

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 – *Not So Sadly, Not So Troubled* by J. S. Bach

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Psalms 19*

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn (on screen) – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Response (here and on screen) – *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
by Louisa Stead and William Kirkpatrick

***Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, Thus saith the Lord***

***Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.***

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 - *What Wondrous Love is This?* by Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to send this precious hope for my soul?
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
Kyrie eleison. Have mercy upon my soul.
And when from death I'm free, 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 are welcome to join Children's Church at this time - Room 213)

Scripture Reading – *James 1:22-25*

Sermon – *Do Something*

The Rev. Dave Hunter

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *Living Hope* by Phil Wickham

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Response to Grace

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Jesus Paid It All* arranged by Mark Hayes

Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn (on screen) – *Standing on the Promises*

Postlude – *Sortita in B Flat* by G.F. Handel

*Charge and Benediction

*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:

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.

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. Nancy Welker is providing childcare today.
2. **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, next to the NWPC Preschool classroom. Today's caregivers are Nathan and Nicole Hunter. If your child would like to start there, then go to Children's Church when it starts, a caretaker is happy to escort him/her to the CC room. Just let the caregivers know your plan.
- 3 **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.
4. **Children's Worship Bulletins** for ages 3-6 & 7-12 are located at the ramp door.

The flowers last Sunday, February 18th were given in celebration of Howard and Deb Thompson's 60th wedding anniversary.

Today's flowers are given to celebrate Oliver's 3rd birthday on February 20th by his family.

Thank you to Rev. Dave Hunter for leading us in worship this morning.

February 25, 2024

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MISSION FOCUS

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 been focusing 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 became 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, enabled 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.

Response to Grace

*“Out of the fulness of his Grace, he has blessed us all,
giving us one blessing after another.” John 1:16*

Would you be willing to share where God’s grace has impacted your life?

The Generosity Steering Committee is asking for volunteers to share their stories as a witness to God’s grace in their lives during a moment titled “Response to Grace” in our church service.

Here are a few prompts, if needed, to help you choose a time you knew God’s grace.

1. What is a way I have grown in my faith through participating in or experiencing a ministry within our church?
2. What about my life has changed for the better through belonging and worshiping in our church? What events happen(ed) in the church where I have received God’s grace?
3. What motivates me to contribute my time, talents, and money to the life of our church as a response to God’s grace?

We would prefer your 3 to 4-minute story be typed so that we may publish it in the Monday Message. If you would like to share your story in church or have questions, please see or email Tawnee Hunter (hunterfamily82@gmail.com) or Denise Murphy-Gerber (dcmurphy@geneva.edu).

The Generosity Committee appreciates your willingness to share your story of God’s grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NWPC Prayer Shawl Ministry is starting their 2024 winter hat project!



The goal is at least 50 winter hats to support our local PB&J kids at the Wilmington Elementary School. Anyone interested can join in this fun project. The Prayer Shawl Ministry members have prepared bags with enough blue and gold yarn to make a child-size stocking hat - the yarn is Red Heart brand, royal or soft navy blue and saffron gold purchased at Walmart. These bags are located in the Ligo Room, along with the sign-up sheet. You may use any pattern you like to crochet/knit, using a rib stitch on the bottom so your hat can fit various sizes of heads! You can use colors from your own yarn stash too, but the school prefers that the colors work for either boys or girls. The hats will be distributed to students in the fall so please return all hats to the church by September. Questions?? Please call Sandy Johnston at 724-946-2009 or 724-651-0728, or Charlene List at 724-856-2781.



The **Financial Peace University class** has been cancelled, but the program and yearly subscription are available and free to those who want it, by signing up through the church's website. Contact Anne Bruening (brueniap@gmail.com) for details.



City Rescue Mission's HEARTS for HYGIENE, February 15-28

Have a heart for the homeless by donating any of the following products:

- *face, hand / body soaps
- *shaving cream
- *dry skin lotion
- *cotton swabs
- *denture cleaner
- *shower gel (for men or women)
- *small hair brushes
- *foot powder
- And these most needed items – *shampoo/conditioner
- *antiperspirant / deodorant
- *body wash (for men & women)
- *tampons
- *men's & women's razors (3+ blades preferred)
- *toothpaste

(There is a collection bin marked "City Rescue Mission" in the Ligo Room.)



February 2024 Deacons Meeting Summary

Deacons met on Wednesday, February 7.

Plans are underway to begin fellowship time for widows. The first gathering will be in May and hopefully will continue monthly. The event will be promoted in the bulletin, Monday Message, a mailing, and word-of-mouth.

A review of January activities included -

- Deacons assisting with home communion and serving communion at SOG while worshipping with residents viewing the broadcast service.
- 44 pieces of correspondence were sent, including birthday cards and individual notes to congregation members.
- 9 visits were made to congregation members.
- 8 meals were provided.
- 3 families received the first booklet in the series "Journey through Grief."

February 2024 Trustees Meeting Summary

The Trustees met on Wednesday, February 7.

The following motions were approved:

- The December 2023 minutes were approved
- Trustees approved a motion to allow the Wooster Chorus to use the church sanctuary for a chorus concert on Sunday, March 10 at 7 pm. There will be approximately 45 chorus members.
- A motion was made and approved to allow the Missionary Conference Board of Managers to access the church on April 19 and 20 from 8 am to 9 pm.

The Trustees also discussed:

- Security options for the preschool and church employees.
- Progress on capital campaign projects included abatement and plumbing updates.
- Additional projects that could be accomplished with excess capital campaign funds.
- Trustee goals for the year.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - Castle Retreat ends at noon

Dominican Mission Team begins serving

9am Men's Bible Class studying *Hebrews*, Lillian Martin Room

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

10:30am WORSHIP at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church or via LiveStream (livestream.com/nwpresby) or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
No Kids Club due to the Castle Retreat

4-5:30pm JHYG & SHYG, WC – “Old 77”

MONDAY, 2-26

TUESDAY, 2-27

5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6pm Spanish Class, Room 206

7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

WEDNESDAY, 2-28

1pm Sweet Survivors, Mama Jane's Eatery, (3334 Wilmington Rd, New Castle)
RSVP - Donna Painter (724-747-5942 / 724-946-2095)

THURSDAY, 2-29

6pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

7pm Worship Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, March 1, 2024

SATURDAY, 3-2

9am Adult Bible Study discussing the *Book of Acts*, Church Library

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 - Communion

9am Men's Bible Class studying *Hebrews*, Lillian Martin Room

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

9:30am Sunday School classes for children due to the Castle Retreat

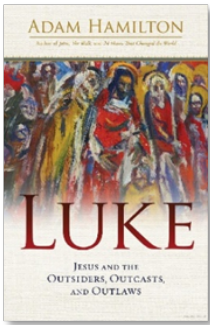
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Noon Kids Club, Room 214

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New small group series for Lent!

All are welcome to participate in any or all of this six-week Lenten series. We are reading and discussing Adam Hamilton’s book “*Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws*”.



There are two small group offerings each week:

- Sunday mornings at 9:30-10:15 am, in the church balcony Room 306, led by Rev. Brad Walters
- Tuesday mornings at 9:30-10:30 am, at 438 Waugh Avenue, led by Rev. Dave Hunter & Tawnee Hunter.

For more information contact:

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From Birth to Resurrection in the Gospel of Luke

Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God’s kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

In *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke’s stories we find Jesus’ care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus’ concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

It is time to order Easter flowers...



Please complete the form below and return with payment in the offering plate, or bring to the church office during the week. Please put form in an envelope and mark it "flowers." The deadline for ordering Easter flowers, as determined by the florist, is Monday, March 4, 2024.

Please order _____ Easter lilies at \$11 each.
Please order _____ Tulips at \$11 each
Please order _____ Daffodils at \$11 each

Ordered by _____ Phone: _____

Print dedication in bulletin as follows:

1. In memory of _____

Given by _____

2. In memory of _____

Given by _____

1. In honor of _____

Given by _____

2. In honor of _____

Given by _____

Plants should be taken home / picked up after worship on Easter Sunday.
Church Hours: Sunday until noon; weekdays, 8am-5pm
Flowers remaining at the church after Tuesday will be given away.