

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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Baptism of the Lord January 13, 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

What Songs Were Sung

John Jacob Niles

Denise Milner Howell, mezzo-soprano

*Call to Worship

Marcia Holcomb

All who thirst, come to the water and drink deeply of these living streams.
Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.
Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

*Hymn 66 We Three Kings of Orient Are THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

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 Matthew 3:17

*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.

Calendar of Church Building Events
For January 13—January 20, 2019

Sunday, 1/13	
9:00 am	Child Care Center opens
9:30 am	Education for all ages
10:30 am	Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
11:30 am	Befrienders Bake Sale (WHH)
Monday, 1/14	
11:30 am	WPC Men's Group (off site/Olive Garden)
7:00 pm	Book Discussion (Library)
Tuesday, 1/15	
9:30 am	Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)
Wednesday, 1/16	
1:00 pm	Sewing Circle (Room 106)
4:00 pm	Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)
Thursday, 1/17	
9:00 am	Staff Training (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (106)
4:15 pm	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Friday, 1/18	
No Activities Planned	
Saturday, 1/19	
8:00 am	Food for Life (Kitchen)
1:00 pm	In-House Officer Training (Room 106)
Sunday, 1/20	
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/Ordination and Installation of Church Officers (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
11:30 am	Worship Committee meeting (Pastor's Study)
5:00 pm	3rd Sunday Dinner

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 Bob Leonard (Head Usher), Don Rearick, Earl Pierson,
Raphael Peoples, and Phil Fry.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Peggy and Marc Messaros in
memory of their parents, Francis and Carlos Matthews and Katherine
and Jess Messaros.

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

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

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

BAKE SALE Today, after the worship service 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. Please help them by purchasing items
today.

CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING In-House Officer Training will be on
Saturday, January 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room 106.

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE Our new website address is:
www.westminsterakron.org

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

Moment for Ministry Befrienders Bake Sale

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 Geistliches Wiegenlied from *Zwei Gesänge*
Op. 91, Johannes Brahms
Denise Milner Howell, *mezzo soprano* and Ian McIntyre, *viola*

*You who hover around these palms in night and wind,
You holy angels, silence the treetops, my child is sleeping.
You palms of Bethlehem In the roaring wind, how can you today
bluster so angrily! O roar not so! Be still, bow softly and gently;
Silence the treetops! My child is sleeping. The child of heaven
endures the discomfort, Oh, how tired he has become
of earthly sorrow. Oh, now in sleep, gently softened,
His pain fades. Silence the treetops!
My child is sleeping. Fierce cold comes rushing. How shall I cover
the little child's limbs? O all you angels, you winged ones
wandering in the wind. Silence the treetops! My child is sleeping.*

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

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7 Pew Bible, Old Testament, Pg. 672

The Second Lesson Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 60

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

Sermon A Voice

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation Matthew 5

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.

Spirit, come - come and live in us: **in this bread, in this cup, in your people, one with Christ, one in ministry, in this place, in every place; in this world, in the world to come.**

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying in one voice:

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.”

Prayer following Communion

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 144 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Allegro ma non tanto

from *Sonata for Clavier and Viola da Gamba*, BWV 1027 J. S. Bach
Ian McIntyre, viola