

Celebration of God's Generosity

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Teach Us Thy Word* – Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology, Hymn #592

***Prayer of Dedication**

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Constitutional Questions (on insert)

Prayer of Ordination and Installation with The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Declaration of Ordination, Charge to the Newly Installed, and Welcome

SENDING

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *King of Kings* by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (on screen)

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

Postlude – Lift Every Voice and Sing – David Paxton

January 11, 2026

Baptism of Our Lord

Ordination and Installation of Officers



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

Prelude – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* – arr. Marilyn Ham
- *Acolytes: Jason and Zachary Stuart* -

Greetings & Announcements

Dan Forsberg

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship (Psalm 84:1-2):

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of hosts

P: We long and yearn for your courts

L: Our heart and flesh cry out for the living God

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in the Lord

*Hymn (on screen) – *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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

Merciful Lord, you hear our voices cry out in the wilderness. We profess you as Lord of all. Yet, we know how we have fallen short of your glory through the things that we have done. We have harbored ill-will toward another; we have latched onto hurt and forged it into a weapon; we have whispered sweet morsels of half-truths into the hungry ears of the naive. Forgive us Lord. Equip us to be bold to speak your truth and to live with full confidence of your love and provision. We pray all this through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response (here and on screen) –

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me by Paul M. Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Word without end, without end. Amen (3x's)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**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's Moment

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

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 40:1-5

Word in Music – *God Be In My Head* by Andrew Carter

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at mine end and at my departing.

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 11:1-15

Sermon – *Are You the Christ?*

Rev. Dr. Ted Martin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S 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.

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.



CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 11, 2026 – Ordination & Installation of New Officers

- 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
The Deacon’s Sloppy Joe Potluck Lunch will follow worship.
6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

MONDAY, 1-12 – SHYG Pizza Fundraiser – find coupons at each door!

- 10:30am Staff Meeting, Room 206
2pm SOG Alzheimer’s Assoc. Support Group, Room 214

TUESDAY, 1-13

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

WEDNESDAY, 1-14

- 6:30pm Generosity Steering Team, Room 206
6:30pm Reconciliation Steering Team, Ligo Room
6:30pm Trustees, Room 214

THURSDAY, 1-15

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

SATURDAY, 1-17

- 9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Church Library

SUNDAY, January 18, 2026 – Rev. Jim Leuenberger Preaching

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Come and pick the pastor's brain:
You got questions; he may have answers!"**
Pastor Ted will be leading a College Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM beginning on Sunday, February 1st.



"Sloppy Joes" Fellowship Luncheon

Sponsored by the Deacons

TODAY following worship

Come and meet the Interim Pastor! Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

LEADERFEST 2026

January 31st @ Westminster College
9 AM - Noon

**Rev. Dr. Asa Lee - President & Professor of
Theological Formation for Ministry at Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary**

**Let the Church Office know if you are planning to
attend - there is a discount available for multiple
registrations from the same church.**



The Per Capita for 2026 is \$42.66 per member. Per Capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly, and by many synods and presbyteries, to enable Presbyterians to share the costs of sustaining our witness to Christ through the Presbyterian Church (USA). Your contribution towards the Per Capita lessens the cost to our church in order to use the funds for other ministries of our church. Please consider making your Per Capita contribution today!

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS

Valentine chocolates disappear; flowers fade and die.

Twenty years ago our church decided to try something meaningful for Valentine's Day; give a gift that benefits others while also honoring another person. A table will be set up in the Ligo Room for purchases along with various free cards and ministry descriptions.

A flock of chicks or help for our overseas partners are wonderful ways to share love on Valentine's Day.

Our Valentines Program will run from January 18 thru February 8

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Church Officers

(Note: Date indicates term concludes 12-31 of the year listed.)

ELDERS		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Todd Cole	Dan Forsberg	Jeff Arnold
Bob Devido	Tawnee Hunter	Brenda Balta
Chris Parrish	Pam Mansell	Angie Urban
Karen Wallace	Scott McGrath	Betsy Walters
Jamey Shaffer	Don Rodgers	Pam Zackal, Clerk
DEACONS		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Matt Davis	Sharon Campbell, Moderator	Karla Arnold
Nate Kelley	Kay Crytzer	Dave Banks
Pam Leuenberger	Jennifer Green	Diana Reed
Amanda Sheffler	Sharyn Shaner	Lisa Rodgers
Sharon Meyer		
TRUSTEES		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Nathan Hunter	Lyle Johnston	Bob Curry
Katie Kelley	Ernie Rodgers	Jim List
Jeff Meyer	John Zahniser	Paul Wallace
AUDITORS		
Anne Karimi	Steve Warner	Will Parrish

Constitutional Questions PCUSA

The moderator of the council of those to be ordained, installed, or commissioned shall ask them to face the body of membership and to answer the following questions:

- a.) Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b.) Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- c.) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d.) Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e.) Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?
- f.) Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- g.) Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- h.) Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- i.) Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- j.) (1.) (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
(2.) (For deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Broadway in Cleveland

Several trips are being planned to see an Off-Broadway production right around the corner.



The next show that we are trying to get a group together for is *Suffs*. This show is running in Cleveland from Tuesday, February 3 – Sunday, February 22, 2026. Ticket prices range from \$27.50 to \$87.50. We are allowed to mix and match dates, times, and ticket prices.

Behind every powerful woman...are more powerful women.

Direct from Broadway, comes the acclaimed

Tony Award®-winning musical *Suffs* about the brilliant, passionate, and funny American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote. Created by Shaina Taub, the first woman to ever independently win Tony Awards for Best Book and Best Score in the same season, this “thrilling, inspiring and dazzlingly entertaining” (*Variety*) new musical boldly explores the triumphs and failures of a struggle for equality that’s far from over. Winner of the Outer Critics’ Circle Award for Best New Musical.

“Like all of the best Broadway musicals, *Suffs* humanizes, empowers, moves, and entertains.” *Chicago Tribune*

Currently we have 10 tickets on hold at \$74.50 each for Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 1:30 PM. However, if a different date, time, or price is better for you, please let me know.

Since this is coming up so soon, the deadline for reservations for *Suffs* is Monday, January 12.



The next show after *Suffs* is one you don’t want to miss. Mark your calendars now to see the runaway international hit as *Choir of Man* returns to Cleveland.

Known across the globe as “the ultimate-feel good show,” *The Choir of Man*, the Olivier Award-nominated, worldwide smash hit returns to the U.S. for a highly-anticipated national tour including a stop in Cleveland! Set in the world’s best pub, this

uplifting production serves up 90 minutes of non-stop entertainment featuring a cast of extraordinary singers, dancers, musicians, and a charming poet. Enjoy everything from the anthems of Guns N’ Roses and Red Hot Chili Peppers to the soulful sounds of Luther Vandross and Adele to the chart-toppers of Sia, Paul Simon, Avicii, Katy Perry, and more. This show has something for everyone, including a real working bar on stage. Come ready to drink in the excitement and raise a glass with THE CHOIR OF MAN. *Cheers!*

Currently we have 20 tickets on hold at \$57.50 each for Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 1:30 PM. However, if a different date, time, or price is better for you, please let me know.

The deadline for reservations and money for *Choir of Man* is Monday, February 2.

This summer the excitement continues with the return of *The Lion King*.



Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist. This is Disney’s *The Lion King*, making its triumphant return to Playhouse Square!

More than 100 million people around the world have experienced the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this

Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage.

Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, *The Lion King* brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. Tony Award®-winning director Julie Taymor brings to life a story filled with hope and adventure set against an amazing backdrop of stunning visuals. *The Lion King* also features the extraordinary work of Tony Award®-winning choreographer Garth Fagan and some of Broadway’s most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award®-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice.

There is simply nothing else like *The Lion King*.

The Lion King runs from Wednesday, July 8 through Sunday, August 2, 2026 in Cleveland. Ticket prices range from \$32.50 to \$132.50. Tickets have not gone on sale yet, but we need to know how many people are interested.

Please let Don or Lisa know by Sunday, January 25, if you are interested in going on which date and which area you would like to sit so that they can get the reserve tickets ordered.

If you are interested in any of these shows, please see or contact Don or Lisa Rodgers. Email: d.rodgers.62@gmail.com or phone 724-651-8285.

Other shows coming in 2026:

<i>The Choir of Man</i>	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>
<i>Water for Elephants</i>	<i>Death Become Her</i>
<i>The Sound of Music</i>	<i>The Lion King</i>
<i>The Outsiders</i>	



Soup's On Luncheon and Soup Sale

Eat Here or Take Home

Sunday, February 1st

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sponsored by Discipleship Ministry

Pre-Order preferred but also available at the door.

Take Out

\$9.00/Quart

- ☞ Beef Vegetable ☞
- ☞ Chicken Noodle ☞
- ☞ Stuffed Pepper ☞

Eat In

\$8.00/person

includes rolls, dessert, and drink

- ☞ Beef Vegetable ☞
- ☞ Chicken Noodle ☞
- ☞ Stuffed Pepper ☞
- ☞ Potato Corn Chowder ☞
- ☞ Icelandic Tomato ☞

Benefits Youth Group Mission Trip and Church Summer Camp Scholarship