## 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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# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost November 11, 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 Aria

Joel Martinson (b. 1960)

\*Call to Worship Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

Kate Huisinga

God invites us into God's healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord, who heals you."

Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.

God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward God, the Great Physician.

We bow before the Lord in faith and expectancy!

\*Hymn 262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

## **ENCOUNTER**

**Prayer of Confession** 

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve. As you came to a blind man and gave him sight, come to us in our darkness and show us the things we cannot see. As you came to a man tormented in his mind and gave him peace and healing, come to us in our tensions and make us whole. As you came to Lazarus, who was dead, and brought him from the grave, come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with our living Lord. As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise, come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope. In your name, Lord, 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.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** 

# Calendar of Church Building Events For November 11–18, 2018

## Sunday, 11/11 Veteran's Day

8:45 am Child Care Center opens 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9:30 am Education for all ages

10:30 am Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

#### Monday, 11/12

11:30 am WPC Men's Group (off site/Olive Garden)

7:00 pm Book Discussion (Library)

### **Tuesday**, 11/13

7:00 pm Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)

7:00 pm Properties Meeting (Library)

#### Wednesday, 11/14

4:00 pm Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)

#### **Thursday**, 11/15

9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)

3:00 pm Membership Meeting (Library) 4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

#### Friday, 11/16

No Activities Planned

## **Saturday**, 11/17

8:00 am Food for Life (Kitchen)

#### **Sunday**, 11/18

8:45 am Child Care Center opens

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9:30 am Education for all ages 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study)

5:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Dinner

## Welcome to our worship this morning!

Stay with 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 Brad Hall (head usher), Sook and James Lee, Andi Jopperi, and Mike Grau.

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

THE FLOWERS The patriotic flower arrangement in the chancel is given by Roger and Martha Nelson to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World War I armistice - November 11, 1918. Roger's father, MUS 3 Hilding Nelson, served in France from May 1918 to May 1919 with the 80<sup>th</sup> Division, 305 Engr. Band.

It is also given in honor and memory of all Westminster members who served in the US Armed Forces during the last century. We also wish to thank Kris Keller for creating this floral tribute for the last 15 years. This years arrangement will be 100 Carnations symbolizing the Poppies of Flanders Field. Following the service the Arrangement will be taken to Wright Hall so that members my take one or two in honor or memory of their family's Veteran.

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

WPC MEN'S LUNCHEON Don't forget the luncheon will be tomorrow, November 12, 11:30 a.m. at the Olive Garden in Montrose. If you have any questions, please contact Art Schooley at 330-666-3816.

BIBLE STUDY There will be no noon Bible study on November 15 due to pastoral study leave.

\*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.

Moment for Ministry

Presbyterian Women/Thank Offering

Margo Works

\*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 The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter (b. 1945)

\*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. Sheila will meet the children at the Sanctuary door on the lectern side and take the children to their appropriate classrooms so that parents may not miss the readings and sermon. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.

## **GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Mark 10:46-52 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 47

The Second Lesson Matthew 7:7-11 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 7
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

Sermon Like a Beggar

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: 333 Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

**Prayer following Communion** 

Loving, glorious, and gracious God, you have fed us at your table. Help us now, as we leave this place, to continue the work of the universal church, to practice the communion of the saints, and, with hearts and souls refreshed, to seek your will. May we leave this place to love abundantly. May we love you with all our hearts. May we love our neighbors as ourselves. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn 561 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

**AMERICA** 

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Epilogue

Rachel Laurin (b. 1961)