

# 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 – *Canon* by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Tawnee Hunter, flutist

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn (on screen) – *All Creatures of Our God and King*, verses 1, 4, 5, & 6

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace (here and on screen):

*Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.*

\*Response – *Step by Step* by David (Beaker) Strasser

*O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.*

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*I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;*

*And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.*

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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

Minute for Mission - Alternative Gifts Valentines

Geraldine Truog-Hodges

Word in Music – *Love in Any Language* by Jon Mohr & John Mays

Todd Cole

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

Scripture Reading – *Mark 1:21-28*

Sermon – *The Authority Paradox*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

\*Song of Praise (on screen) – *Above All* by Paul Baloche

## 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 – *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* arranged by Marilyn Ham

**Doxology, Hymn #592**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

Hymn (on screen) – *To God Be the Glory*

Postlude – *One Fellowship of Love* by John Johnson

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response (on screen)

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

*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.*

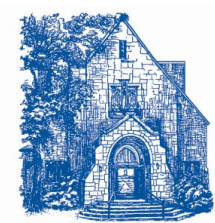
*May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.*

January 28, 2024

CHURCH OFFICERS		
(Note: date indicates term concludes 12-31 of the year listed.)		
ELDERS		
Class of 2024	Class of 2024	Class of 2026
Dan Forsberg	Chris Parish	Todd Cole
Tawnee Hunter	Bev Shelenberger	Bob Devido
Pamela Mansell	Betsy Walters	Jamey Shaffer
Scott McGrath	Pam Zackal, <i>Clerk</i>	Karen Wallace
Geraldine Truog-Hodges		
DEACONS		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Sharon Campbell, <i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Banks	Matt Davis
Jennifer Green	Diana Reed	Mary Cooley James
Kay Wiley	Don Shelenberger	Amanda Sheffler
	Clayton Yanak	Nancy Welker
TRUSTEES		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Lauri Buly	Jim Krawchyk, <i>Church Use</i>	Nathan Hunter, <i>Secretary</i>
Will Parish	Angelo Pisano, <i>Vice President</i>	Jeff Meyer
Jack Reed	Paul Wallace	
Ken Romig, <i>President</i>		
AUDITORS:		
2024 – Angie Urban	2025 – Kurt Crytzer	2026 – Pam Gealy

**The Deacons are currently taking meals to one of our church members,** every Monday and Friday - dinner. Anyone interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Care Coordinator Linda McGrath for more detailed information, by phone: 724-730-3813 or by email: [lmoosemcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:lmoosemcgrath@gmail.com)

**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 Flower Coordinator, Cinda Hickman, [hickmanw@westminster.edu](mailto:hickmanw@westminster.edu), or 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.




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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, January 28, 2024

- 9am Men's Bible Class studying *Hebrews*, Room 214  
9:15am SALT Class - *Democracy Awakening, Notes on the State of America* by Heather Cox Richardson via ZOOM; for a link contact Jim Hines, [jhines55@hotmail.com](mailto:jhines55@hotmail.com)  
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](https://livestream.com/nwpresby)) or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM  
11:30am Alternative Gift Valentines, Ligo Room   
6-7:30pm SHYG, Youth Room

## MONDAY, 1-29

## TUESDAY, 1-30

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

## WEDNESDAY, 1-31

- 6-7:30pm JHYG, Balcony Room 309  
6:30pm Generosity Steering Committee, Room 206

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024


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

## FRIDAY, 2-2

## SATURDAY, 2-3

- 9am Adult Bible Study discussing the *Book of Acts*, Room 214

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 - Communion

- 9am Men's Bible Class studying *Hebrews*, Room 214  
9:15am SALT Class - *Democracy Awakening, Notes on the State of America* by Heather Cox Richardson via ZOOM; for a link contact Jim Hines, [jhines55@hotmail.com](mailto:jhines55@hotmail.com)  
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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:**

**To protect the health of our children and caregivers**, please keep your child with you if he/she is not feeling well or has been ill in the last three days. Thank you for your attention to this request during cold and flu season.

- 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 Nancy Welker and Alasdair Camlin.
- The 4 to 6-year-old child care room is open** for any child that age who would like to participate in age appropriate, supervised play/social time during our worship service. It is in Room 215, right next to the NWPC Preschool classroom. Today's caregivers are Diana Reed and Emily Arblaster. If your child would like to start there, then go to Children's Church when it is being held, a caretaker is happy to escort him/her to the CC room. Just let the caregivers know your plan.
- Children Church**, Room 213, is a creative and developmentally appropriate worship experience for children age 4 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Jill Postema, Sharon Meyer, and Janine Stuart will be taking turns teaching.
- Children's Worship Bulletins** for ages 3-6 & 7-12 are located at the ramp door.

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**The flowers today** are given by the Yanaks "in celebration of Leira's 7th birthday this past week and in honor of our church family that continues to help us teach her that our God is amazing!"

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**2024 ALTERNATIVE GIFT VALENTINES** program begins today and continues through Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in the bulletin along with the valentine ministry descriptions. A Mission Committee representative will be in the Ligo Room following worship to help you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deadline to register for the 2024 Dominican Republic Mission Trip** (February 24 - March 2) is January 31, 2024. 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/>  
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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**Linda Black, our former Christian Education Coordinator, is retiring!** Because Linda shared in ministry at NWPC for 10+ years, Glenn Hink, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Sharon where she currently serves, has extended an invitation to our congregation to celebrate with them at a luncheon **next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**. The luncheon will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Sharon, PA, following their worship service, at about **12:15pm**. If you want to attend, please RSVP TODAY to the NWPC Office ([office@nwpresby.org](mailto:office@nwpresby.org)/724-946-3541) so we can pass along a headcount.

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**SALT** is engaging Heather Cox Richardson's recent book, Democracy Awakening, Notes on the State of America. The author crafts a "... narrative, explaining how, over the decades, a small group of wealthy people have made war on American ideals. By weaponizing language and promoting false history they have led the nation into authoritarianism -- creating a disaffected population and then promising to recreate an imagined past where those people could feel important again. She argues that (restoring) our country starts by remembering the elements of the nation's true history that marginalized Americans have always upheld. Their dedication to the principles on which this nation was founded has (repeatedly) enabled us to renew and expand our commitment to democracy." SALT convenes via Zoom at 9:15. All are welcome. Contact Jim Hines at [jhines55@hotmail.com](mailto:jhines55@hotmail.com) for a link.

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**Clarence Harms** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please write Clarence a note or send a card to congratulate him.

His address is: 245 Beechwood Road, New Wilmington, PA 16142



### JANUARY MISSION FOCUS: Burundi

**Five Talents** is a Christian charity that provides savings programs, financial literacy and business training for those in need in developing countries. They make use of a form of savings-led microfinance. Five Talents' programs serve people regardless of religious background, and they aim to transform lives through economic empowerment, creating long-term solutions to poverty in the developing world, including Burundi, the flag on display this month. The organization's name was inspired by the Parable of Five Talents from the Bible. The parable illustrates that every human being has dignity and God-given resources that can be used for good. By providing access to financial services and business training, Five Talents empowers the poor to develop and use their resources and talents.

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**The NWPC Retreat is quickly approaching.** It will be held at the Life Ministries Castle in Franklin, PA, from Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar! A fun and thought-provoking time awaits. Good food, good friends, and memories will be made. Time for study, relaxation, fellowship, and a variety of activities to choose from makes for a weekend you don't want to miss. More info to come. Follow the bulletin, Monday Message, and flyers in the Ligo room. Questions? Contact Kristen Phillips, 724-657-7497 or [forsbekl@gmail.com](mailto:forsbekl@gmail.com).

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**HELP Committee News:** Due to the social hall renovations, which involve the kitchen, the HELP Committee will be unable to provide funeral/memorial meals until that project is completed. *We can offer* light refreshments in the Ligo Room area following these services. We regret having to make this adjustment and hope it will be short term.

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**FREE BOOKS:** Following worship stop and look – *and take home* - a used book or two (or three) from the tables in the Ligo Room!