

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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Palm Sunday
April 14, 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 Est-ce Mars? Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*Call to Worship Brad Hall

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for the truth that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold and see your God!

*Hymn 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Introit Standing in the Need of Prayer *arranged by Zack Troyer*
WPC Children and Youth Choir

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, having heard your Word, we thankfully remember the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth. Yet we acknowledge our failure to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness. We often mistake Jesus for merely an earthly king, friendly companion, or problem-solver, failing to see him as the ruler of all creation. We do not appreciate the depth of his passion and sacrifice on the cross. Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Calendar of Church Building Events
For April 14–21, 2019

Sunday, 4/14	PALM SUNDAY
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/Volunteers Appreciation Sunday (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
12:00 pm	Worship Committee (Pastor's Study)
Monday, 4/15	No activities planned
Tuesday, 4/16	
9:30 am	Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)
Wednesday, 4/17	
1:00 pm	Sewing Circle (Room 106)
4:00 pm	Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)
4:15 pm	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting (Room 106)
Thursday, 4/18	MAUNDY THURSDAY
9:30 am	WPC Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (Library)
5:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service/Communion (Sanctuary)
Friday, 4/19	GOOD FRIDAY - Office close
12:00 pm	Good Friday Service (Eberts Chapel)
Saturday, 4/20	
8:00 am	Food for Life (Kitchen)
9:00 am	Celtic Gardeners (Garden)
Sunday, 4/21	EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 am	Easter Worship/Communion (Johnstone Patio)
8:45 am	Child Care Center opens
9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Adult Education (Room 106)
10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt (Church Lawn)
10:30 am	Easter Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY In April we highlight **the Safety and wellness of our community**. Those who are dedicated to the safety and security of our church facility, those who negotiate business contracts, assess facility needs, perform ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the church facility, grounds, and parking areas, Properties Committee members, Flu Clinic Coordinator, painters and church and building cleaners, and members of the Medical, Safety and Security Task Force.

RECYCLING CD'S Have old CD's you no longer use? Do the earth a favor by bringing them to WHH and placing them in a box at the Connection Point anytime during the month of April so that they can be recycled.

EASTER EGG HUNT Please come early on **April 21** for the 10:30 a.m. worship service for our now annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will gather outside at 10:00 to hunt. Teens and Tweens can gather with Sheila at 9:30 to set out the eggs! Bring a basket if you'd like to transfer your eggs into it. Each child will get a half dozen egg carton to collect their eggs in and we will have paper bags for them to take their goodies home. Join the fun! Rain or shine!

APRIL THIRD SUNDAY COMMUNITY DINNER is moved back a week to **April 28** to avoid Easter conflict.
Volunteers Needed. Please join WPC Outreach and volunteer at one of the monthly third Sunday dinners. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, clean and dessert donations. Reach out to Gert Wilms at 330-501-7483 or gertrudewilms@gmail.com to sign up for a date and an assignment.

TWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE EVENT is **April 28**. We have teamed up with Keep Akron Beautiful to clean up Hardesty Park. You don't need to be a Tween to help. All are welcome. We will have some pizza in the Tween room and then walk over to Hardesty. Keep Akron Beautiful gives us safety guidelines and materials for collecting the trash. There are other groups all over Akron during the month of April cleaning shared community space. We have waivers at Connection Point in WHH, please sign up there by April 21st. Many hands make light work!

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response 567 Glory 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."

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 Chorale and Trio from Jesu, meine Freude
Johann Sebastian Bach

"Hence with earthly treasure, thou art all my pleasure. Jesu, all my choice.
Hence, thou empty glory, nought to me thy story, told with tempting voice;
Pain, or loss, or shame, or cross, shall not from my Saviour move me,
since he deigns to love me.
If therefore Christ abide in you, then is the body dead because of transgression.
But the spirit liveth because of righteousness"

*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 Collection of Fish Boxes

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

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 21-24, 26-29
Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 565

*Hymn 430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

The Second Lesson Luke 19:28-39 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 83
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Uncontainable Joy The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism

**I believe that the Son of God through God's Spirit and
Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning**

**of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves
for God's self a community chosen for eternal life and
united in true faith. And of this community I am and
always will be a living member.**

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 89 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Prelude in B minor, BWV 544a Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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