

# 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 – *Arioso in the Ancient Style* by James H Rogers Kathy Montgomery

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – *Luke 10:25-37*

Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn (on screen) – *What Wondrous Love Is This*

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

***Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, amen.***

\*Response (here and on screen) – *King of Kings*  
by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram

***Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of Glory, majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.***

\*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 – *Lead Me Lord* by Will Todd Chancel Choir  
Katie Dreyer, soloist

Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness. Make your Way clear before my face.  
Only my Lord brings me safety so lead me, Lord.  
Lead me, Lord.

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

Sermon – *Demonstrating Mercy* Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Camlin

\*Song of Praise (on screen) – *His Mercy is More*  
by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Celebration of God's Generosity

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* arranged by Mark Hayes

\*Doxology, Hymn #592

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn (on screen) – *Great God of Every Blessing*

Postlude – *Finale in C Minor* by Stanley E. Saxton

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response (here and 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 are at the “sound booth” at the back of the sanctuary.

### For children:

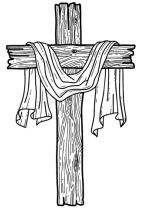
1. **The Nursery** (infants – age 3) is located through the side doors of the sanctuary to the left of the pulpit area, Room 212. Alasdair Camlin and an adult volunteer will be in the nursery each Sunday.
2. Families of **4 to 6-year-old children** are welcome to use Room 215, next to the NWPC Preschool 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. **Doodle boards for kids of all ages** to use during the service are located on either side of the transept. Children and/or parents can choose an activity page plus there is a small snack and occasional surprise inside to occupy small hands during the service. We cherish our youth and hope this is one more way that they feel at home amongst their church family.
4. **Children’s Church** (ages 4 years – grade four), meets in Room 213 during the middle part of the adult worship service.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated items to the City Rescue Mission's Heart for Hygiene drive. The items were delivered to the Mission this past week.

### Daily Lectionary Readings for This Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34-22:6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39

March 9, 2025  
First Sunday of Lent



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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 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 Sunday School Classes for children  
9:30am "Different Brews \* Different Views", Youth Lounge  
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  
11:45am Worship Committee Meeting, Room 206  
6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

## MONDAY, 3-10, SHYG Pizza fundraiser – Find pizza coupons at each door!

- 2pm SOG Alzheimer Association Support Group, Room 214

## TUESDAY, 3-11

- 9:30am Staff Meeting, Room 206  
5pm Kids Club begins, Social Hall – *Hooray!!*  
No Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal this week  
6pm JHYG, Youth Room  
7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

## WEDNESDAY, 3-12

- 6:30pm Reconciliation Steering Committee Meeting, Ligo Room  
6:30pm Trustees Meeting, Room 214

## THURSDAY, 3-13

- 11:45am Widows Empowerment Group at Sim's Café (*See announcement.*)  
6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:15pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, 3-14

## SATURDAY, 3-15

- 9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Church Library

## CHURCH CALENDAR CONTINUED,

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry 2025 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. The deadline to return hats is September. Contact Sandy Johnston with questions, 724-651-0728.

**Hello Widows Empowerment Group!** Please look ahead to March when the weather may be a bit warmer and the travel easier. We will be getting together for food and fellowship at *Sims Café* in New Castle (3310 Wilmington Road) on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. The gathering is for anyone in the greater community, so please bring a friend or two. We look forward to seeing you! Please RSVP to Mary James (c: 724-977-8453) or Jennifer Green (c: 724-714-8172).

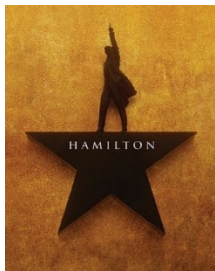
**Kids Club starts on Tuesday.** The registration form is up on the [nwpresby](https://nwpresby.org/KidsClub) homepage and can be accessed at [nwpresby.org/KidsClub](https://nwpresby.org/KidsClub). *See insert for details and sign up today!*



**Broadway in Cleveland:** The next show that we are trying to get a group together for is *Shucked*. It is running in Cleveland from April 22 – May 11, 2025. Ticket prices range from \$22.50 to \$97.50. We are allowed to mix and match dates, times, and ticket prices.

*Shucked* is the Tony Award®–winning musical comedy *The Wall Street Journal* calls “flat out hilarious!” And nobody knows funny like economists. Featuring a book by Tony Award winner Robert Horn (*Tootsie*), a score by the Grammy® Award–winning songwriting team of Brandy Clark and Shane McAnally (Kacey Musgraves’ “Follow Your Arrow”), and directed by Tony Award winner Jack O’Brien (*Hairspray*), this corn-fed, corn-bred American musical is sure to satisfy your appetite for great musical theater. If you ever told a bad dad joke, you’ll love this show. If you have ever heard a bad dad joke, you’ll love this show.

We have 20 tickets on hold at \$82.50 each for Saturday, May 3, 2025, 1:30pm, but, if a different date, time, or price is better for you, please let Don/Kim Rodgers know. The deadline for reservations and payment for *Shucked* is Tuesday, April 4.



The Broadway sensation *Hamilton* is also coming soon—it will be in Cleveland June 17 – July 6, 2025. Ticket prices range from \$41.50 to \$161.50. We are able to mix and match dates, times, and ticket prices. 20 tickets are on hold at \$131.50 each for Saturday, June 21, 2025, 1:30pm, but if a different date, time, or price is better for you, please let Don/Kim Rodgers know. *Hamilton* reservations and payment deadline is Tuesday, April 11.

A revolutionary story of passion, unstoppable ambition, and the dawn of a new nation. *Hamilton* is the epic saga that follows the rise of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton as he fights for honor, love, and a legacy that would shape the course of a nation. Based on Ron Chernow’s acclaimed biography and set to a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and Broadway, *Hamilton* has had a profound impact on culture, politics, and education. *Hamilton* features book, music, and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, direction by Thomas Kail, choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler, and musical supervision and orchestrations by Alex Lacamoire. It has won 11 Tony Awards, Grammy®, Olivier Awards, the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and an unprecedented special citation from the Kennedy Center Honors.

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



## 2025 March Mission Focus

**Five Talents** is a Christian charity that provides savings programs as well as financial literacy and business training for those in need in developing countries, serving people regardless of religious background. They aim to transform lives through economic empowerment, creating long-term solutions to poverty. The organization’s name was inspired by Jesus’ parable of the talents from the Bible which illustrates that every human being has dignity and God-given abilities that can be used for good. By providing access to financial services and business training, Five Talents empowers the poor to develop and use their resources and abilities.

**Five Talents** group members meet on a regular basis, often weekly, and contribute to the group’s savings. After six months of savings, members can access low interest loans provided to the group as a whole, so if one person has difficulty in repaying, the others in the group will have to cover their repayments. This system aims to reach those who are unable to take out commercial loans due to lack of collateral. The majority of borrowers are women. Loans are paid back within a short period of time and recycled for further business development.

**Five Talents** has offices in Washington, DC, London, and Kenya with partner organizations in nine countries: Burundi, Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. They are soon to announce a tenth country!