

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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 Pastorale on “Fairest Lord Jesus” Garth Edmundson

*Call to Worship Jer. 4:11-12 Jacquie Mabry

Let us bow before our Creator, whose spirit moves over desert
and sea,
**whose Word has the power to create, to judge,
and to save.**
Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by
what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what
we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct
what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Through 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 Lam. 3:21-24

*Calendar of Church Building Events
For September 15—22, 2019*

Sunday, 9/15

8:45 am Child Care Center Opens
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am Education for All
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
12:00 pm Worship Committee meeting (Room 106)
5:00 pm 3rd Sunday Dinner

Monday, 9/16

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, 9/17

9:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)
6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study)

Wednesday, 9/18

1:00 pm Sewing Circle (Room 106)
4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 9/19

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting (Library)

Friday, 9/20

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 9/21

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

Sunday, 9/22

8:45 am Child Care Center Opens
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am Education for All
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
11:35 am PW Board Meeting (Library)

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

QUILT MINISTRY You will find a quilt hanging in WHH for Marge Beatty, longtime church secretary. We would like to honor her with a quilt from our collection. So please tie a knot and say a prayer for her.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER SCRIPT DEADLINE is **Tuesday, September 17**. Please send your articles and pictures to Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com

THURSDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY Please note that there will be no Bible study on **Thursday, September 19**. We will resume on Thursday, September 26.

PEACE GLOBAL WITNESS SPEAKER The Reverend Lydia Neshangwe, from Zimbabwe, is an International Peacemaker of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA). She will speak at Westminster Presbyterian church at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, September 29**.

TWEENS Join us as we 'Get Air' on **September 29**. All students 4th-6th grade are invited to join us. We'll have lunch here at WPC at 11:30 a.m., and then head over to Get Air Trampoline Park. Sign-up in WHH at the Connection Point. Contact Sheila at wpcchildren1250@gmail.com.

REVEREND CATHY ULRICH

Cathy Ulrich is currently serving Eastminster Presbytery as General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. She and her husband Tom lived in Denver for two years where Cathy was the Interim Stated Clerk of Denver Presbytery and Tom was pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. Cathy and Tom were co-pastors of Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas for 20 years. Cathy served 3 churches in Arkansas and one in Texas. Cathy and Tom love hiking, baseball, concerts, and plays which makes Northeast Ohio an ideal place to call home.

*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 Jazz Vespers/Valerie Thorson

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 In the Garden Lloyd Larson

*I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses;
And he walks with me and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own. And the joy we share
as we tarry there None other has ever known.*

*He speaks and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush
their singing.
And the melody that he gave to me Within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me...*

*I'd stay in the garden with him 'tho the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; Through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.
And he walks with me...*

*Yes, Jesus loves me, and he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own.*

*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 Sheila Svoboda

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 Jeremiah 4:22-28 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 703

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

Hymn 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

The Second Lesson Luke 15:1-10 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Found and Lost The Reverend Cathy Ulrich

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures, leads me beside quiet

waters, and refreshes my soul. The Lord guides me along the right paths. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 275 God of Our Life SANDON

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary on “Lobe den Herren” Paul Manz

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 Dave Stobbs (Head Usher), Helen & Mark Preebe, John Childs, and Sandy Gruneich.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Art and Jean Schooley in memory of their parents.