

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 – *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arranged by Jason W. Krug
Joybells Handbell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *John 12:20-33* (MSG)

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn (on screen) – *Here In This Place*

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

Redeeming God, we admit that we have not loved you with all our heart and have not loved our neighbors like we should; we have wandered away from what you've asked us to do. Thank you that, because Jesus is faithful, you forgive us when we mess up. Help us to pay more attention to what you want us to do and mess up less often, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Response (here and on screen) – *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* by Jacques Berthier

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
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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

Children's Message – Third Grade Bibles

Debbie Forsberg

The Sacrament of Baptism

Peter Yanak, child of Clayton and Ariel Yanak

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day, he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon – *Follow Me, Be where I Am.*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *In Christ Alone* by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Response to Grace

Todd Cole

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Aria Semplice* by J.S. Bach

Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn (on screen) – *Here I Am, Lord*

Postlude – *Voluntary in G* by Jean Francois Dandrieu

*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:

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. Alasdair Camlin and Karen Wallace are 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 Jodi Garrett and Allison Stuart. 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. There is no Children's Church today** because it is Seedling Sunday!
- 4. Children's Worship Bulletins** for ages 3-6 & 7-12 are located at the ramp door.

The flowers are given in celebration of Peter Yanak's 4th birthday and baptism today.

The Generosity Committee is offering a **fellowship time for everyone, today after worship** in the Ligo Room. This celebration is to thank our children for participating in our worship service and to mark the beginning of our “Response to Grace” series.

March 17, 2024
Seedling Sunday

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Thank you all for your continued support of time, money, and prayers for CarePortal requests.

Here are a few outstanding requests currently in the portal:

1. Child does not have a bed and is in need of a **twin futon**.
2. A young girl, who is aging out of the foster care system, is **requesting a kitchen table** for her apartment.
3. Mother and 4 children recently were able to move into a home.
They are requesting a kitchen table.

If you have any lightly used or new items you'd like to donate, please contact Karen Wallace at kgkwallace@gmail.com or 724-974-8215.



THANK YOU

to everyone who contributed items
to the City Rescue Mission's "Hearts for Hygiene" drive.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the nearly 40 people who lent hands in helping NWPC welcome the Wooster College Chorus. The students were so appreciative of the kindness from our congregation. How wonderful it was to host these young adults and give them a warm welcome because of your willingness to heed the call of a very whiny Anne Bruening. I appreciate each and every one of you. *Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

March Mission FOCUS: eduKENYA

Children unsupervised, out of school, playing and wading through trash and debris, missing multiple meals a day - this was the unsettling reality Adam Gould witnessed in 2006 while spending time with communities living in extreme poverty in Nairobi, Kenya. Motivated by these images and a passion to see change, Adam established eduKenya, a fully registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

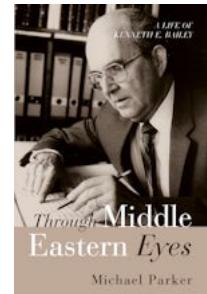


The Mawewa Preschool and the Primary School are both located in, and serve, the children of the Mathare slum. eduKenya strives to provide a high quality and holistic educational experience to all its children that addresses their physical, mental, social and spiritual needs. Chelezo High School is a high-quality boarding school primarily serving children from the Mawewa Primary School as well as children from outside Mathare who live in extreme poverty. The boarding school is currently located about 3 hours from Nairobi.

Each school day eduKenya's schools provide delicious and nutritious meals for students. For a number of children, the food they receive through the school's feeding program is all they may eat for the day. The meals enable students to concentrate on learning and reach their potential.

eduKenya also focuses on relationships within the community by getting to know the parents and families of the children in school, seeking to not only understand where they are coming from, but also their passions and desires. eduKenya provides basic reading, math and business management skills to each community member they engage. The goal is that all trainings provide opportunities for gaining skills, knowledge, and confidence with the intended impact of more financially stable homes in Mathare.

The Ken Bailey biography, *Through Middle Eastern Eyes* by Michael Parker, has been published. Copies at a reduced price will be available in New Wilmington in April, but you can now get a Kindle version on Amazon for \$9.99. Mickey & Ken Bailey were dear friends of many locally. This story is about a groundbreaking vision of scripture through a life committed to understanding the New Testament in its original context.



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 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
9:30am Lenten study, *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders Outcasts, and Outlaws*, upstairs in balcony - Room #306, led by Brad Walters
9:30am Sunday School classes for children
10:30am WORSHIP at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church or via LiveStream (livestream.com/nwpresby) or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
11:30am Fellowship Time, Ligo Room
Noon final Kids Club for the current semester, Room 214
4-5:30pm JHYG & SHYG, WC – “Old 77”

TUESDAY, 3-19

9:30am Lenten study, *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders Outcasts, and Outlaws* at Dave & Tawnee Hunters' home
No Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal this week.
6pm Spanish Class, Room 206
No Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal this week.

WEDNESDAY, 3-20

6:30pm Session Meeting, Room 214

THURSDAY, 3-21

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

SATURDAY, 3-23

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

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
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March Deacon Meeting Summary

Deacons met on Wednesday, March 6. How deacons connecting with fellow congregation members through visits and phone calls may provide fellowship and support was reviewed. While there are few homebound members, there are other times when someone may benefit from a caring contact from a deacon.

A review of February activities –

- 62 pieces of correspondence were sent including birthday cards, get-well greetings, and notes to congregation members.
- 13 connections were made with congregation members through visits and phone calls.
- 8 meals were provided.
- Deacons assisted with home communion and served communion at SOG while worshiping with residents while viewing the broadcast service.

March Trustee Meeting Summary

The Trustees met Wednesday, March 6. The following motions were approved:

- The February 2024 minutes were approved
- Trustees approved a motion to allow Tim Herring, former Westminster College student, to use the church sanctuary for a concert on Sunday, April 7 from 1-4pm

The Trustees also discussed:

- The bids from ON-Q electric and McCurley-Houston Electric for the light updates in the sanctuary.
- Progress on capital campaign projects in the social hall.
- Clean-up days prior to mulching (April 6 and April 13)

The Prayer Shawl Ministry 2024 winter hat project has begun and anyone can join in this fun project. In the Ligo Room there are 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, 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 may use colors from your own yarn stash too, but the school prefers the colors work for either boys or girls. Deadline to return hats is September. Contact Sandy Johnston, 724-946-2009 / 724-651-0728, or Charlene List, 724-856-2781 with any questions.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Palm Sunday

NWPC's One Great Hour of Sharing will be given to South Sudan's Humanitarian Relief. Denise Sciuto of Frontier Fellowship and Sharon Kandel, our mission partner from the PCUSA, have been involved in various ways in South Sudan. Rev. Jim Leuenberger will be traveling to that country in April to teach at three colleges and training schools.

Since gaining independence from Sudan on July 9, 2011, South Sudan has confronted a number of humanitarian challenges. These include disease outbreaks, environmental shocks, high rates of food insecurity, poor macroeconomic conditions, and widespread violence, all of which have driven repeated displacement of at-risk populations. As a result, populations are less able to cope with shocks and increasingly rely on the humanitarian community to meet their basic needs. An estimated 9.4 million people—76 percent of the country's population—were in need of humanitarian assistance during 2023, according to the 2023 UN Humanitarian Needs Overview for South Sudan. However, bureaucratic impediments on relief organizations, insecurity, and logistical challenges constrain the delivery of critical humanitarian assistance to populations in need across the country.

Offering envelopes are in your bulletin and the offering will be taken on March 24, Palm Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 6pm, Basement Dining Room of Neshannock Presbyterian Church (330 W Neshannock Ave., New Wilmington). All are invited to a simple dinner, worship and communion around the tables, presented by the New Wilmington Ministerium.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, March 29th, 7:30pm, at the New Wilmington Methodist Church (125 S Mercer St, New Wilmington).

Journey to the Cross-stations depicting events leading up to the crucifixion allow participants to reflect on Jesus' final week. Estimated walk-through time, 30-45 minutes. Free admission. Thursday, March 28 & Friday March 29, 5-8pm at the Living Word Church (22 Victory Lane, New Wilmington).

Easter Sunrise Service-March 31st, 6:30am, Amphitheater by the lake on WC campus. Bring your own chair.

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.