

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One,**

**We praise thee, we praise thee. Amen.**

Leader: ...Great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Prayer After Communion

## SENDING

Postlude – *Allegro Pomposo* – J.L. Galbraith

Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response (on screen)

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

**November 2, 2025**

Communion

Stewardship Sunday



# New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

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*The New Wilmington Presbyterian Church seeks  
discipleship to Christ,  
reconciliation in Christ,  
divine encounter through Christ,  
generosity with Christ.*

# WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

\* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Marcia Curry

Christmas Announcement

Anne Bruening

Moment for Stewardship

Tawnee Hunter

Prelude – *Processional* – Arnold B. Sherman

Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn (on screen) – *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Unison Prayer of Confession in Response to God's Grace:

**Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.**

**Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.**

**Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.**

**Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.**

**Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*(Response (here and on screen) – *Trisagion*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy, have mercy on us**

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(Children are welcome to join JAM at this time – Room 213)

\*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

\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles Creed)

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Scripture Reading – Luke 7:36-50

Sermon – *Contemplating Your Next Move*

Rev. Dr. Steven McConnell

\*Song of Praise (on screen) – *I Surrender All* – by Winfield Scott Weeden and Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Celebration of God's Generosity

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Count Your Blessings* – arr. Jeffrey Bennett

\*Doxology, Hymn #592

\**Prayer of Dedication*

# 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.
2. Families of **4 to 6-year-old children** are welcome to use Room 213, next to the nursery) if needed during the early part of the worship service, with a parent or guardian present. When JAM begins around 10:45 in that space, we welcome and encourage your children to stay and participate!
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. **JAM (Jesus and Me) is for children in grades K-4.** Offering Scripturally based teachings, activities, and learning opportunities during the church service in Room 213. For parents who would like to participate in Sunday School classes during the before-church adult times, childcare can be provided. Please contact Debbie Forsberg to coordinate care for your child(ren) if needed.



Deacons Matt Davis and Sharon Campbell are serving Communion today at SOG.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, November 2, 2025 – Communion / Stewardship Sunday

**Rev. Dr. Steven McConnell preaching.**

**Pastoral Care will be provided by Rev. Jim Leuenberger this week**

9am Men's Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room  
9:15am SALT via Zoom: Separation of Church and Hate by John Fugelsang  
Contact Jim Hines for a link, [jhines55@hotmail.com](mailto: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](https://vimeo.com/nwpresby) or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM  
6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

## **MONDAY, 11-3**

7:30pm Discipleship Steering Committee, Room 214

## **TUESDAY, 11-4 – No Joybells Handbell Choir Rehearsal!**

5pm Kid's Club, Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm JHYG, Youth Lounge  
7pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

## **WEDNESDAY, 11-5**

5pm Generosity Steering Committee, Room 206  
7pm Deacons, Room 214

## **THURSDAY, 11-6**

11:30am SOG Memory Cafe, Fellowship Hall  
6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6pm Prayer Shawl Group, Fellowship Hall  
7:15pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## **SATURDAY, 11-8**

9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Church Library

## **SUNDAY, November 9, 2025 – Stewardship Sunday / Plaid & Gratitude Day**

**Rev. Dave Hunter will be preaching**

9am Men's Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room  
9:15am SALT via Zoom: Separation of Church and Hate by John Fugelsang  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**35<sup>th</sup> Wayne H. Christy Lecture** will be held this evening, Sunday, November 2, 6:30 PM in Wallace Memorial Chapel. The Wayne H. Christy Memorial Lecture series honors the late **Dr. Wayne Christy**, a long-time faculty member and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Westminster College. As Dr. Christy dedicated his life to relating the heritage of faith to the emerging issues of a changing culture, the lecture series seeks out men and women who distinguish themselves by relating Christian faith to issues of contemporary life. Dr. Christy was a long time member of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church who also served in leadership roles with the New Wilmington Mission Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Stephen McConnell will serve as our speaker. Dr. McConnell is a Westminster College alumni member, Class of 1980 and a current member of the college's Board of Trustees. He has recently retired as senior pastor of Church of the Psalms Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida.

***This event is free and open to the public.***

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Stephen D. McConnell (Steve) is a fourth-generation Presbyterian pastor. He attended Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Theological Seminary. He received his Doctor of Letters from the Graduate School at Drew University concentrating on the works of C.S. Lewis. Over his forty years of ministry Steve served three congregations: the Melrose Carmel Presbyterian Church outside of Philadelphia, the Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in Liberty Corner, New Jersey and the Church of the Palms in Sarasota, Florida, from which he recently retired. He is a member of the Board of Trustees at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. Steve is the author of four books, *Take Me to Aslan: C. S. Lewis and the Art of Trusting*, *When the Wind is Against You: Encouragement for When Life Pushes Back*, *Safe at Home: Finding What You Never Lost* and *A Street Called Detour: Encouragement for When Life Changes Direction*. He is married to Amanda and they have a daughter, Brittany, and two grandchildren, Brooke and Jacob.

## NEW WILMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRANSITION SCHEDULE

### PASTORAL CARE (Mon-Sun)

11/3-9 – Jim Leuenberger  
11/10-16 – Dave Dawson  
11/17-23 – Jim Mohr  
11/24-30 – Jim Leuenberger

### PREACHING

*(Stewardship Season Begins 11/2-16)*  
11/9 – Dave Hunter  
11/16 – Jim Leuenberger  
11/23 – Dave Dawson  
11/30 – Jim Mohr

**If you have pastoral needs, please call, text or email Linda McGrath, Congregational Care Coordinator.**

**She can be reached at 724-730-3813 or [lmoosemcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:lmoosemcgrath@gmail.com).  
She will then notify the minister on call for the week.**

## STAFF

*We welcome Rev. Dr. Steven D. McConnell to our pulpit this morning.  
Rev. Jim Leuenberger will be providing pastoral care this week.*

Anne Bruening (Music Coordinator, Director of Chancel & Handbell Choirs)  
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## PLAID & GRATITUDE DAY

Sunday, November 9

Wear your favorite plaid or flannel to church!



Reservations are needed for the Stewardship Luncheon by November 9th - RSVP to the Church Office this week!

Please plan to join us!

The prayer shawl team is planning to gather in the social hall Thursday November 6 from 6-8 pm. We will continue to use the knitting machine and learn crochet techniques. And yes, we will have food! Come and bring a friend.



There are Thank You Notes from Sponsored DR Students in a basket on the table in the Ligo Room.

Please help us save on postage by taking your note home today.



**PuzzlePalooza** – a fun fundraiser for scholarships for women sponsored by local PEO Chapter – on Saturday, November 8 from 2-5pm at Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church in New Castle. Bring a friend or be part of a team to complete a 500-piece puzzle. \$20/person which must be pre-paid. RSVP to Jayne by November 5<sup>th</sup>: 724-944-2111 or [jsheehan0107@gmail.com](mailto:jsheehan0107@gmail.com). Questions? Text or call Kay Taylor, 724-301-1334.

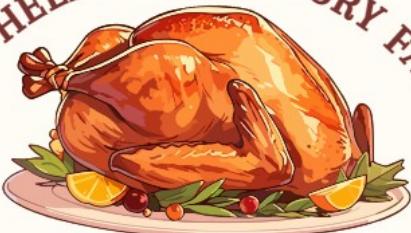
## 2025 Thank Offering

to be collected on November 23<sup>rd</sup>

For over 35 years, New Wilmington Presbyterian Church and other congregations have worked in mission partnership with the Evangelical Dominican Church in Sabaneta de Yásica, Dominican Republic. This year's Thank Offering will go toward construction costs of finishing second floor classroom space in the christian school that was built as part of that partnership. This school has served as a place of education for so many children in the area, a place of employment for many teachers who are working their way into the public school system, and as a home for our mission teams that travel to Sabaneta de Yásica each spring.



WANT TO HELP FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES?



## DONATE FOOD FOR *Thanksgiving Baskets* AT THE CITY RESCUE MISSION

Help families celebrate Thanksgiving with all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving Meal. You can donate any of the following items in the grocery cart or baskets at the church doors from November 2-16.

Checks for a turkey can be made out to NWPC  
with "Turkey" on memo line.

Canned Yams	Stuffing Mix
Jarred Gravy	Evaporated Milk
Pie Crust Mix	Pie Filling (Pumpkin or Fruit)
Cranberry Sauce	Canned Vegetables or Fruit

\$20 for Birds (Turkey and Chickens)  
*Please do not include any refrigerated items*

# HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES



THE SNAP BENEFITS ARE SET TO EXPIRE DUE TO  
THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN BY NOVEMBER 1ST.

### FOOD IS A BASIC HUMAN NEED

If you're interested in making a monetary donation to the local food banks to help folks in need, please see the list of a few local food banks:



Community Food Warehouse  
109 S. Sharpsville Ave.  
Sharon, PA 16146  
724-981-0353

Greater Pittsburgh  
Community Food Bank  
1 N. Linden Street  
Duquesne, PA 15110  
412-460-3663



Grove City Community  
Food Pantry  
114 S. Center Street  
Grove City, PA 16127  
724-458-5208

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONSIDERATION.**

DEACONS - SHARON CAMPBELL  
GENEROSITY COMMITTEE: TAWNEE HUNTER