



\*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 – *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart / O Breath of Life*  
arr. Cindy Berry

\*Doxology, Hymn #592

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **SENDING**

\*Closing Hymn (on screen) – #316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Organ Reflection – *Postlude in A Minor*

George Blake

\*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

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\* Denotes all may stand if possible

Greetings & Announcements

Bob Devido

Prelude – *The Breath of God*

Ray Landis

- *Acolytes Carry the Light into the Sanctuary-*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 89:1-2)

L: I will sing of the Lord's steadfast love forever!

**P: I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations!**

L: I will declare, "Steadfast love is built up forever!"

**P: And, "You have established your faithfulness in the heavens!"**

\*Hymn (on screen) – #129 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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

**Lord of steadfast love. Your covenant with us is bound fast by your will. We confess our will and desires often collide with who you've called us to be. It is a tall order. Those around us who seem to get it right hold a mythical stature in our lives. We exclaim, "How can anyone be that loving?" "How can anyone be genuinely that compassionate?" For we struggle day in and day out to love as you have directed us to love. Forgive us for speaking ill of our enemies. Forgive us for engaging in practices that dismantle trust. Forgive us Lord. We pray all this through Jesus Christ your son, our savior. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Response (on insert and screen) – *Spirit Song*

John Wimber

***Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit live a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs***

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Moment

Old Testament Lesson – Jonah 4

Word in Music – *SIYAHAMBA*

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'**  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are living in the love of God.  
We are moving in the power of God.

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon – *Was Mr. Rodgers Delusional?*

Rev. Dr. Ted Martin

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Song of Praise (on screen) – *King of Kings*

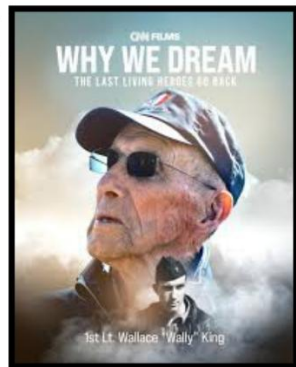
Brooke Ligertwood et. al

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



A special “Thank you!” to Karen Latta for directing the choir this week in Anne’s absence.

**Wally King is one featured person in the film, “Why We Dream”, which will be on CNN on Memorial Day, May 25 at 8:00PM.**



**Attention 2026 graduates / parents of graduates:** If you or your son/daughter has received a post high school degree, please inform the church office using [office@nwpresby.org](mailto:office@nwpresby.org) by May 27th. Provide student’s name, degree, major, and school or university attended. We will celebrate graduates on May 31st. Thank you!

## STAFF

**Interim Pastor & Head of Staff**..... Rev. Dr. Ted Martin, [thmhamp@gmail.com](mailto:thmhamp@gmail.com)  
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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. **JAM will return in September.**



**ALL INVITED! June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:45PM**

All Church Potluck Dinner with Ministry Architects.  
We will explore who we are and where we are going. No reservation necessary. Invite a friend; Bring a dish!

Ministry Architects is working with NWPC to explore who we are and where we see ourselves going. To assist them in our endeavor to “know thyself”, there is a link to a 6 question survey that is open to all.

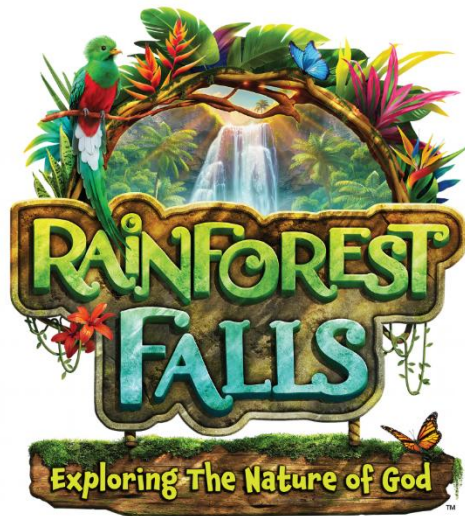
Use this link to access the survey:

<https://forms.gle/kbxwKU7rwYRW9d2o8>

*Please complete the survey by May 31st!*



*The Trustees would like to thank those who volunteered their Saturday mornings for the workdays and our version of “Mulch Madness”!*



**June 22-26**

**5-8PM**

*A light supper will be included each evening.*

**Registration forms are available in a basket in the Ligo Room or register online at [nwpresby.org](http://nwpresby.org). Questions? See Kim Rodgers!**

**Introducing the Worship Committee**  
*formerly known as the Divine Encounter Committee*  
**Betsy Walters, Chair**

**Mission Statement:** Creating space for a divine encounter with the risen savior Jesus Christ.

**Purpose:** To guide members and visitors in the way of Jesus Christ through spiritual fellowship and the maintenance of divine worship.

**Committee Structure:** Comprised of two active elders and minimum of 4 members-at-large (inclusive of staff as liaisons). Sub-committees may be formed to address particular emerging needs.

**Specific Duties:**

- Oversight of the chancel and sanctuary
- Preparation of the sacraments (Lord’s Supper or Baptism) when incorporated into worship; including assignment of Elder/Deacon to serve
- Assemble a team of Liturgists to assist with worship each Sunday; provide training for the liturgists.
- In cooperation with the pastor, design and facilitate engaging worship for the glory of God
- Provide devotional materials for members and visitors of the congregation (ie: Lenten, Advent, daily and seasonal)
- Orchestrate with the staff to assure flowers, decorations and Seasonal decorations are in place.
- With the pastor (and if appropriate, the ministerium), design and implement special worship services (ie: Good Friday, Ash Wednesday, Thanksgiving, etc).
- Provide Wedding Coordinator to work with the pastor and the couple in formulating a worship service that gives thanks and glory to God for the gift of marriage.
- Be available to assist, if needed, in the event of a funeral service
- Provide oversight and a conduit to Session for the H.E.L.P. team.
- Provide oversight and conduit to Session for the Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Work cooperatively with the worship leadership of the staff (ie: Organist, Music Ministry Coordinator, Worship Team leader, Pastor).
- Be sure to meet with copious amounts of food and goodies once per month