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

Celebration of God's Generosity

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. by Marilynn Ham

*Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Closing Hymn (on screen) – *Go to the World!*

Organ Reflection – *Christ, By Whose All-Serving Light* J.S. Bach

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (on screen)

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 2nd at 6PM as we gather with the New Wilmington Community remembering the final words of Jesus and his Last Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room.

We will enjoy a baked potato meal and celebrate the sacrament of communion together.

All are encouraged to attend!

March 22, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent

New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

229 S. Market Street, New Wilmington, PA 16142

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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 — Jeff Arnold

Prelude – *Sonatina No. 1 by Michael Helman* — Carillon Bell Choir
- Acolytes: Mia Smith and Hailee Cline –

Recognition of Rev. Dr. Matt Camlin

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship (Psalm 145:1-2):
L: I exalt you, my God and king!
P: And I bless your name forever and ever.
L: I will bless you every day
P: I will praise your name forever and ever.

*Hymn (on screen) – *The God of Abraham Praise*

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

Lord God Almighty, we enter your presence with humble and contrite hearts. We have lived our lives in the shadows, and we have scurried away from the light of your presence because of our guilt. Too often, we have been salty with our neighbors and our words have been heavily seasoned to purse the lips. Forgive us Lord. We hope to shine the light of your love to the world, and our aspiration is to bring good flavor to all with whom we have contact. We pray all this through Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response (on insert and screen) – *Amen excerpt from Christus Victor* by Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

**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 43:1-13

Anthem – *Christus Victor* — Brian Fowler et. al.

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon – *Our Identity in Christ* — Rev. Dr. Ted Martin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *Mighty to Save* — Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

*Affirmation of Faith (A portion of the Heidelberg Catechism)
L: 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 on to live for him.

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 pre-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 morning are given in loving memory of Emilie Cole on her Heavenly Birthday, March 17th.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 22, 2026
8am Pastor Nominating Committee, Room 206
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
12pm College of Elders Gathering and Potluck, Fellowship Hall
6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

TUESDAY 3-24
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

THURSDAY, 3-26
6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15pm Worship Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, 3-28
9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Library

SUNDAY, March 29, 2026 – PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK BEGINS
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broadway in Cleveland

Climb every mountain. Ford ev'ry stream. Follow ev'ry rainbow. Till you find your dream.

For 65 years, ***THE SOUND OF MUSIC*** has been one of our "favorite things." With its timeless story and irresistibly charming score, this Rodgers & Hammerstein classic isn't just meant to be enjoyed - it's meant to be shared. Directed by three-time Tony Award® winner Jack O'Brien (*Hairspray*), this vibrant and romantic tale of Maria and the von Trapp family features beloved songs like "Do-Re-Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and "Edelweiss."

Currently we have 14 tickets on hold at $97.50 each for Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 1:30 PM. However, if a different date, time, or price is better for you, please let me know. The show will be in Cleveland from Wednesday, April 22 through Sunday, April 26 with ticket prices ranging from $22.50 to $117.50.

The deadline for reservations and money for ***THE SOUND OF MUSIC*** is Monday, March 23.

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:

The Outsiders	***Death Become Her***
The Great Gatsby	***The Lion King***

The Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00. There will be food. Come for whatever time you have available that evening. Please text either Sandy (724-651-0728) or Charlene (724-856-2781) to let us know if you're coming. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, hat making and laughter.

Church Cleanup Days - May 2nd & May 16th

We need your help!

Donations of time will be appreciated.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

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. ***(copies of the prayer are available in the Ligo Room)***

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Our SHOP Update

Our SHOP (Our School Helping Our People) is a meaningful and growing resource that began as a simple idea and has blossomed into a valuable support system for students in grades K–12 at the Wilmington Area School District. At its core, Our SHOP exists to ensure that students have access to what they need to be successful.

Students may submit requests using the Our SHOP request form on their student dashboard. Each request is thoughtfully reviewed and evaluated. If items are already available, they are prepared and distributed discreetly before school, after school, or during a prep period, as no instructional time is available in my schedule for such purposes. If an item is not currently in stock, it is ordered and delivered to the student in a confidential manner, typically through the office or a counselor. As Our SHOP has evolved—particularly as we approach a 40% free and reduced lunch rate—the need for these resources has continued to grow. I am truly thankful to be part of such a supportive community that helps ensure students can access what they need at no cost.

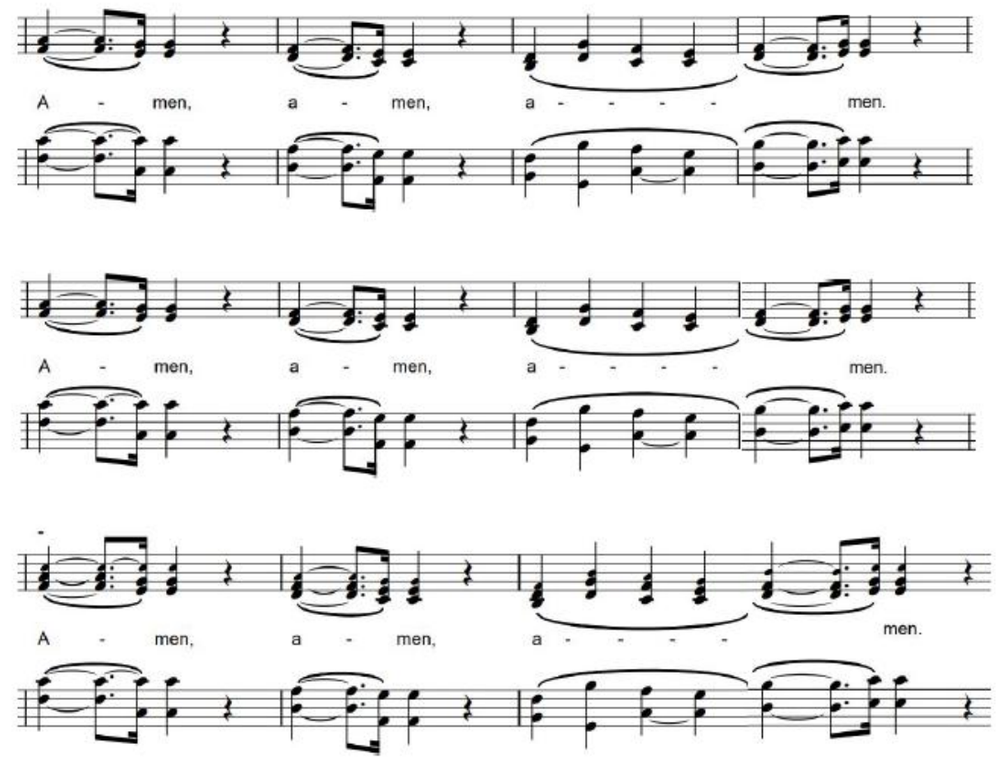
We would warmly welcome financial contributions or donations of clothing and hygiene items. Current needs include shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, and hair brushes for boys and girls. Financial support is welcome as we have had some major needs for kids who we need to support with clothing and shoes. We have a separate checking account strictly for this purpose. Financial donations can be made out to "Our SHOP" and mailed to Wilmington Area High School, Attn Our SHOP 350 Wood St. New Wilmington, PA 16142

Thank you for your ongoing support as Our SHOP continues to grow and reach more students each year. We are committed to refining the process and making it as smooth and efficient as possible. With your support, we are hopeful that Our SHOP will continue to thrive for many years to come.

Mrs. Emily Mortimer
Our SHOP Project Manager, WAHS Math teacher

There is a bin in the Ligo Room for donations of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, and hairbrushes for boys and girls.

"Amen" response
Excerpt from *Christus Victor*
Music by: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Bryan Fowler
Arr. by Daniel Galbraith



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2026 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!

Year-Round Glass Recycling Begins March 23–27, 2026! ♻️

Great news! As part of the Lawrence–Mercer County Recycling Program, year-round glass recycling will be available starting the week of March 23–27, 2026.

Look for the purple recycling bins:

📍 Hermitage
Elite EMS (former Hermitage Fire Station #3)
541 Mercer Avenue, Hermitage, PA 16148
Entrance is across from Morefield Cemetery

✅ ACCEPTED: Place ONLY glass bottles, jugs, and jars in the collection bins.

❌ NOT ACCEPTED: Cut glass, bakeware, mirrors, porcelain/ceramics, stemware, window glass, light bulbs, trash, or other recyclables.

📹 Area under surveillance.

Not sure about your item? Call 724-658-6925 for assistance.

#HermitagePA #LawrenceMercerRecycles #GlassRecycling #CommunityRecycling

One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings will be collected on March 29th and April 5th

New Wilmington Ministerium

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29th - PALM SUNDAY
Worship @ 10:30 AM - *NWPC Sanctuary*

Thursday, April 2nd - MAUNDY THURSDAY
Baked Potato Dinner @ 6pm - *NWPC Fellowship Hall*
Worship Service @ 7pm - *NWPC Sanctuary*
Journey to the Cross (40 min. Walk Through Experience)
5-8pm @ *Living Word Church*

Friday, April 3rd - GOOD FRIDAY
Sanctuary open for prayer 12-3pm @ Neshannock PC
Tenebrae Service @ 7pm - *NW United Methodist Church*
Journey to the Cross (40 min. Walk Through Experience)
5-8pm @ *Living Word Church*

Sunday, April 5th - EASTER SUNDAY
Resurrection Celebration @
10:30am - *NWPC Sanctuary*

He is Risen!