



\* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

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

Prelude – *Purer in Heart, O God* arranged by Don Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Luke 4:14–21*

Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn (on screen) – *Live Into Hope*

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

*Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see. Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your invitation that we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small. Amen.*

\*Response (here and on screen) – *Step by Step*, words and music by David (Beaker) Strasser

*O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.*

*O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.*

*I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.*

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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

Word in Music – *For the Beauty of the Earth* by John Rutter

Chancel Choir

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

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

Sermon – “*You Heard Me.*”

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

Song of Praise (on screen) – *This Kingdom* by Geoff Bullock

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Celebration of God's Generosity

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Prayer* by W.D. Armstrong

\*Doxology, Hymn #592

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

Hymn (on screen) – *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Postlude – *Postlude* by Carl Wilhelm Kern

\*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.***

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**SHENANGO PESBYTERY'S LEADERFEST 2025**  
**Westminster College, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Faithful Innovation:** Resources & Practices to help NWPC leaders discover what new thing God is calling our church to do... with guest speaker Rev. Michael Gehrling of 1001 Worshipping Communities and WMI (World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Seminary).

Registration – 8am

Worship – 9am, featuring the Trinity PC Praise Band

1<sup>st</sup> Session – 9:45am

Break – 10:30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Session – 10:45am

Conversation – 11:30am

Q & A – Noon

**Register on-line:** [www.shenango.org/coming-events](http://www.shenango.org/coming-events)

### Daily Lectionary Readings for This Week:

**Monday** Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12

**Tuesday** Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12

**Wednesday** Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44

**Thursday** Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48

**Friday** Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10

**Saturday** Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51

*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?"*



### **It's time to register for the 2025 Dominican Republic Mission Trip**

which will take place February 15<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each traveler is responsible for his / her own air travel arrangements and expenses.

Join the team by registering with this link:

<https://shenangopresbytery.wufoo.com/>

**NOTE: Registration deadline is this Friday, January 31, 2025.**

Questions? Contact Joel Postema (724-944-3944 / [postemajt@westminster.edu](mailto:postemajt@westminster.edu)) or Matt Camlin (724-747-7422 / [matt@nwpresby.org](mailto:matt@nwpresby.org)).

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**ATTENTION Elders, Deacons and Trustees:** Our Leadership Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon, here at NWPC!

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**RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:** Check the "green" bulletin board in the hall outside the library for the Hard-to-Recycle 2025 Event Calendar. The next collection is February 11 at the Neshannock Township Municipal Building.

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**FROM OUR TREASURER: Your 2024 Year-End Giving statements** are ready for pickup in the Ligo Room. *Please take yours today!*

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**January Mission Focus:** 19 years ago NWPC decided to try something meaningful for Valentines' Day: give a gift that benefits others while honoring another person. Descriptions of possible gifts are in today's bulletin and order forms are located at each door. Order forms can also be found at the table in the Ligo Room set up for purchases along with various free cards and ministry descriptions to enclose. This program ends February 9, 2025.

## 2024 Alternative Gift Valentines Descriptions

A donation to honor a friend/loved one/co-worker can be given for any of the following important ministries supported by NWPC. A description of the one or more ministries you choose is included with the **free** valentine cards you select.

### **Our Shop – Wilmington Area School District**

...houses clothing, coats, shoes, gloves, school supplies, and hygiene products available year-round for WASD students in grades 5-12.

### **India – Chris & Ruth Vaz and the Madia Tribe**

In 2023, NWPC and Chris & Ruth Vaz began a partnership with their Bible translation ministry in India. They also need additional personal support.

### **eduKenya – Mawewa School – Mathare slums**

eduKenya is a holistic education project which educates and empowers the children of the Mathare slum in Nairobi, Kenya. The project provides students with a classroom, teachers, meals and medical needs. Much of the food is purchased locally. This valentine will provide healthy meals, schooling opportunities, books or vaccinations for the primary or secondary school students of eduKenya.

### **ROOT International – Mexico, Appalachia, Navajo Reservation in AZ**

Root International began as a local organization in Mercer, PA. It has grown to meet the needs of smaller, lesser-known organizations, helping them with education, food, clothing and household items. Yearly needs exist for baby diapers, toys and food for underprivileged children. Also, refurbished sewing machines are sold to women in Mexico for \$25.

### **Five Talents International – Bolivia, Burma, Burundi and more**

Five Talents focuses on micro savings groups in needy communities and countries. A donation can help to establish a group in new under-served areas, Bibles for community facilitators or financial help to send trainers to a workshop.

### **Local Need**

Many people come to NWPC with urgent needs such as rent, paying bills, food. The fund is administered by the pastor. CarePortal also needs monetary donations for requested items.

### **Dominican Republic**

NWPC has been involved with the church in Sabaneta de Yasica for many years. Mission trips have been involved in community medical needs as well as school and church building projects. Current needs are: vitamins for children, school supplies and renovations and student scholarships. A valentine for the Dominican Republic will help with one or more of the above concerns for the people in Sabaneta de Yasica.

*Descriptions continued,*

### **South Sudan Humanitarian Relief**

Mercy Primary School Feeding Program – feed 3 students for one month, and Juba Evangelical Bible School classroom construction.

### **Heifer International**

By purchasing a milk cow or a flock of chicks and training local people in their care, you can enhance families' abilities to provide themselves with food, income and hope for the future.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

NWPC has been blessed by the Prayer Shawl Ministry. As the groups' members knit, crochet or quilt, they pray for the ones who will receive an item such as lap blankets, shawls and quilts. Anyone needing comfort or encouragement, even a veteran, is eligible to receive a love gift.

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### **Excerpts from a news article received from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:**



The harrowing images of wildfires consuming parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties have deeply impacted us all, stirring our hearts with sorrow and compassion. This is an ongoing disaster, and the extent of damage and loss continues to evolve, with figures expected to change as the situation

develops. As part of the ongoing response and in consultation with the Presbyteries of the Pacific, San Fernando and San Gabriel, as well as the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and its leadership, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in communication with faith leaders in the affected communities. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate assistance. Though the final outcomes of these fires are yet to be known, it is clear that the magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Presbyterians in the region are participating in coordination calls with nonprofit and faith-based disaster organizations to ensure that no one is forgotten. PDA affirms our commitment to accompany those affected by this disaster. As people of God, once again we are called to stand with our siblings in the "GAP" — Give, Act & Pray. If you wish to GIVE, you can do so through NWPC. Treasurer Kim Romig will forward your donations directly to PDA. PRAYER is the best ACTION we can take currently. From the prayer of the Rev. Jihyun Oh, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and Executive Director of the Interim Unified Agency:

*God, our refuge and our strength, you are an ever-present help in trouble. As your incarnate presence brought hope to those in need, may the Church, your body, be the presence of help and hope in Los Angeles County and beyond. In the name of Christ Jesus, Amen.*

**Registration for the 2025-2026 NWPC preschool school year** is now open to church members. Applications can be found outside the preschool classroom and any questions can be directed to Director/Teacher Mollie Fulkman at 724-657-4443.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

9am Men's Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room  
9:15am SALT via Zoom: *White Poverty, How Exposing Myths About Race and Class Can Reconstruct American Democracy*, by Rev. Dr. William Barber II;  
Contact Jim Hines for a link, [jhines55@hotmail.com](mailto:jhines55@hotmail.com)  
9:30am "Different Brews \* Different Views", Youth Lounge  
9:30am Sunday School Classes for children  
10:30am WORSHIP: here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, or via LiveStream at [vimeo.com/nwpresby](https://vimeo.com/nwpresby) or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM  
11:30am Alternative Gifts Valentine Program begins, find the table in the Ligo Room  
6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

### MONDAY, 1-27

2pm SOG Alzheimer Association Support Group Meeting, Room 214  
6:30pm Generosity Steering Committee Meeting, Room 206

### TUESDAY, 1-28

5:30pm Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6pm JHYG, Youth Lounge  
7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

### WEDNESDAY, 1-29

### THURSDAY, 1-30

6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:15pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

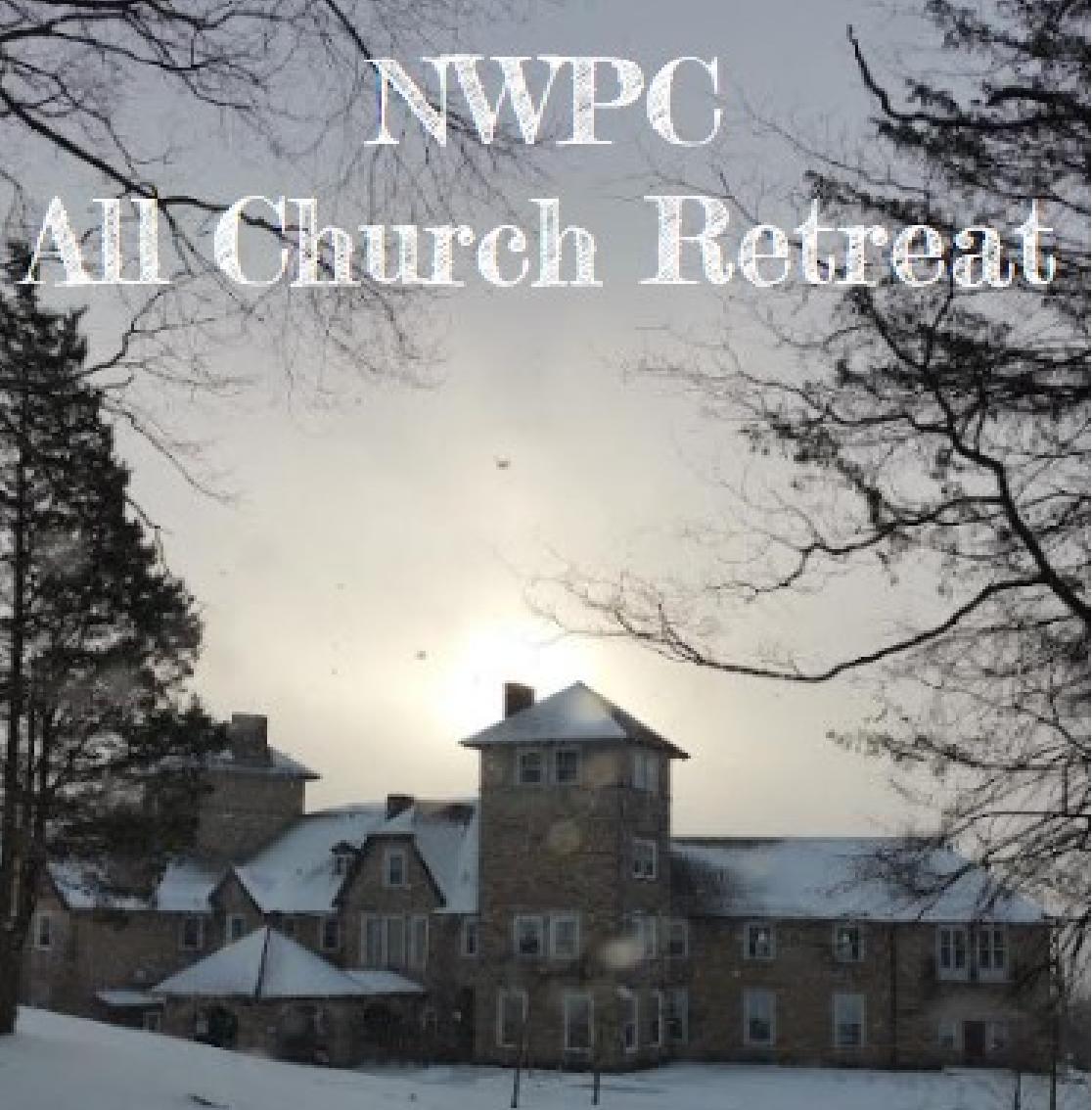
### FRIDAY, 1-31 – Deadline to register for Dominican Republic Mission Trip

### SATURDAY, February 1, 2025

9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Church Library

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

9am Men's Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room  
9:15am SALT via Zoom: *White Poverty, How Exposing Myths About Race and Class Can Reconstruct American Democracy* by Rev. Dr. William Barber II;  
Contact Jim Hines for a link, [jhines55@hotmail.com](mailto:jhines55@hotmail.com)  
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No SHYG this evening  
11:30am Alternative Gifts Valentine Program, find the table in the Ligo Room  
11:30am Chili Cook-off, Social Hall



# NWPC All Church Retreat

## Life Ministries "Castle"

Franklin, PA

Friday, February 28 - Sunday, March 2

Fellowship \* Food \* Scripture Study  
Relaxation \* Activities \* Naps \* Hikes  
Puzzles \* Conversation \* FUN

\$80 per person ~\$60 one night only ~\$12 per meal (if not staying)  
Family Cap - \$300

Register Online ~ Paper Forms in Ligo Room

Questions - Call/Text Kristen Phillips 724-657-7497



Groundhog  
Day

# CHILI COOK-OFF:

 SIX MORE WEEKS OF HEAT?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
AFTER CHURCH



## What to bring:

- Crockpot of chili **or**
- Cornbread **or**
- Crackers **or**
- Chili toppings **or**
- Just your appetite!



ENJOY LUNCH  
AND VOTE FOR  
YOUR FAVORITE  
CHILI!



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**HAPPENING IN THE new SOCIAL HALL!**

## Broadway in Cleveland



The next trip to see an Off-Broadway production is one you don't want to miss. We are trying to get a group together for *& Juliet*. This show is running in Cleveland from March 4 – 23, 2025. Ticket prices range from \$22.50 to \$97.50. We are allowed to mix and match dates, times, and ticket prices.

Created by the Emmy®-winning writer David West Read from "Schitt's Creek," this hilarious new musical flips the script on the greatest love story ever told. *& Juliet* asks: what would happen next if Juliet didn't end it all over Romeo? Get whisked away on a fabulous journey as she ditches her famous ending for a fresh beginning and a second chance at life and love — her way.

Juliet's new story bursts to life through a playlist of pop anthems as iconic as her name, including "Since U Been Gone," "Roar," "Baby One More Time," "Larger Than Life," "That's The Way It Is", and "Can't Stop the Feeling!"— all from the genius songwriter/producer behind more #1 hits than any other artist this century, Max Martin and Friends. Break free of the balcony scene and get into this romantic comedy that proves there's life after Romeo. The only thing tragic would be missing it.

Currently we have 27 tickets on hold at \$82.50 each for Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 1:30pm. However, if a different date, time, or price is better for you, please let me know. The deadline for reservations and payment for *& Juliet* is Tuesday, February 4.

If you are interested in this show, please see or contact Don or Lisa Rodgers: [d.rodgers.62@gmail.com](mailto:d.rodgers.62@gmail.com) or phone 724-651-8285.

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