

## 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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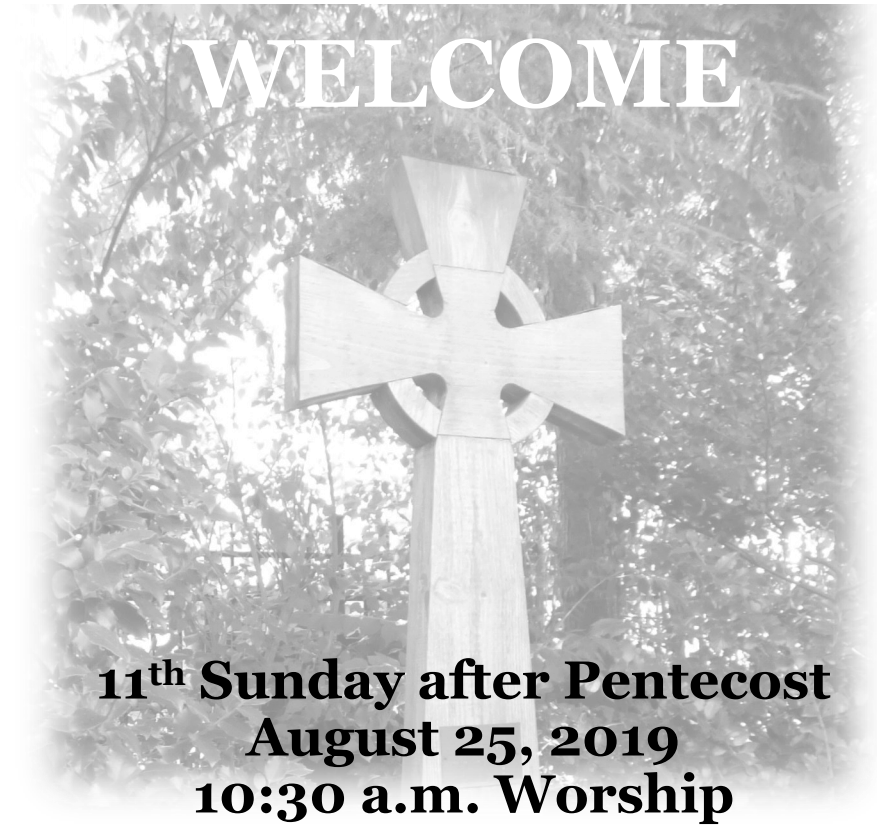
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**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 25, 2019**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship**

***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***  
*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                      Aria    Noel Rawsthorne

\*Call to Worship    Cindy Weiss

God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.  
**God is our hope and our trust. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn 260              A Mighty Fortress Is Our God                      EIN’ FESTE BURG

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

**God of Life, you came to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. 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 25—September 1, 2019*

**Sunday, 8/25**

- 8:30 am              Worship Service/Communion (Johnstone Patio)
- 10:00 am              Child Care Center Opens
- 10:30 am              Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am              Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
- 11:30 pm              Presbyterian Women Meeting (Room 106)

**Monday, 8/26**

No Activities Planned

**Tuesday, 8/27**

- 7:00 pm              Session Meeting (Room 106)

**Wednesday, 8/28**

No Activities Planned

**Thursday, 8/29**

- 9:30 am              WPC Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 pm              Bible Study (Library)

**Friday, 8/30**

No Activities Planned

**Saturday, 8/31**

No Activities Planned

**Sunday, 9/1**

- 10:00 am              Child Care Center Opens
- 10:30 am              Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am              Coffee, Cake & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)

ACME CASH BACK program has begun again. Save your receipts dated August 8 to December 28, 2019. At the bottom of your receipt, it will have an amount that is labeled Cash Back. The church receives a percentage of that amount in cash. Receipts may be turned in to a box in Wright -Herberich Hall starting today, **August 25.**

RALLY DAY Join us as we begin a new year of Sunday School for children and adults! At 9:30 a.m. on **September 8** the classrooms and teachers are prepared to welcome you.

- Nursery - Infants - 4 yrs.
  - Bible Story Room 105 - 3 yrs- 6yrs.
  - Godly Play Room 202 - 1st - 3rd grade
  - Tween Room 107 - 4th - 6th grade
  - Youth Space Room 210-11 - 7th-12th grade
  - Library Conversations - How does our faith influence our parenting?
- Adult Ed. Room 106 - Wisdom Literature.

At the 10:30 a.m. worship we will gather to commission our teachers, pray together, sing and then, after worship we will have a Rally Day Picnic! Deacons will be providing the meat and we ask you to bring a dish to share and place settings. It will be a morning to reconnect after a very busy summer.

FIVE AT FIVE CONCERT The first free concert of the season twenty-two will be on Sunday, **September 8**, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. We will welcome Colin MacKnight for a solo organ recital.

**REVEREND STEVEN T. SAVIDES**

Reverend Steven T. Savides is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He is currently working on a PhD in Peace Studies and Theology at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, where he is affiliated with the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Department of Theology. With an eye to designing effective peace processes, Steven studies the relationship between theology, trauma, resilience, and the moral imagination in post-conflict societies. Prior to moving to Akron he served congregations in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Steven splits his time between South Bend and Akron, where his wife, Reverend Nanette Pitt, serves as senior minister at First Congregational Church on East Market Street.

\*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 Rae Leonard/Rally Day

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering Cindy Weiss

*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    When with doubting and dreading F. Paolo Tosti  
Governor Harris, *tenor*

\*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

*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    Psalm 71:1-6    Pew Bible, Old Testament    Pg. 532

*Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.*

Hymn 357    O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee    MARYTON

The Second Lesson    Luke 13:10-17    Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 76  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon    Set Free    The Reverend Steven Savides

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith    Romans 8

**If God is for us, who is against us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all of these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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 343    Called as Partners in Christ's Service    BEECHER

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary    March from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

*The funding for the tenor today, Governor Harris, was provided by the  
Brideweser Endowment for Music.*

***Welcome to our worship this morning!***  
*Join us after worship today in Wright-Herberich Hall  
for coffee and fellowship.*

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 loving memory of Linda Hawkins  
by her husband, Larry and their children, Kelly, Michael and Bethany.  
The flowers on the pedestal are given in honor and loving memory of  
John Dana Chapman by his daughter, Harriet D. Chapman.  
SEMPER FIDELIS!

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

MUSICAL TRANSITION Valerie Thorson, our Interim Music  
Director/Organist, will begin her role next week, on **September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

THURSDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY Please note that there will not be  
Bible study Thursday, September 12 & 19.