

Worship for the Lord's Day

Greetings & Announcements

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

Prelude – *Voluntary on “Kremser”* by Gordon Young
(Old Netherlands Melody, 1625)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14*

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn (on screen) – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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

Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly powers and principalities, instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

*Response (here and on screen) – *Give Thanks* by Don Moen and Henry Smith

***Give thanks, with a grateful heart, Give thanks, to the Holy One,
Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)
And now, let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, with a grateful heart, Give thanks, to the Holy One,
Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!***

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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

The Word in Music – *This Is My Father's World*

Chancel Choir

arranged by Elaine Hagenberg

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings, and round
me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and
seas His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, morning light, lily white,
declare their Master's praise.

This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair, in the rustling grass I hear
Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft
so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, the battle is not done, Jesus who died will be satisfied
and heaven and earth be one.

Children's Message

Doug Phillips

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

Scripture Reading – *Revelation 1:4b–8*

Sermon – *Prioritize Giving Thanks*

Rev. Dr. Matthew Lloyd Camlin

Song of Praise (on screen) – *King of Kings*

by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Song of Thankfulness* by James Denton

*Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn (on screen) – *Let All Things Now Living*

Postlude – *On A Festival Day* by John Troutman

Charge, Benediction and *Benediction Response (on screen)

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

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: large print bulletins are in the bulletin racks; personal audio receivers providing sound amplification at the “sound booth” at the back of the sanctuary.

For children:

1. **The Nursery** (infants – age 3) is located through the side doors of the sanctuary to the left of the pulpit area, Room 212. Alasdair Camlin and an adult volunteer will be in the nursery each Sunday.
2. Families of **4 to 6-year-old children** are welcome to use Room 215, next to the NWPC Preschool classroom, during the service. A parent/guardian must be present at all times. Please feel free to use the toys, games and art supplies in the labeled cupboards. Kindly return everything at the end of the service.
3. **Children’s Church** (ages 4 years – grade four), meets in Room 213 during the middle part of the adult worship service.
4. **Children’s Worship Bulletins** (ages 3-6 & 7-12) are found at the ramp door.

Today’s flowers are given in honor of their grandchildren from Joan & Dave Dawson.

This morning’s greeters are Laura McCracken and Will & Chris Parish.

The Thank Offering being received today will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for relief of the hurricanes that greatly impacted the southern United States. The need is ongoing. As we are blessed with stable weather here in New Wilmington, let us not forget that so many lives have been turned upside down in the south. Envelopes are in your bulletin.

Thank you, from the Mission Committee

Be sure to stay after worship for Pizza & Pretzel Salad and the decorating of the church for Advent.

November 24, 2024

Thank Offering Sunday
Pizza & Pretzel Salad Lunch -
Decorate for Advent



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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

- 9am Men’s Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes for children
- 9:30am “Different Brews * Different Views” meeting in Room 214
- 10:30am WORSHIP: here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, or via LiveStream at livestream.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
- 11:30am Pizza & Pretzel Salad Lunch, then decorate for Advent (See insert.)
- 6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

MONDAY, 11-25

TUESDAY, 11-26

- 7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

WEDNESDAY, 11-27

THURSDAY, 11-28, Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY, 11-29, Thanksgiving Break – Church offices closed.

SATURDAY, 11-30

- 9am Adult Saturday Bible Study on the *Book of Acts*, Church Library

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 - Communion

- 9am Men’s Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room
- 9:30am “Different Brews * Different Views” meeting in Room 214
- 10:30am WORSHIP: here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, or via LiveStream at livestream.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
- 6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge – *packing WC “Goodie Bags”*

Westminster College Annual Christmas Vespers Worship Service

takes place Sunday, December 8, 4pm at Orr Auditorium and is open to the public. The message, “The Wonders of Joseph,” will be shared by WC Chaplain the Rev. Jim Mohr and the service will feature scripture readings and special music—including selections from Handel’s “Messiah”—from combined Westminster choirs, Westminster Symphony Orchestra, Brass Quintet and the Handbell Choir. A punch and cookie reception will follow.

Daily Lectionary Readings for This Week:

- Monday** Psalm 63; 2 Kings 23:15-25; Revelation 11:1-14
 - Tuesday** Psalm 63; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Revelation 11:15-19
 - Wednesday** Psalm 63; 2 Samuel 2:1-7; John 16:25-33
 - Thursday** Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33
 - Friday** Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
 - Saturday** Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24
- As you read, don’t ask yourself, “What am I learning?” but rather, “How does this speak to me? What does this stir up within me? Why might that be?”*

Advent begins next Sunday-December 1st and

here are two free Advent devotionals the Discipleship Committee is suggesting for your use: 1.) The first one is from Frontier Fellowship and is entitled “*Grace to Come*”. To understand the full meaning of Advent reflect on the story of grace across all Scripture and human history. Advent recalls the longing for a Savior, centuries of waiting and the prophecies and promise of the Messiah, celebrating His arrival, sacrifice, resurrection and return. *This is the story of grace to come.* Printed copies are in the Ligo Room. If you prefer, download the PDF version, or receive it daily by email at the Frontier Fellowship website: frontierfellowship.com. 2.) The second is a 4-week daily devotional also available to download as a PDF or to access online, entitled “*The Weary World Rejoices*” by Kate Bowler. This devotional invites us to lean into the period of waiting that is Advent with eyes and hearts wide open to what it means to live with hope now. It can be used on your own, with family, friends, or as a small group study. It can be accessed at katebowler.com/advent.



The next **Widows Empowerment Group** is Wednesday, December 4 at 2pm in the Social Hall. If you have a favorite holiday treat to share, you are encouraged to do so but it is not at all required. Be ready to sing a few favorite carols, play a festive holiday game, and enjoy friendly fellowship. The more the merrier, so please bring a friend or two along. Kindly RSVP, and also if you would like transportation assistance, call or text Mary James (724-977-8453 or by email maryecjames@gmail.com) or contact Jennifer Green (724-714-8172 or jeneg26@gmail.com)

For your calendar - Advent begins next Sunday, December 1st

- Sunday, 12/8 - WC Christmas Vesper Service, Orr Auditorium, 4pm
- Sunday, 12/8 - Road to Bethlehem Drive-Thru Nativity, starting at 5pm
- Sunday, 12/15 - Blue Christmas Service, NWPC Sanctuary, 6pm *(See insert.)*
- Friday, 12/20 - SHYG's fundraiser, Parents' Night Out, 5:30-8:30m
- Sunday, 12/22 - "Sing with Us the Christmas Story" during worship followed by a Special Christmas Potluck Lunch in the Social Hall
- Tuesday, 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols, 7pm



Volunteers are needed for the "Road to Bethlehem"!

NWPC participates in the New Wilmington Ministerium's "Road to Bethlehem" live nativity drive-thru event to be held **Sunday, December 8th starting at 5pm**. Many of the local churches each portray a part of the story of Jesus's birth.

NWPC shows the angels appearing to the shepherds. At the end of the "road" a cookie and drink reception is held at Living Word Church where kids who followed the road receive a goody bag and, this year, adults can put their ticket in a basket raffle. We are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) be shepherds,
- 2) be angels, or
- 3) be traffic directors on December 8

We also need folks to donate to NWPC's Apple Castle-themed basket for the raffle at the end of the "road". The deadline for that is November 27.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Geri Truog-Hodges (724-301-4537 / truogeraldine@hotmail.com) or Doug Phillips (724-372-4180/ coachphillips30@gmail.com). Thank you.

Enjoy the **Shenango Valley Chorale's concert**, "A Classic Christmas" on Friday, December 14th, 7:30pm, at the First Presbyterian Church in Sharon, PA. Tickets are \$15 for adults; children age 12 and under are free.

From the Reconciliation Committee: HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS

The Lawrence-Mercer Recycling/Solid Waste Department offers a program for the collection of select hard-to-recycle items. ???—**724-658-6925**

LAST COLLECTION IN 2024 – DECEMBER 10 – 9 AM to 1 PM
Lawrence County Recycling/Solid Waste Dept.
Gettings Annex at Lawrence County Courthouse, New Caste, PA

Program Details:

- *This program is for RESIDENTIAL households only. No commercial or institutional materials are accepted.*
- *The program is currently free.*
- *Materials collected are subject to change depending on costs and markets.*

Visit our webpages or follow us on Facebook!

lawrencecountypa.gov/recycling and mercercountypa.gov/recycling

- Holiday Lights
- Thermostats
- Shoes (athletic pairs, no holes)
- Media
- VHS Tapes
- Cassette Tapes
- CDs and DVDs
- Floppy disks
- Plastic Bags & Film
- Books
- Cell Phones
- Fluorescent Tubes
- CFLs
- Electronics
- Paint, Chemicals, etc.
- Batteries

Its Giving Tree Time



Calling all Elves! It's time to select a tag from the Giving Tree in the Ligo Room. Tags note gift suggestions for residents of The Grove, Shenango on the Green and Wilmington Area School students. There may be multiple gift suggestions on a tag, this is intended to help personalize gifts; you need not provide all the items.

Select a tag and write your name and tag number on the participant sheet on the table by the tree. Gifts are due back by Sunday, December 15.

Wilmington Area School – please do NOT wrap the gift - just attach the tag to it and place it in the box near the Giving Tree.

The Grove and Shenango on the Green – please wrap these gifts in gift bags. Attach the tag to the gift bag and return it to the Giving Tree.

Questions? Contact Don Shelenberger, (724) 946-3388.

Thank you for sharing with area students and residents.

A festive graphic for a Christmas service. At the top is a decorative border of gold pine branches and stars. Below this, the text "New Wilmington Presbyterian Church" is in a gold serif font, followed by "offers:" in a smaller gold font. The main title "Blue Christmas" is in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, "A Service of Hope and Healing" is in a gold, cursive font. The date and time "SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15" and "6:00 p.m." are in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a large, lit candle with a gold flame and gold stars around it. At the bottom left are three gold Christmas trees. In the center, text says "The service will be live-streamed. Visit nwpresby.org for the link." The bottom of the graphic has another decorative border of gold pine branches and stars.

New Wilmington Presbyterian Church
offers:

Blue Christmas

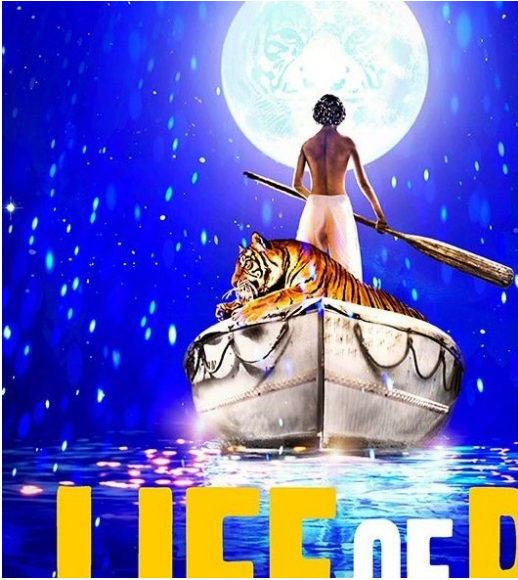
A Service of Hope and Healing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
6:00 p.m.

A time for worship and remembering, with gratitude, our healing and comforting God.

The service will be live-streamed.
Visit nwpresby.org for the link.

Broadway in Cleveland



The next trip to see an Off-Broadway production is right around the corner.

The next show that we are trying to get a group together for is ***Life of Pi***. This show is running in Cleveland from January 7 – 26, 2025. Ticket prices range from \$27.50 to \$97.50. We are allowed to mix and match dates, times, and ticket prices.

Winner of three Tony Awards® and the Olivier Award for Best Play, the Broadway and West End sensation ***Life of Pi*** is “an exhilarating evening of theater” (*The Wall Street Journal*).

Based on the novel that sold more than 15 million copies and became a worldwide phenomenon, ***Life of Pi*** is an epic story of perseverance and hope that speaks to every generation and “gives new life to Broadway” (*The Today Show*).

After a shipwreck in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, a sixteen-year-old boy named Pi survives on a lifeboat with four companions— a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan and a Royal Bengal tiger.

Told with jaw-dropping visuals, world class puppetry and exquisite stagecraft, ***Life of Pi*** creates a breathtaking journey that will leave you filled with awe and joy.

Currently we have 10 tickets on hold at \$82.50 each for Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 1:30 PM. However, if a different date, time, or price is better for you, please let me know.

The deadline for reservations and payment for ***Life of Pi*** is Tuesday, December 10.

If you are interested in either of these shows, please see or contact Don or Lisa Rodgers. Email: d.rodgers.62@gmail.com or phone 724-651-8285.



Please complete the form and return with payment in an offering plate, or bring/mail it to the church office. Please put it in an envelope and mark it "flowers". You may also use the online order form found on the NWPC website. **The deadline for ordering is**

December 2nd.

Please order _____ poinsettias at \$11 each. Total = \$ _____

Order placed by _____ Phone: _____

Print dedication in the bulletin as follows:

1. In memory of _____

Given by- _____

2. In memory of _____

Given by- _____

3. In memory of _____

Given by- _____

1. In honor of _____

Given by- _____

2. In honor of _____

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