

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.

**SCRIPT DEADLINE: for information in the February-March
Script the deadline is Tuesday, January 15 at noon.**

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First Sunday after Christmas
December 30, 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.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

YEAR-END GIFTS Just a reminder that your year-end gifts must be physically delivered to the finance office or postmarked on or before **December 31, 2018** to be included on your 2018 giving statement. The church offices will be closed Monday, December 31. Contributions received during worship today will be included on your 2018 giving statement. Thank you for your generous support of Westminster Presbyterian Church during 2018.

REMOVAL OF THE GREENS Please stay after worship on Sunday, January 6 at 11:30 a.m. to help the Worship committee take down the beautiful decorations from our worship and meeting spaces. All hands on deck...we appreciate your help.

FAMILY ICE SKATING Join us on Sunday, **January 6** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for ice skating. We will all meet at Lock 3. Rental/skating is \$4. If you bring your own skates it is \$2. Cookies are available for WPC members. Sign-up in WHH at Connection Point.

BAKE SALE On **January 13**, the Deacons are hosting a sale of cookies, cakes and other baked goods. The purpose is to raise money to provide flowers to every person living at Ohio Living-Rockynol on Valentine's day.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The last day for Presbyterian Women to earn community cash back for Acme receipts is today December 30. Please turn in all your receipts to the box in WHH by **January 15**.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*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 Go, Tell It on the Mountain John W. Work (1871-1925)

*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

After the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 6 year-olds are invited to the Nursery for age-appropriate activities. Grades K-8 will stay in worship with their family.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Colossians 3:12-17
Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 201

*Hymn 36 In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

The Second Lesson Luke 2:41-52
Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 59

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

Sermon Subversive Faith The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of Mary. Jesus Christ rules over all. To follow the Lord is to serve him wherever we are, without fitting in, light in the darkness.

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.

*Hymn 22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary March of the Wise Men E.S. Hosmer (1840-1929)

Welcome to our worship this morning!
*Join us after worship today for coffee 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 Dave Stobbs (head usher), Linda Stobbs, Joan Buehl, Barbara Thackeray, Donna Gorrington, Dan Gorrington, and Bill Bramley.

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



2019 Stewardship—Goal \$487,916

Thank you to all who committed financially to our ministries and programs for 2019. We received 93 pledges totaling \$290,894. Your generosity and ongoing support is always appreciated. Thank you for sharing your blessings.