

## 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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# WELCOME

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 1, 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 Children of the Heavenly Father

Arr. John Ferguson

## \*Call to Worship

Michael Dunbar

God calls us to service,  
**rather than honor.**  
God calls us to love the unknown,  
**rather than the familiar.**  
We come to this time of worship,  
**trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,**  
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

\*Hymn 464      Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

## HYMN TO JOY

# ENCOUNTER

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 September 1–8, 2019***

## Sunday, 9/1

10:00 am	Child Care Center Opens
10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee, Cake & Welcome Reception for Valerie Thorson (Wright-Herberich Hall)

**Monday, 9/2 Labor Day**  
Offices Closed

## Tuesday, 9/3

2:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting (Library)

## Wednesday, 9/4

## No Activities Planned

## Thursday, 9/5

9:30 am	WPC Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (Library)
3:00 pm	Membership Committee (Library)
6:30 pm	League of Women Voter Meeting (Room 106)

## Friday, 9/6

## No Activities Planned

## Saturday, 9/7

8:00 am	Food for Life (Kitchen)
9:00 am	Celtic Gardeners (Garden)

## Sunday, 9/8

8:45 am	Child Care Center Opens
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am	Education for All
10:30 am	Worship/Teachers Commissioning/Communion (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Rally Day Picnic (Wright-Herberich Hall)
4:30 pm	Child Care Opens
5:00 pm	Five at Five Concert/Colin MacKnight (Sanctuary)

# COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

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.

**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.

**ADULT EDUCATION/BIBLE STUDY** A new series on Wisdom Literature will begin on September 8. Team-taught by Pastor Jon Hauerwas and Rae Leonard, these eight sessions will include an overview of wisdom literature, introduction to the major wisdom books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job, plus some in-depth study of the practical advice and the explorations of the meaning of life found there. Discover the Christian links to the wisdom movement, as well. Come join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in room 106 beginning **September 8**.

**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.

\*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                      A Horse with Wings                      Ricky Ian Gordon  
Elizabeth Crabtree, *mezzo soprano*

*I wanna cry, I wanna feel the world around me whirling by. I wanna cry for those that live and those that die. You sing a lullabye. I wanna cry.*

*I wanna pray that all my wishes could come true after today, and should I put a word for you in--should I say an extra Kyrie? I wanna pray.*

*I wanna lie. I wanna think that things are better than they are. I wanna think we've gotten further and that far is just an inch away. I wanna lie.*

*A horse with wings; I wanna think of things like that and other things. I want two brothers, one who laughs, and one who sings; I hope the future brings a horse with wings. I wanna know the things they told me way back then were really so. I wanna make a little mark before I go, not barely just get by. I wanna fly!*

\*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 207 of the Education Building. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.*

# GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson    Hebrews 13: 1-3, 7-8, 15-16  
Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 227

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

Hymn 324            Open My Eyes, That I May See            OPEN MY EYES

The Second Lesson    Luke 14:1, 7-14    Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 77  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon            Finding Our Place            The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

# SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith                      Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is 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 420            God of Grace and God of Glory            CWM RHONDDA

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary                      Toccata in Seven                      John Rutter

*The funding for the soloist today, Elizabeth Crabtree, was provided by the Seiberling Fund for Music.*

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES, HYMNALS, CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available. Please ask an usher.

USHERS are Cindy Beidler (Head Usher), Sandy Gruneich  
TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given in loving memory of Bill Brideweser by Margie and family.

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

BIRTHDAY CAKE is given today by Bill and Ginny Melver.