

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith (A portion of the Heidelberg Catechism)

1Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

Celebration of God's Generosity

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

Cindy Berry

SENDING

*Closing Hymn (on screen) – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Organ Reflection – *Classical Postlude* – Robert J. Hughes

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (on screen)

May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You

P. Sutcliff



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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

Worship Service, page 2

* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Jill Postema

Prelude – *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
arr. by Bill Ingram

Joybells Handbell Choir

- *Acolytes: Mia Smith and Elin Phillips* -

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship (Psalm 108:1-3)

L: My heart is confident, O God

P: I will sing; I will sing praises with my whole being.

L: Wake up, harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.

P: I will praise you, Lord among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

*Hymn (on screen) – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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

Lord of all things bright and beautiful; when we consider the mercy you have poured out upon us, it causes us to tremble. By your unmeasurable grace, you continue to receive us as we lift our prayers before you. You know our hearts; we earnestly desire to seek purity. We sincerely long to express the goodness of your love to others. Yet, we know we fail miserably. Our mercy is attached with strings. Our hearts are stained with anger, resentment, and revenge. We've entered this Lenten journey to examine our lives before your throne. Forgive us Lord lest we are defeated by our sorrow. We ask all this through our savior, your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response (here and on screen) – *Seek Ye First*

Karen Lafferty

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness
And all these things
shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia***

***Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia***

**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 – Ezekiel 36:24-30

Word in Music (on insert) - *Lord, Have Mercy*
Crystal Davis, soloist

Pepper Choplin

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 5:7-8

Sermon – *The First Glimmer*

Rev. Dr. Ted Martin

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* Keith Getty et al

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 Flowers this week are given by Howard and Deb Thompson in celebration of their anniversary.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 22, 2026

- 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
9:30am College Bible Study, Library
10:30am WORSHIP: here at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, or via
LiveStream at vimeo.com/nwpresby or Titan radio, at 88.9 FM
11:30am Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting, Room 206
6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

TUESDAY, 2-24 – KID'S CLUB BEGINS!

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

WEDNESDAY, 2-25

- 7pm Session, Room 214

THURSDAY, 2-26

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

FRIDAY, 2-27 – SUNDAY, 3-1 – ALL CHURCH RETREAT @ THE CASTLE

SATURDAY, 2-28

- 9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Church Library

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are the areas where the deacons assisted our members in need for the month of January...

- Visits – 6
- Calls – 5
- Meals – 2
- Mailings – 13
- Transportation – 1

Thank you...

Soup Sale

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who helped make the Soup Sale a huge success. A special thanks goes out to everyone who helped prepare the soup and set up the social hall. A big thank you to everyone who either bought soup to take home or stayed and enjoyed the soup and fellowship. We raised **\$1247.33** for the youth group mission trip this summer. Once again thanks to everyone.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Another round of thanks for the kitchen crew and more who helped set up for Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Dinner. We served over 85 people. The proceeds after expenses of approximately \$500 will be used to help buy supplies for the kitchen and social hall. Thanks to those who came out for the dinner and their generosity.



Kid's Club

February 24 - March 31 - Tuesdays
from 5:00 - 6:30 PM for kids in
Kindergarten through Grade 4

Register using the form in the bulletin or register online at:
nwpresby.org/kidsclub



Call to Prayer for Global Mission

Will you pray for Presbyterian global mission involvement during the Lenten season? Please pray daily and expectantly that God will revive our commitment to “go and make disciples of all nations.” This Call to Prayer is in response to the PC(USA) withdrawal from mission sending a year ago. Please pray that God will lead us to respond faithfully.

A grassroots global mission movement, With You Always, is launching this prayer initiative. We believe God will use this denominational crisis to bring renewal to our churches, if we will seek after it. The “Prayer for Renewal” tab on the website – www.WithYouAlways2025.org – will offer petitions to help direct your prayers.

With You Always came into being at the New Wilmington Mission Conference to provide care and support for the dismissed mission co-workers. The With You Always coordinating team envisions God using this prayer initiative to convict us where we have fallen short and set us on the path to faithfully obeying the Great Commission. Our hope is that this prayer initiative will go viral – both in cyberspace and throughout the church. Pass it on in your church, among your friends and contact list, in your presbytery, and wherever it might bear fruit. Prayer is the fuel for renewal. May God be glorified. (see the bulletin insert for more information)

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Lord, Have Mercy

Pepper Choplin

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy....
Lord, have-a mercy on my brother.
Lord, have-a mercy on my sister.
While I'm a-prayin' down on my knees,
Lord, have-a mercy on me.

When we gather 'round a brother who is lyin' on a bed of pain.
We're prayin', Lord, won't You lift him up and take his burden away.
For the children carin' for their parents,
for the mother worryin' 'bout her child.
I'm prayin', Lord, won't You lift them up and give them peace for a-while.
Lord, have-mercy on the children, Lord, have-a mercy on the parents.
Lord, I'm a-prayin' for all of these, Lord, have-a mercy on me.
When I'm a-callin', "Lord, Lord," I won't be callin' in vain.
When the waters of trouble are risin' up, I'm callin' Your name!
Hear me prayin' now, O Lord, please, Lord, have mercy on me.



FEB.24 - MAR.31

5:00 - 6:30 PM @ NWPC

KINDERGARTEN
- GRADE 4

**KIDS
CLUB**



REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

PARENT'S NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BEST CONTACT PHONE(S): _____

ANY ALLERGIES OR DIETARY CONCERNS: _____

PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE FORSBERG WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR
CONCERNS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE - 724-971-9725 OR
DEBBIE@NWPRESBY.ORG.

Sabbath

Stop. Rest. Delight. Worship.

with John Mark Comer

NWPC
ALBANY CHURCH
RETREAT

Life Ministries
Castle
February 27-March 1

Paper sign-up forms
in Ligo room.



QR Code
Sign-Up/Payment



Please Pray with us... ¶

With You Always is a grassroots response to the ending of World Mission which was born out of the mission networks. ¶ It began as an effort to care for and support all of the terminated mission co-workers that took place at the New Wilmington Mission Conference. ¶ It continues as an effort to raise support for resending the co-workers who are still called to serve globally and help congregations know how they can continue their global mission support. ¶

This call to prayer is in response to the PC(USA) closing the World Mission office and ending mission sending in March. The denomination may be done with global mission sending, but God is not Finished. Please pray for God to lead us into faithful response. ¶

May God use this prayer initiative to convict us where we have fallen short and set us on the path to faithfully obeying the Great Commission. Prayer is the fuel for renewal. May God be glorified. ¶

Pray ¶
reverently ¶
frequently ¶
faithfully ¶

- → For Mission Networks as they seek to strengthen relationships with their partner churches ¶
- → For presbyteries to take a more active role encouraging and urging congregations to be engaged globally ¶
- → That Presbyterian-related mission organizations e.g. New Wilmington Mission Conference, The Outreach Foundation, Frontier Fellowship, The Antioch Partners, Medical Benevolence Foundation, The Fellowship Community and others might be used to ignite a passion for global mission throughout the PC(USA) ¶
- → For missionaries everywhere who are persecuted for the sake of the Gospel, e.g. Kevin R who was kidnapped from Niger. ¶

Lenten Prayers ¶
Add our mission
coworkers to your
daily prayers through
Lent ¶

¶ A Lenten Prayer for Mission Workers in Transition ¶

Merciful God, —
We lift up those who have suddenly returned from mission fields. Calm their hearts in this season of change and remind them that their labor in You is never in vain. Grant peace in uncertainty, strength for the road ahead, and hope rooted in Your resurrection promise. Surround them with love and support as they seek Your new calling. ¶

In Jesus' name, Amen. ¶