



\*Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

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

Prelude – *Pastorale* by Gilbert M. Martin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Luke 2:22-40*

\*Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn (on screen) – *Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple*

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*Response (here and on screen) – *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

\*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

Sermon – *A Sign That Will Be Opposed*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

\*Song of Praise (on screen) – *Worship the King* by Bill George and Billy Smiley

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Adoration* by Mark Hayes

\*Doxology, Hymn #592

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn (on screen) – *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*

\*Postlude – *Break Forth Into Joy from "The Christmas Oratorio"* by J.S. Bach

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response –

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

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## 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. **Childcare**: The Nursery is not staffed this morning but if parents would like to use the nursery, it is open. It is located through the side doors of the sanctuary to the left of the pulpit area.
  2. **Children's Church** will resume on Sunday, January 7.
  3. **Children's Worship Bulletins** (ages 3-6 & 7-12) are located at the ramp door.
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## December Mission Focus: Christmas Joy Offering



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. Copies of Sue Anne Fairman's story "*Where the Heart Is*" may be found at each entryway. Though the Christmas Joy offering was received December 17<sup>th</sup>, the offering envelopes remain in the pew racks if you would like to participate.

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**It's time to register for the 2024 Dominican Republic Mission Trip** which 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/q1egapdj0819b8w/>

Registration deadline is January 31, 2024. Questions? Contact Joel Postema ([postemajt@westminster.edu](mailto:postemajt@westminster.edu)/724-944-3944) or Matt Camlin (724-747-7422/[matt@nwpresby.org](mailto:matt@nwpresby.org)).

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**The 2024 Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin by the SE door, the one closest to WC chapel. Please sign up for dates important to you. If more convenient, send an email either to our Flower Coordinator, Cinda Hickman, [hickmanw@westminster.edu](mailto:hickmanw@westminster.edu), or to the Church Office, [office@nwpresby.org](mailto:office@nwpresby.org), with the date in which you are interested. You will hear back confirming your request. The cost is \$35.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, December 31, 2023

No Sunday morning classes for children until January 7, 2024

No Men's Bible Class until January 7, 2024

No SALT Class until January 7, 2024

10:30am WORSHIP at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church or via  
LiveStream (livestream.com/nwpresby) or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM

## MONDAY, January 1, 2024 Happy New Year

## TUESDAY, 1-2 Church offices closed

7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

## WEDNESDAY, 1-3

6pm JHYG Holiday Party, Social Hall

7pm Deacons Meeting, Room 214

7pm Trustees Meeting, Room 309

## THURSDAY, 1-4

No Chancel Choir rehearsal this week

7:15pm Worship Team rehearsal, sanctuary

## FRIDAY, 1-5

## SATURDAY, 1-6

9am Adult Bible Study resumes, Room 214

6pm SHYG Holiday Party at the Warner home

## SUNDAY, January 7, 2024 -- Communion

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 2-8<sup>th</sup> grade

10:30am WORSHIP at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church or via  
LiveStream (livestream.com/nwpresby) or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM

6pm SHYG meeting in the Youth Room

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