

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 – *Ding Dong Merrily on High* arranged by Allen Alexander
Mike Leslie on guitar - Tawnee Hunter on the flute

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26*

Gathering Prayer

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

Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Response (here & screen) – *O Little Town of Bethlehem* by Phillips Brooks

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in ; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

Song of Praise (on screen) – *Worship the King* by Bill George and Billy Sunday

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Manger Lullaby* by Mark Hayes

*Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn (on screen) – *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Postlude – *Ring The Joyous Christmas Bells* by Lani Smith

*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. **Children's Church** (ages 4 years – grade four), meets in Room 213 during the middle part of the adult worship service. Children's Church welcomes Brad and Carlos this week. They will be sharing their love mission as they share stories about our Christian brothers and sisters in Peru and the Dominican Republic.
4. **Children's Worship Bulletins** (ages 3-6 & 7-12) are found at the ramp door.

Today's greeters are Laura McCracken, and Betsy & Brad Walters.

Daily Lectionary Readings for the Week:

Monday	Psalm 147:12-20; 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37;
Tuesday	Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19
Wednesday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday	Psalm 147:12-20; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18
Friday	Psalm 72; Job 42:10-17; Luke 8:16-21
Saturday	Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 7:44-53

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?

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FROM OUR TREASURER:

YEAR END GIVING must be dated December 31st. Online givings will be recorded on the date the transaction is completed. Please have all 2024 donations to the church by January 3rd. Once again, *it must be DATED* December 31st for credit to 2024.

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.



December Mission Focus 2024 Christmas Joy Offering:

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.

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

Attention church officers: Mark your calendar for our annual Church Leaders Retreat on Saturday, January 11, 2025. Gathering time is 8:30am, here at NWPC.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

9:15am SALT via Zoom: Roger Rosenblatt's, *Cold Moon: On Life, Love and Responsibility*. Contact Jim Hines for a link, jhines55@hotmail.com

10:30am WORSHIP: here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, or via LiveStream at vimeo.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM

MONDAY, 12-30 – All church offices closed.

TUESDAY, 12-31 - All church offices closed.

7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2025 – New Year Blessings!

THURSDAY, 1-2

FRIDAY, 1-3

SATURDAY, 1-4

9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Church Library

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 - COMMUNION

9am Men's Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room

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 Sunday School Classes for children

10:30am WORSHIP: here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, or via LiveStream at vimeo.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM

6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

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.

