

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 – *Good Christians All, Rejoice* arranged by Mary McDonald

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Luke 1:46–55*

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn (on screen) – *People, Look East*, verses 1, 4, 5

Lighting the Candle of Love Colleen Dreyer and Hailee and Hayden Cline

Unison Prayer (here and on screen):

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.

*Advent Response (here, on insert & screen) –

A Candle Shines by Phillip M. Hayden

A candle shines in the window for love, to melt our hearts of stone.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and make our hearts Your home.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

A candle shines in the window for love, to melt our hearts of stone.

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

Introduction of New Members

"Sing With Us the Christmas Story!" arranged by Teresa and Paul Jennings;
presented by NWPC Children and Choir.

Song of Praise (on screen) – *Light of the Stable* by Steve and Elizabeth Rhymer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* arranged by Mark Hayes

*Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn (on screen) – *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

Postlude – *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* arranged by Mark Hayes

*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.

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. Because of our children’s involvement in the worship service this morning, there is **no Children’s Church** today.
4. **Children’s Worship Bulletins** (ages 3-6 & 7-12) are found at the ramp door.

Thank you to all who made this morning’s service successful:

Anne Bruening, Linda McGrath, Katie Dreyer, Don Rogers, Kathy Montgomery, Tawnee Hunter, Mike Leslie, Todd Cole, Betsy Walters, NWPC children and families, Chancel Choir and Worship Team.

Daily Lectionary Readings for the Week:

Monday	Psalm 113; Genesis 25:19-28; Colossians 1:15-20
Tuesday	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Wednesday	Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
Thursday	Psalm 148; 2 Chronicles 24:17-24; Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60
Friday	Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24
Saturday	Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7

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?”

December 22, 2024
Christmas Celebration Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love



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**December Mission Focus 2024 Christmas Joy Offering:
Prepare the Way, ISAIAH 40**

The perfect gift – Jesus – bringing joy, peace and salvation.

Since the 1930's, the Christmas Joy Offering has celebrated God's perfect gift to us with generous support of the leaders among us – past, present and future - who point us to God. The offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. The Christmas Joy Offering is being received today.

SALT will respond to Roger Rosenblatt's, *Cold Moon: On Life, Love and Responsibility*. "The Cold Moon occurs in late December, auguring the arrival of the winter solstice. Approaching the winter solstice of his own life, Roger Rosenblatt offers a book dedicated to the three most important lessons he has learned over his many years: an appreciation of being alive, a recognition of the gift and power of love, and the necessity of exercising responsibility toward one another." SALT meets via Zoom at 9:15am. Contact Jim Hines for a link, jhines55@hotmail.com

2025 Estimate of Givings and 2025 Offering Envelopes

If you haven't already submitted your **2025 Estimate of Givings**, we kindly ask that you do so. We are grateful for and encouraged by the many responses already received! If you've misplaced your Estimate of Givings Trifold, extra copies are in the Ligo Room. **If you prefer, email your 2025 Estimate**, to our treasurer Kim Romig at kim@nwpresby.org.

Your **2025 Offering Envelopes** are also ready for pickup in the Ligo Room! If you give online/annually but would like a few envelopes for additional offerings, please take some, located near the 2025 Offering Envelopes.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

- 9:15am SALT via Zoom: Roger Rosenblatt's, *Cold Moon: On Life, Love and Responsibility*. Contact Jim Hines for a link, jhines55@hotmail.com
- 9:30am "Different Brews * Different Views", Youth Lounge
- 10:30am WORSHIP: here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, or via LiveStream at vimeo.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
"Sing with Us the Christmas Story" during worship followed by a Special Christmas Potluck Lunch in the Social Hall

MONDAY, 12-23

TUESDAY, 12-24

**7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
of Lessons & Carols**

7pm AA Meeting, Room 214



WEDNESDAY, 12-25 Merry Christmas!

THURSDAY, 12-26 – All church offices closed.

FRIDAY, 12-27 – All church offices closed.

SATURDAY, 12-28

No Adult Saturday Bible Study until January

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

- 9:30am "Different Brews * Different Views", Youth Lounge
- 9:15am SALT via Zoom: Roger Rosenblatt's, *Cold Moon: On Life, Love and Responsibility*. Contact Jim Hines for a link, jhines55@hotmail.com
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The 2025 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, or the NWPC Office, office@nwpresby.org, with the date in which you are interested. You will hear back confirming your request. The cost remains at \$35.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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