

## 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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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 24, 2019  
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      Carillon      Leo Sowerby  
Members of the Westminster Bell Choir

Introit      He Looked Beyond My Faults      Dottie Rambo  
Trischa Nastycz, *soloist*

\*Call to Worship      Liam Hauerwas

The eternal Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins,  
**who loves us still with that love that will not let us go, and  
who will love us forever,**  
calls us to worship today the One who is the only true lover of our  
souls.  
**The Lord stoops to receive our love, and calls us to  
remember the depth of that love for us in Christ.**  
God seeks our love! Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 403      What a Friend We Have in Jesus      CONVERSE

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your  
ways or trusted in your promises. We love only those  
who love us; we show kindness only to those who are  
kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive.  
Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love.  
Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things  
we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Calendar of Church Building Events  
For February 24—March 3, 2019

- Sunday, 2/24**  
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/Volunteers Appreciation Sunday (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am      Coffee and fellowship (WHH)  
11:30 am      Vision Team Meeting (Library)  
11:30 am      Worship Committee meeting (Pastor's Study)  
6:00 pm      Nominating Committee (Room 106)
- Monday, 2/25**  
1:00 pm      Safety & Security Task Force (Pastor's Study)
- Tuesday, 2/26**  
7:00 pm      Session Meeting (Room 106)
- Wednesday, 2/27**  
4:00 pm      Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)
- Thursday, 2/28**  
9:30 am      WPC Staff Meeting (Library)  
12:00 pm      Bible Study (Library)  
4:15 pm      Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- Friday, 3/1**  
6:00 pm      Spirituality of Childhood
- Saturday, 3/2**  
8:00 am      Food for Life (Kitchen)  
9:00 am      Godly Play Training
- Sunday, 3/3**  
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 (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am      Coffee, cake and fellowship (WHH)  
11:30 am      Presbyterian Women Meeting (Pastor's Study)

# COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

**GIVING ENVELOPES** The church provides giving envelopes for you in one of two ways. Blank envelopes are available each week in the church pews, or pre-printed envelopes are mailed to your home address. If you would prefer to no longer receive pre-printed envelopes, you may opt-out via email (wpcfinance1250@gmail.com) or by calling the church office. Alternately, if you have not received pre-printed envelopes in the past and would like to begin receiving them, please contact the Finance Office by March 1st.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** Join us as Reverend Emily Griffith, an episcopal priest and Godly Play trainer, helps us delve into nurturing spirituality in children. We will have a simple supper followed by her thought-provoking presentation. Friday, **March 1** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Reverend Griffith returns on Saturday for a Teacher Godly Play Training. If you teach or are interested in teaching join us on Saturday, **March 2** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Let Sheila know if you need childcare! Contact at wpcchildren1250@gmail.com.

**WPC TALENT SHOW AND CHILI TASTING on March 9, 2019.** We will gather for this evening of fun, food, and fellowship. We will start by enjoying the entries in the Chili cook-off, as well as displays of art, followed by live acts...whatever talent you've got! Don't miss it!

**5@5 CONCERT** WPC is delighted to present a rare (and free!) musical experience for this Saint Patrick's Day weekend. On Sunday, **March 10** at 5:00 p.m. We will welcome the Celtic band, Shenanigans, for an evening of authentic Irish folk music. This dynamic ensemble features Mark Alan Wade, National Champion dulcimer player, Cristina Wade on marimbula & Irish whistles, Randy Clepper, world renowned on Irish bouzouki, and Anthony Papaleo, master of all things stringed. You won't need your passports for this exciting concert, but you will be transported to Ireland for this enchanting performance on the week of Saint Patrick's Day!

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

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."**

Moment for Ministry Godly Play Sheila Svoboda

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

*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 Total Praise Richard Smallwood

\*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 for 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 206 of the Education Building. Parents and  
guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.*

## GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson    Luke 6:27-38        Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 64

\*Hymn 398    There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit    SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

The Second Lesson    Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 42  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon    Sibling Rivalry    The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

**The Spirit renews our hearts and moves us to faith,  
leads us into truth, and helps us to pray, stands by us in  
our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.  
Sent by the Spirit, the church is thrust into the world,  
ambassadors of God's peace, announcing forgiveness  
and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace.  
Men and women, impelled by the Spirit, go next door  
and far away into science and art, media and  
marketplace - every area of life, pointing to the reign  
of God with what they do and say.**

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 563    Lift Every Voice and Sing        LIFT EVERY VOICE

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary    Rhapsody after Art        Art Tatum/Alcee Chriss

***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 are Cindy Beidler (Head Usher)  
Mike Hale,  
Helen & Mark Preebe,  
Sandy Gruneich,  
Steve Harp

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Bill Bramley and family in loving  
memory of Rosemary Bramley.  
The flowers on the pedestal are dedicated in the memory of Cathryn  
and Dave Taliaferro by the Carroll Polak family.

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