

Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face.
Evermore and evermore.
Let the heights of heav'n adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
No tongue be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.
He is Alpha and Omega, the source, the ending he,
evermore and evermore.

Scripture Reading – Romans 5:1-5

Sermon – “*HOPE-FULL*”

Rev. Dave Hunter

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* – arranged by
Meredith Andrews and Jacob Sooter

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Celebration of God’s Generosity

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Pastorale* – Gilbert M. Martin

*Doxology, Hymn **#592**

***Prayer of Dedication**

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

*Hymn (on screen) – *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

SENDING

Charge and Benediction

(Please be seated after the Benediction)

Postlude – *O Blessed Emmanuel* – J. S. Bach

*Benediction Response (on screen)

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

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent
Congregational Meeting



New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

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Office hours: Mon & Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Wed. 1-5 pm

Worship services on radio WWNW (88.9FM)

*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

Bob Devido

Prelude –*Noel Nouvelet* – Medieval French Carol
arr. Peter Crisafulli

Tawnee Hunter

Candle Lighters: Hailee Cline and Elin Phillips

Call to Worship (Psalm 146:5-6)

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob
Whose hope is in the Lord their God

**People: He is the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything
in them-he remains faithful forever**

*Hymn (on screen) – *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Lighting the Candle of Joy

* Advent Response (here and on screen) – *A Candle Shines*
by Phillip M. Hayden

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

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

**Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
In wandering from your ways, In wasting your gifts,
In forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news!

If we have died with Christ,

We believe we shall also live with him.

So you must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:8,11)

Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace:

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Children's Sermon

Tawnee Hunter

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostle's 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. 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.*

The Word in Music - *Of The Father's Love* Arranged by John Helgen

Katie Dreyer, Soloist

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

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.



The rose on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of Howard James Huson, born December 6, 2025. He is Great-Grandson #4 for Howard and Deb Thompson.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 14, 2025 – Rev. Dave Hunter preaching, Pastoral Care will be provided by Rev. Jim Mohr 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
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
Congregational Meeting Immediately following worship

- 5pm Road to Bethlehem, New Wilmington
6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

TUESDAY, 12-16

- 9am Preschool Christmas Program – Sanctuary/Library/Ligo Room
5pm Carillon Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30pm JHYG, Youth Lounge
7pm AA Meeting, Room 214

WEDNESDAY, 12-17

- 9am Preschool Christmas Program – Sanctuary/Library/Ligo Room

THURSDAY, 12-18

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

FRIDAY, 12-19

- 5:30pm Parent's Night Out, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, 12-20

- 9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Church Library

SUNDAY, December 21, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

Annual Christmas Celebration

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Last week we discussed traditions and their importance to our family holiday celebrations and to our general well-being. This year some of us will be starting new traditions or changing our traditions due to the circumstances of our lives. For many of us change produces stress, which causes us to be irritable, forgetful and tired. Stress also diminishes our immune system and that makes us more susceptible to illness. Let us remember the coming of the Christ child, the reason for the season. Limit your activities, lower your expectations of perfection, get sufficient sleep, and wash your hands. ☺ Jesus said, "Come unto me, all who work to exhaustion, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Prayers for rest and wellness in the midst of your traditions and Christmas celebrations

Registration is open for Shenango Presbytery's Leaderfest 2026 with Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, President and Professor of Theological Formation for Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Leaderfest is coming up on January 31st at Westminster College. If you are interested in attending, please let Autumn know (office@nwpresby.org) by January 16th. Registration is \$10 per person – OR – the church can send as many individuals as wish to attend for a flat \$50 fee.



Our 30+ years
Annual Christmas Celebration

During Sunday morning worship - DECEMBER 21st - "All Because of Him" (an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols - From Darkness to Light). The service will be followed by a holiday potluck lunch in the social hall (ham provided). Please come celebrate with us and bring a side dish or dessert to share with your church family!



NEW WILMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRANSITION SCHEDULE

PASTORAL CARE (Mon-Sun)

12/15-21 – Jim Mohr
12/22-28 – David Dawson
12/29-1/4 – Dave Hunter

PREACHING

12/21 – Christmas Celebration
12/28 – David Dawson
1 / 4 – Interim Pastor, Ted Martin begins

**If you have pastoral needs, please call, text or email
Linda McGrath, Congregational Care Coordinator.
She can be reached at 724-730-3813 or Imoosemcgrath@gmail.com.
She will then notify the minister on call for the week.**

STAFF

We welcome Rev. Dave Hunter to our pulpit this morning.

Rev. Jim Mohr will be providing pastoral care this week.

Anne Bruening (Music Coordinator, Director of Chancel & Handbell Choirs)
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Kim Romig (Church Treasurer), ext. 13, kim@nwpresby.org

Kay Taylor (Building Manager) ext. 15; kay@nwpresby.org





Parents' Night Out

Parents: Drop your kids off at the church on
Friday, December 19th from 5:30 – 8:30 PM.
Need to run some errands or have dinner out?
Your kids will be having a fun time with SHYG.
Gift wrapping, food, games, crafts, movies, more!
For kids Pre-K – 6th grade @ \$10 per kid





CHRISTMAS JOY

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The 2025 Christmas Joy Offering *will be received on December 21st*

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 130 years.

HELP WANTED: Part time (2 hrs/wk); Help is needed in New Wilmington--tidying apartment, food prep, and laundry. Days and hours are flexible. If interested, please contact the church office.

JAM is taking a break: please note that JAM will not be offered on December 21st or 28th or January 4th. JAM will return on January 11th.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship today in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting on two items of business:

1. The Congregation will vote on the Nominating Committees recommendations regarding calling a new class of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees to serve in the life of the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

Session

- Betsy Walters – returning for a second term
- Pam Zackal – returning for a second term
- Angie Urban
- Jeff Arnold
- Brenda Balta
- Don Rodgers (class of 2027)
- Chris Parrish (one year term - class of 2026)

Deacons

- Diana Reed – returning for a second term
- Dave Banks – returning for a second term
- Lisa Rodgers
- Karla Arnold
- Pam Leuenberger (class of 2026)
- Nate Kelley (class of 2026)
- Sharon Meyer (class of 2026)

Trustees

- Paul Wallace – returning for a second term
- Jim List
- Bob Curry

Auditors

- Will Parrish – three year term
- Steve Warner – two year term
- Anne Karimi – one year term

2. The Session recommends that the pastoral relationship with Rev. Matthew Camlin be dissolved effective December 14, 2025. This recommendation comes with gratitude