

*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.

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

Celebration of God's Generosity

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory – *All Creatures of Our God and King*
*Doxology, Hymn #592
*Prayer of Dedication

Ovid Young

SENDING

*Closing Hymn (on screen) – #347 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Organ Reflection – *Go Forth With Joy*

David Wion

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response (on screen)

May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You

P. Sutcliff



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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

Worship Service, page 2

* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Dan Urban

Prelude – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Bill Ingram Joybells Handbell Choir
- *Acolytes Carry the Light into the Sanctuary* -

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

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

P: I long and yearn for your courts.

L: My heart and flesh cry out to the living God

P: Blessed are the people whose strength is in you!

*Hymn (on screen) – #207 How Lovely, Lord

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

Lord of hosts. You have set the standard for excellence. You have established your decrees. Your design for your creation is etched deep into the fabric of its order. Yet, we have marred your splendor with our sin. We demand perfection from others while we, ourselves fail to uphold the most simplest of tasks; we twist your decrees to fit our needs and we have torn the fabric of your created order to satisfy our own personal wants. Forgive us Lord. Fill us with humility and awe as we encounter your grace upon our lives. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our savior, Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response (on insert and screen) – *Surely The Presence of the Lord*
by Lanny Wolfe

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

*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

Abby Richards

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

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 59:1-15

Word in Music – *Offertory*

by John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 5:21-30

Sermon – *This is Challenging*

Rev. Dr. Ted Martin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Song of Praise (on screen) – *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Paul Baloche
and Brenton Brown

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 26, 2026

- 8am Pastor Nominating Committee, Room 206
9am Men's Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room
9:15am SALT via Zoom: The Power of Bridging by john a. powell
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
6pm SHYG, Youth Lounge

MONDAY, 4-27

- 3:30pm Mission Committee, Room 206

TUESDAY, 4-28

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

THURSDAY, 4-30

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

SATURDAY, 5-2

- 9am Adult Saturday Bible Study, Library

SUNDAY, May 3, 2026 - COMMUNION

- 9am Men's Bible Class, Lillian Martin Room
9:15am SALT via Zoom: The Power of Bridging by john a. powell
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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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The prayer shawl group will be meeting Thursday May 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 in the social hall. We will make hats, discuss other ideas for projects, and have food, fun, and fellowship. Please text either Sandy 724-651-0728 or Charlene 724-856-2781 to let us know if you're coming. Bring a friend. 😊



Save the Dates!

Garden Planting Day will be May 16th from 8am-12pm.
The Garden Kick-off Picnic will be May 17th after worship.



Church Cleanup Days - May 2nd & May 16th

We need your help!

Donations of time will be appreciated.
Watch the bulletin for more information.

SALT will be responding to, **The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong**, by John A. Powell beginning this Sunday, April 26. No one wants to live in a society in turmoil. In fact, 93 percent of people in the US want to reduce divisiveness, and 86 percent believe it's possible to disagree in a healthy way. Yet with increasing political and social fragmentation, many of us don't know how to move past our differences. Civil rights scholar John A. Powell presents an actionable path through "bridging" that helps us communicate, coexist, and imagine a new story for our shared future where we all belong. SALT meets via Zoom at 9:20. Contact Jim Hines, jhines55@hotmail.com, to receive a link.

W E L C O M E

A big welcome to new members Hannah and Ed Jurina,
and daughters Sophie and Opal!

NWPC Trustees Summary

April 8, 2026 Minutes

Approved Actions:

- Sherie Babb (EDCOM Inc.)—Courtyard for Porchfest, July 25, 3:00–6:00 PM
- Kim Romig—Card Club, April 14, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM
- Lyle Johnston—Sanctuary, May 30, 1:00–4:00 PM (grandson's senior recital)
- Jeff Arnold—Social Hall for Rotary Club meetings (2nd and 4th Mondays, 5:30–8:00PM)

NWPC Deacons

These are the areas where the deacons have joyfully assisted our members for the month of March...

VISITS – 6

CALLS – 7

MEALS – 2

MAILINGS – 34

TRANSPORTATION – 3

STAFF

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Broadway-in-Cleveland



The Party's Roaring in Cleveland!

THE GREAT GATSBY is a "Broadway extravaganza that explodes with life and energy" (Entertainment Weekly). Based on the classic American novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, the Tony Award-winning new musical is an unforgettable journey of love, wealth and tragedy that brings the Roaring Twenties to life on stage.

Directed by Marc Bruni (Beautiful: The Carole King Musical), this story of extravagance and longing features choreography by Dominique Kelley (So You Think You Can Dance), a book by Kait Kerrigan (The Mad Ones) and a jazz- and pop-influenced original score by Jason Howland (Little Women) and Nathan Tysen (Paradise Square).

Currently we have 10 tickets on hold at \$82.50 each for Saturday, June 13, 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 Tuesday, June 9 through Sunday, June 28 with ticket prices ranging from \$27.50 to \$82.50.

The deadline for reservations and money for *THE GREAT GATSBY* is Thursday, April 30.

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 - 2027:

<i>The Lion King</i>	<i>Death Become Her</i>	<i>Tommy</i>
<i>Hadestown</i>	<i>Wicked</i>	<i>Mamma Mia!</i>
<i>Boop!</i>	<i>Maybe Happy Ending</i>	<i>"Oh, Mary"</i>
<i>Phantom of the Opera</i>	<i>Jersey Boys</i>	<i>Buena Vista Social Club</i>
<i>Harry Potter and the Cursed Child</i>		

Women Alone Together



This group is for women who live alone but want to fellowship together. Beginning in September we will embark on a five part journey that will focus on transforming a life of solitude into an intentional circle of friends.

Kick-off Program May 13th 2-3:30 PM

NWPC Social Hall for light snacks

Bring a friend and get ready for social time and discussion around redefining the season of living alone

Sessions themes beginning in September

- Focus 1: The Power of Presence
- Focus 2: Financial Stewardship
- Focus 3: Emotional Resilience
- Focus 4: Finding New Purpose
- Focus 5: Legacy and Vision

Questions? Contact Jennifer Green jeneg26@gmail.com

Community Engagement COMMITTEE

Formerly known as the Reconciliation "Party" Committee

Mission Statement: To bring people together to serve, laugh, and love.

Purpose: Strengthening connections within our church and throughout the broader community.

Duties:

1. Bringing the Community Into Our Church

We aim to make our church a welcoming and active gathering place for the wider community.

Partner with local organizations to host meetings, programs, and activities in our space

Organize community dinners and shared meals

Extend open invitations to community members for church programs, events, and special gatherings

2. Taking Our Church Into the Community

We seek to actively engage beyond our walls and build meaningful relationships throughout New Wilmington.

Strengthen connections with Westminster College and students

Strengthen connections with Shenango on the Green and residents

Be present at community events (e.g., Halloween activities, Donut Race, Farmers Market, etc.)

Explore partnerships with other local churches for shared initiatives

Lead or support special outreach efforts, such as:

Community food box

Community garden

Other service-based projects, perhaps in conjunction with the Mission Committee

3. Creating Community Within Our Church

We foster fellowship, connection, and belonging among our congregation.

Host monthly fellowship gatherings (e.g., Pop-In for Fellowship, Strawberry Social, Donuts, and other seasonal events)

Organize quarterly potluck luncheons, including opportunities to:

Share updates on engagement efforts

Invite participation and ideas from members

Assist other groups with after church receptions and meals

4. Marketing & Communications

We aim to improve how we connect and communicate - both within the church and with the broader community.

Explore expanded communication tools, including:

Mailings and newsletters

Outdoor signage and banners

Announcements during services

Social media and digital outreach

Ensure information is clear, consistent, and welcoming to all audiences

Come join this fun bunch at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m!

NWPC SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Session will reintroduce you to the five updated session subcommittees (mission, community engagement, stewardship, worship, Christian ed) via a bulletin insert over the next several weeks.

2. At the April meeting, session voted to extend Pastor Ted's contract for one full year, from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, while the Pastor Nominating Committee pursues its work. God bless Pastor Ted! Terms of the contract TBD.

3. On Sunday, May 3, a photographer will be in church to capture photos of church life. The photos will help the PNC in updating the church website.

