#### 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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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent April 7, 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 Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist Dietrich Buxtehude We now implore the Holy Ghost

\*Call to Worship

Natalie Labbe

God is doing a new thing!

Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us.

As people formed by God, we will give our thanks and praise. **Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us.** 

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 100 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ROCKINGHAM

#### **ENCOUNTER**

Prayer of Confession

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed.

## Calendar of Church Building Events For April 7—14, 2019

Sunday, 4/7
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/Food Collection (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Coffee, cake and fellowship (WHH)

Monday, 4/8

11:30 am WPC Men's Group (off site/Olive Garden)
6:00 pm Outreach Committee meeting (Pastor's Study)

7:00 pm Book Discussion (Library)

7:00 pm Memorial Garden Meeting (WHH)

Tuesday, 4/9

6:30 pm Endowment Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study Room)

7:00 pm Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)7:00 pm Properties Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, 4/10

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

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 4/11

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting (Library)

12:00 pm Bible Study (Library) Friday, 4/12 No activities planned

Saturday, 4/13

9:00 am Celtic Gardeners (Garden) 9:00 am Church Cleaning Day

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 (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

12:00 pm Worship Committee (Pastor's Study)

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

IN-DEPTH CONVERSATIONS This Lent, daily evotionals have focused on pieces of art intended to engage your senses, stimulate your mind, and strengthen your faith. Today and April 14, Pastor Hauerwas will be leading more in-depth conversations on these pieces of art. We look forward to hearing your perspectives at 9:30 a.m. in room 106.

SPRING CLEANING TIME Please join fellow members on Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. as we embark on a much needed church Spring Cleaning. Sign up to volunteer in WHH today... your help will be greatly appreciated! There will be items for trash, donation, recycling and 'up for grabs'. Some items are decades old! Those that come, may get a 'treasure' to take home. We have metal folding chairs, tables, cabinets, coat racks, etc...

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING/FISH BOXES FOR KIDS This offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed. Collection: April 14.

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 a.m. 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!

> Palm Sunday: April 14 Service at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 18 Communion Service at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: April 19 Service at noon (Eberts Chapel)

Easter Sunday: April 21

Communion Service (patio) at 8:00 a.m. & Communion Service at 10:30 a.m.

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us Response 574 Kurie 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."

Moment for Ministry One Great Hour of Sharing **Becky Pool** 

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 O Sacrum Convivium Olivier Messiaen

O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed. the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia.

\*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

First Sunday Food Collection

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 Isaiah 43:18-21 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 672

\*Hymn 82 O Lamb of God Most Holy!

O LAMM GOTTES

The Second Lesson John 12:1-8 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 106 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

Sermon Poured Out

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## **SERVE**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**Heidelberg Catechism** 

I am called a Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. We call him "our Lord" because - not with gold or silver - but with his perfect obedience he has set us free.

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 306 Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADER'S HYMN

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Were You There?

Calvin Taylor

## Welcome to our worship this morning!

Join us after worship today for cake, 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 Don Rearick (Head Usher), Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson, Phil Fry, and Dan Gorring. 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.

THE BIRTHDAY CAKE is given today by Chris and Stephanie Blaha.

THE TWO QUILTS in the Wright-Herberich Hall, courtesy of the Prayer Quilt ministry, are for Lynn D'Avello and Sue Henninger.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE If you want to include articles in our two Easter Sunday bulletins please send them to Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com before Tuesday, April 9 at noon.