, your shepherd's crook, or the halo you keep on the shelf and help us to tell the story that set our faith in motion. **Make Room** is the theme of the evening, and we ask you to do just that. Make room on your calendar. Make room in your heart, and join us. Cookies and cocoa to follow in the Ligo room. Please consider bringing a plate of treats to share with everyone for this festive, thought-provoking time of connection, worship, and fun!



December Mission Focus:

Christmas Joy Offering – received December 17

The Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of our leaders. Thanks in part to support from this Offering, current and retired Presbyterian church workers and their families can receive critical financial help through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. **Please see the insert in today's bulletin featuring Sue Anne Fairman and read her story.**

Update from our Treasurer:

1. We have received many **2024 Estimate of Giving cards**. Thank you for your commitment to NWPC! This helps with planning the budget for next year. If you still need to turn in your estimate for next year, please do so in the next few weeks.
2. **ALSO, the 2024 Giving Envelopes are available in the Ligo Room!** If possible, please grab your envelopes in the next few weeks so we can save postage in mailing them. Most online givers will not have envelopes, but if you need a few for other giving, please see Kim Romig. **THANK YOU!**



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