

## 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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## Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 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      In the Bleak Midwinter      arr. Craig Courtney  
Suzanne Woods, *soprano*

\*Call to Worship      Isaiah 60:1-3      Harriet Chapman

Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**  
Come, worship the Lord of glory.  
**Proclaim God’s praise among the nations.**

\*Hymn 67      Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning  
MORNING STAR

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession      Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
**Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 January 6—January 13, 2019*

**Sunday, 1/6**  
9:00 am      Child Care Center opens  
9:30 am      Education for all ages  
10:30 am      Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am      Removal of the greens  
11:30 am      Coffee, birthday cake and fellowship (WHH)  
3:00 pm      Ice Skating and Children's Museum

**Monday, 1/7**  
No Activities Planned

**Tuesday, 1/8**  
7:00 pm      Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)

**Wednesday, 1/9**  
4:00 pm      Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)

**Thursday, 1/10**  
9:30 am      Staff Meeting (Library)  
12:00 pm      Bible Study (106)

**Friday, 1/11**  
No Activities Planned

**Saturday, 1/12**  
No Activities Planned

**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)

**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. Please help them if you can by donating items as well as purchasing some.

**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](http://www.westminsterakron.org)**

**FAMILY ICE SKATING** Join us today 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.

### **2019 Stewardship - Goal \$487,916**

Thank you to all who committed financially to our ministries and programs for 2019. We received 99 pledges totaling \$297,686. Your generosity and ongoing support is always appreciated. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

We need to raise at least an additional \$40,000 in pledges to maintain our current level of ministry. If you have not yet pledged for 2019, please consider a commitment for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in the literature racks or from the Finance Office at [wpcfince1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcfince1250@gmail.com) or call the church office at 330-836-2226.

If you would like a copy of the detailed financial report or proposed operating budget, please contact Shelley Koutnik at [wpctreasurer1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpctreasurer1250@gmail.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. Amen.**

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

Moment for Ministry      New Church Website      James Gray

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      Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day      arr. Nicholas White  
Suzanne Woods, *soprano* and John Pickle, *tenor*

\*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      Sheila Svodoba - Food Collection

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     Isaiah 60:1-6     Pew Bible, Old Testament, Pg. 690

\*Hymn 220     All People That on Earth Do Dwell     OLD HUNDREDTH

The Second Lesson     Matthew 2:1-12  
Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 2

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

Sermon     Where?     The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

**Remembering the promise to reconcile the world, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ - the eternal Word made flesh. 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. As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.**

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 68     What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary     Trumpet Tune     Henry Purcell

***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.

USHERS Bob Leonard (Head Usher), Don Rearick, Earl Pierson, Raphael Peoples, and Phil Fry.  
TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

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

THE JANUARY BIRTHDAY CAKE is given today by Shirley Werner.

REMOVAL OF THE GREENS Please stay after worship today to help the Worship committee take down the beautiful decorations from our worship and meeting spaces. We appreciate your help.

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