

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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24th Sunday after Pentecost November 4, 2018 10:30 a.m. Worship

*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

To the parents of our young children

Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you need to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome. Sit toward the front, where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the members of our congregation

The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children, call them by name and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.



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COME

Voluntary Six Canonic Studies, Op. 56: No. 4 in A-Flat Major
Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

Introit A Bach Pastorale Johann Sebastian Bach
Arr. Barbara B. Kinyon
Westminster Presbyterian Church Bell Choir

*Call to Worship Psalm 98 Kevin Spring

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known salvation, has shown justice to the nations, and has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn 458 Earth and All Stars DEXTER

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, friend of sinners, your words to your disciples were plain: Whatever we did for the least of our brothers and sisters, we did for you. But have we fed the hungry, invited in the stranger, clothed those whose garments were thread-bare, looked after the sick, visited the incarcerated? In your mercy, Lord, forgive us, we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Calendar of Church Building Events For November 4–11, 2018

Sunday, 11/4 Consecration Sunday

- 8:45 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Education for all ages
- 10:30 am Worship/Consecration of Pledges/First Sunday Food Collection (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee, birthday cake and fellowship (WHH)

Monday, 11/5

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, 11/6

No Activities Planned

Wednesday, 11/7

- 4:00 pm Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)

Thursday, 11/8

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 pm Bible Study (Library)
- 4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, 11/9

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 11/10

No Activities Planned

Sunday, 11/11 Veteran's Day

- 8:45 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Education for all ages
- 10:30 am Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

THE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CAKE is given by Nancy Keogh.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

NEW CUSTODIAN David Bodnar was officially hired to serve as Westminster's full-time custodian. His anticipated start date is November 5. In addition to his work with us during the week, David will also be responsible for providing custodial coverage on Sundays.

DECEMBER-JANUARY SCRIPT DEADLINE has been changed. Please send your articles and pictures to Claudine before Tuesday, November 6 to wpcoffice1250@gmail.com

PARKING CHANGES BEHIND CHURCH For years we have been parking on our rear neighbors' properties. Both the signs that were there and front wheels of vehicles were not on our property. At the recommendation of the Akron Fire Department, Properties Committee has made the decision to eliminate several parking spots (behind the kitchen). Moving the signs onto our property results in even the shortest cars obstructing the driveway. EMS and small busses must be able to pass. Sorry for this inconvenience.

FIVE AT FIVE CONCERT The next concert will be on Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m. and will feature of musical artistry of Alcee Chriss III, our new Music Director/Organist.

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace
Greet both friends and strangers saying,
"The peace of Christ be with you."

Time for Church Life

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick up after the service.

Offertory Jubilate in B-flat, Op. 10 Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

*Response 592 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow *Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

First Sunday Food Collection

Following the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 6th graders are invited to children's choir rehearsal in room 207 of the Education Building. Sheila will meet the children at the Sanctuary door on the lectern side and take the children to their appropriate classrooms so that parents may not miss the readings and sermon. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Mark 12:28-34 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 49

*Hymn 339 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

The Second Lesson Psalm 146:1-10 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 581

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Philos The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

God holds this world with fierce love, and keeps the ultimate promise by sending Jesus into the world, pouring out the Holy Spirit, and announcing the good news: those who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God - the first fruits of a new creation. As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord, and rejoice in the goodness of God.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Consecration of Pledges

Please bring your pledge cards forward at this time. All pledge cards received in advance have been placed in the basket and included in the blessing. Thank you for your generous support of Westminster Presbyterian Church, its programs, ministries and missions.



*Hymn 434 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Comes Autumn Time Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Welcome to our worship this morning!
Stay with us after worship today for coffee, birthday cake and fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES, HYMNALS, CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available. Please ask an usher.

USHERS Brad Hall (head usher), Sook and James Lee, Andi Jopperi, and Mike Grau.

TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

VISITORS If you are new to Westminster, please pick-up your welcome bag that is in the entrance to the church.

THE FLOWERS The flowers in the Chancel are given in the loving memory of Phil Buehl by Joan and the family.