#### 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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# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany February 3, 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 So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower George Shearing

Introit Give Me Jesus Traditional

Soloist: Stacy Franzmann

\*Call to Worship Harriet Chapman

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

God is with us and sustains us.

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

### **ENCOUNTER**

**Prayer of Confession** 

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

Silence is observed.

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

## Calendar of Church Building Events For February 3–10, 2019

Sunday, 2/3	
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	VBS Planning (Tween Room)
11:30 am	Super Sub pick-up
Monday, 2/4	
	No Activities Planned
Tuesday, 2/5	
6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study Room)
Wednesday, 2/6	
4:00 pm	Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)
Thursday, 2/7	
9:30 am	WPC Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (Library)
4:15 pm	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Friday, 2/8	
	No Activities Planned
Saturday, 2/9	
11:30 am	Tween Service Event with Good Neighbors
<b>Sunday</b> , <b>2/10</b>	
9:00 am	Child Care Center opens

Education for all ages

Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

9:30 am

10:30 am

11:30 am

### **COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE**

THE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CAKE is given today by Dave and Dianne Allison.

MINISTRY LEADERS AND MODERATORS Please submit your complete report for the year 2018 to the church office to be included in the 2018 WPC Annual Report at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE We are in need of additional volunteers to stuff bulletin inserts on Friday mornings. If you might be willing to assist, please contact Claudine in our main office at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Are you interested in nurturing spirituality in children? Join us as Reverend Emily Griffith, an episcopal priest and Godly Play trainer, helps us delve into this important task. We will have a simple supper followed by her thought-provoking presentation. Friday, **March 1** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Childcare provided. 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 me know if you need childcare! Contact Sheila at wpcchildren1250@gmail.com.

WPC TALENT SHOW AND CHILI TESTING on March 9, 2019. Westminster's Got Talent...and now is the time for you to show it! Please submit your entry for the first ever church-wide Talent Show by February 10. On March 9 at 5:30 p.m., 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 (all media), crafts, quilts or writing, followed by live acts in the areas of music (solo, duo, group; instrumental or vocal), dance, poetic readings, magic, juggling, comedy...whatever talent you've got! We may even have a house band! Please sign-up for your talent (including chili cookin') at Connection Point or via email to lbansenharp@hotmail.com.

#### **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.

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

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 Lead Me Lord Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

\*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 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 207 of the Education Building. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.

### **GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Psalm 71:1-6 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 532

\*Hymn 362 I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

CM \*C

\*Charge and Benediction

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 175

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

Sermon These Three

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

### **SERVE**

\*Affirmation of Faith

The communion of saints, called from the entire human family, is united by God. As the people of God, we love one another. We experience, practice, and pursue community with one another. We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. We are a benefit and blessing to one another. We share one faith and have one calling. We are one body. We have one God and Father. We are filled with one Spirit. We are baptized with one baptism. We eat of one bread and drink of one cup. We confess one name and are obedient to one Lord. We work for one cause and share one hope. Thanks be to 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.

Voluntary Deep River

\*Hymn 368

arr. Jeffrey L. Nall/Alcee Chriss

## Welcome to our worship this morning!

Join us after worship today for coffee, 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.

I've Got Peace Like a River

USHERS are Cindy Beidler (Head Usher)
Mike Hale
Polly Davis
Steve Harp.

TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by the Westminster and Rockynol apartments Dinner Bridge Group, in loving memory of the members who have passed away.

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