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- 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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**Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 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

Voluntary Trumpet Tune in D Major

Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

Choral Introit Break Forth, Beauteous Heavenly Light
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship Steve Harp

John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.
Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God’s reign of justice and love.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 10 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry WINCHESTER NEW

Lighting of the Advent Candle Isaiah 11:1-3
Eric, Andi, John, Hunter and Claire Jopperi

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from the roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding...
We light these candles as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming of Christ.

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant with us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

Calendar of Church Building Events
For December 9—16, 2018

Sunday, 12/9 Second Sunday of Advent	
8:45 am	Child Care Center opens
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Education for all ages
10:30 am	Worship/Communion/Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
12:00 pm	Youth Christmas Party and Ice Skating
4:30 pm	Childcare for Five at Five (Nursery)
5:00 pm	Alcee Chriss III Five at Five Concert (Sanctuary) - Reception
Monday, 12/10	
11:30 am	WPC Men's Group (Off Site/Olive Garden)
6:30 pm	Book Group Holiday Dinner (Off Site)
Tuesday, 12/11	
6:30 pm	Endowment Committee (Pastor's Study)
7:00 pm	Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)
7:00 pm	Properties Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, 12/12	
4:00 pm	Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)
7:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting (Room 106)
Thursday, 12/13	
9:30 am	Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (Library)
3:00 pm	Membership Meeting (Library)
4:15 pm	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Friday, 12/14	
No Activities Planned	
Saturday, 12/15	
7:30 am	Christmas Basket Assembly (WHH/Kitchen)
9:00 am	Christmas Basket Delivery
Sunday, 12/16 Third Sunday of Advent	
8:45 am	Child Care Center opens
8:45 am	Children’s Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Education for all ages
10:30 am	Worship/Children's Pageant (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
5:00 pm	3rd Sunday Dinner (WHH)

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, Barbara Thackeray, Donna Gorrington, Dan Gorrington, Bill Bramley, and Joan Buehl.

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 by Marcia Holcomb in loving memory of her parents, Evelyn and Robert Fugler.

ADDENDUM On December 2, the flowers in the chancel were given by Barb and Cy Blackfan in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is after worship today. Please stay.

WPC MEN’S GROUP Don’t forget the men’s luncheon tomorrow, **December 10** at 11:30 a.m., at the Olive Garden in Montrose. If you have any questions, please contact Art Schooley at 330-666-3816.

WPC GIVING TREE Please donate new gloves, hats, scarves and socks this holiday season to benefit adults and children in the Access Shelter. Place all donations on or under the giving tree in the sanctuary this December.

CHILDREN’S PAGEANT will be during worship on **December 16**. We will be bringing forth gifts for the Summit County Children’s Services Holiday Toy Room Program. See the bulletin insert.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS Our annual Christmastime delivery of 250 food baskets to Greater Akronites in need will take place on Saturday, **December 15**. The groceries purchased from Acme #1 will be assembled in the church parking lot beginning at 7:30 a.m. with deliveries beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will need plenty of volunteers to make this a success. Please sign-up to volunteer for basket assembly and/or delivery at the Connection Point in WHH.

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 Carol of the Advent Philip Diettrich (b. 1931)

*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

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. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Philippians 1:3-11 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 196

The Second Lesson Luke 3:1-6 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 60
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Making the Time The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

Together let us say: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit is with us still: **Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

In one voice, let us offer the words of 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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front row. Return to your pew by the side aisles. Those in the balcony may come forward at any time. The servers with chalices have wine for dipping the bread; those with trays have cups for grape juice.

If you choose to receive the bread and cup in your pew, please raise your hand so a serving team can identify you. Gluten, soy, and corn free wafers are also available for those with allergies.

Words of Institution

“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

Communion Hymn

Prayer following Communion

Generous God, you have given yourself to us and made us yours. You prepared a table before us, led us to it, and fed us abundantly. Thank you, great God, for your life-giving gifts. Thank you for uniting us with you and with each other, for giving us new life and new hope, and for preparing us to live as your people. May our lives joyfully display our hope in you. In the power of your Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 11 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary I Love Thee, My Lord

George Shearing (1919-2011)

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