

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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***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
Sit toward the front, where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear
what's going on. 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."***

COME

Voluntary

Prelude, op. 5
There is a Happy Land
Non-Allegro, Op. 45

Maurice Duruflé
George Shearing
Sergie Rachmaninoff

Introit

Lord I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart
arr. Alcee Chriss III - Paul Stewart, *soloist*

*Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-2

Cindy Weiss

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.
The earth declares God’s beauty.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
God’s word shines forth in glory.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 485

To God Be the Glory

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ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 August 4—11, 2019

Sunday, 8/4

10:00 am

Child Care Center Opens

10:30 am

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:30 am

Alcee Chriss' Celebratory Reception
(Wright-Herberich Hall)

Monday, 8/5

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, 8/6

2:00 pm

Outreach Committee Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, 8/7

7:00 pm

Pride-Planning Meeting (Library)

Thursday, 8/8

9:30 am

WPC Staff Meeting (Library)

12:00 pm

Bible Study (Library)

Friday, 8/9

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 8/10

9:00 am

Celtic Gardeners (Garden)

Sunday, 8/11

8:30 am

Worship Service/Communion (Johnstone Patio)

10:00 am

Child Care Center Opens

10:30 am

Worship Service/New Members Reception/Communion
(Sanctuary)

11:30 am

Coffee, Cake & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)

CHANCEL FLOWERS LIST Anybody interested in donating the chancel flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, should call Barbara Blackfan at 330-576-6135. Please register on the list on the bulletin board next to Wright-Herberich Hall.

PRIDE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE Shirts featuring our rainbow heart design are available for sale. Whether you are able to volunteer at Pride, join in the march, or just want to show your support, you are invited to purchase a shirt for \$20. For more details and to order, contact Gregory Works at gmw1229@aol.com. Please include the quantity, size, and payment method (cash, check, Venmo). An example of the shirt, along with a paper order form, can be found in Wright-Herberich Hall. Orders will need to be received by **August 11**.

MUSICAL TRANSITIONS As we bid farewell to Alcee Chriss III following the 10:30 a.m. service today, we welcome musical leadership from Laurel Labbe during the 8:30 a.m. service on August 11, 18, and 25 and from Music Director Emeritus Jim Mismas during the 10:30 a.m. service on those same dates. Valerie Thorson, our Interim Music Director/Organist, will begin her role at the beginning of September.

Dear people of Westminster:

After a brief sojourn in Florida, I am filled with joy to be coming back to Akron to be your Interim Director of Music and Organist. Many of you know me from my years of playing for choral concerts on the Five at Five series at the church with my beloved friend Jim Mismas. It will be thrilling to once again play the beautiful Schantz pipe organ, to work with Pastor Hauerwas, and to conduct the wonderful Westminster Choir.

Please keep me in your prayers as I travel north to relocate, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Valerie Thorson

*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 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Craig Courtney
Valerie Stewart and Paul Stewart, *soloists*

*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

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 Luke 12:32-40 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 75

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

Hymn 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

The Second Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 225

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

Sermon “Trusting in the Promise” The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism

I am righteous before God by faith in Jesus Christ. Without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the holiness of Christ. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart. 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 540 God Be With You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH

*Charge and Benediction

Anthem The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter

Voluntary Toccata, op. 5 Maurice Duruflé

The funding for the soloist today, Paul Stewart, was provided by the Seiberling Fund for Music.

Welcome to our worship this morning!
Join us after worship today in Wright-Herberich Hall for the reception in honor of Alcee Chriss III

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), Earl Pierson, Phil Fry, Don Rearick, and Raphael Peoples.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given in honor and appreciation of Alcee Chriss and the beautiful music he has given us.

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

NEW MEMBERS A new member class was held on Tuesday, July 30. Our 4 new members, Brian Rodabaugh, Todd and Sara Newman, and Karen Elvin, will be presented to the congregation during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, August 11.**

BIRTHDAY CAKE will be served on **Sunday, August 11** at 11:30 a.m., following the second worship service.