

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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**Christ The King
November 25, 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 Organ Sonata No. 4: II. Andante Religioso
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Call to Worship Rev. 1:4b, 5; Isa. 6:3 Barb Shriner

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

*Hymn 171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. 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

*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 November 25—December 2, 2018

Sunday, 11/25

- 8:45 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Education for all ages
- 10:30 am Worship/Volunteers Appreciation Sunday (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

Monday, 11/26

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, 11/27

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting (Room 106)

Wednesday, 11/28

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

Thursday, 11/29

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 pm Bible Study (Library)
- 4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, 11/30

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 12/1

- 8:00 am Food for Life (Kitchen)

Sunday, 12/2 First Sunday of Advent

- 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 Giving tree up/Decoration (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Outreach Committee meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 pm Advent Workshop (Pageant Rehearsal) - Potluck

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY In November we highlight **The Leadership of Westminster Church.** Clerk of Session, Elders, Nominating Committee members, Personnel Committee members, Task Force members, and anyone who serves the Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly on behalf of Westminster Church.

HANGING OF THE GREENS We are asking members of the congregation to stay briefly after the worship service on **December 2** to help decorate the Church for Christmas with pine roping, sprays, wreaths and red bows. Decorations and instructions will be in WHH.

ADVENT WORKSHOP AND POTLUCK After the first pageant rehearsal at 4:00 p.m. on **December 2** we will have a mouthwatering Family Potluck at 5:00 p.m. followed by an Advent Workshop...for one and all! This year we will be making a Nativity Scene that will be added to each Sunday of Advent with a family prayer. Please bring a dish to share for 8 people, side, salad or dessert. Also to keep waste down, please bring place settings and silverware. We will provide the main dish and drinks. Please sign up in WHH. Questions? Contact Sheila at wpcchildren1250@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a congregational meeting following worship on **December 9** for the purpose of electing new officers to serve Westminster. Please plan to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY On **December 9** the Youth Ministry (7th – 12th grades) will be heading to Lock 3 for ice skating after our Christmas party. We will gather after service and have lunch and fellowship before we hit the rink. Please be sure you and your friends RSVP.

FIVE AT FIVE CONCERT The next concert will be on Sunday, **December 9** at 5 p.m. and will feature the musical artistry of Alcee Chriss III, our new Music Director/Organist. Professional free childcare will be provided.

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

Moment for Ministry Christmas Baskets/Outreach
Mike Grau

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 Be Thou My Vision Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

*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. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Psalm 132:1-4, 8-18
Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 574

*Hymn 17 Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us WACHET AUF

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

Sermon Descending the Throne The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith Westminster Confession

God was pleased, in God's eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, to be the mediator between God and human beings. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity, a people to be by him, in time, redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself - has purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him.

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 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

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 flowers in the Chancel are given in memory of Martha and Thomas W. Smith Jr. by Rickey Smith. The flowers on the Pedestal are given in loving memory of the life and witness of Mary Seiberling Chapman by Harriet D. Chapman.

THE WHITE ROSE IN THE CHANCEL is for Bruce Rogers, Jr. (Bud) on the occasion of his death. Service details are pending.

2019 Stewardship

As of November 5, 2018, 64 households pledged \$222,037. Thank you to all who stepped forward with a financial commitment for the coming year. Westminster Presbyterian Church will need Pledges and Contributions totaling \$487,916 to avoid spending Rowley Fund principal on operating expenses in 2019. If you have not already pledged, pledge cards are in the literature racks and are available from the Finance Office. Your pledge plays a vital role in fulfilling our goals. Please give generously.