

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 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 Three Settings of “Savior of the Nations, Come”
Wayne Barlow - J.S. Bach - Dietrich Buxtehude

*Call to Worship Brad Hall

My soul magnifies the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
The Mighty One has done great things.
Holy is God’s name!

Choral Introit Soon and Very Soon Andrae Crouch

*Hymn 14 Savior of the Nations, Come
NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Lighting of the Advent Candle Polly Fisher
The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God’s unending love and faithfulness.
Isaiah the prophet calls us to prepare for the coming of Jesus by making straight all that is crooked. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
Let us prepare for Jesus, the Christ, who is anointed by God to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.
For as a garden causes seed to grow, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession
God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless

Calendar of Church Building Events
For December 15—22, 2019

Sunday, 12/15 Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Pageant Children Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:45 am Child Care Center Opens
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30 am Education for All
10:30 am Worship/Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship/Celebrating Polly Fisher (WHH)
5:00 pm 3rd Sunday Dinner

Monday, 12/16
3:00 pm Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)

Tuesday, 12/17
9:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)

Wednesday, 12/18
1:00 pm Sewing Circle (Room 106)
4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 12/19
9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm Bible Study (Library)

Friday, 12/20 No Activities Planned

Saturday, 12/21
8:00 am Food for Life (Kitchen)

Sunday, 12/22 4th Sunday of Advent
8:45 am Child Care Center Opens
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30 am Education/Adults Only (Room 106)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)

Welcome to our worship this morning!

*Join us after worship today in Wright-Herberich Hall
for coffee, fellowship, and to celebrate Polly Fisher.*

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

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

FLOWER MEMORIAL FOR CHRISTMAS The deadline is Tuesday,
December 17, 2019.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Education for children, tweens and youth will NOT be
held on Sunday, **December 22 and December 29.** Classes will resume
on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

ADULT EDUCATION will NOT be offered on Sunday, **December 29.**

GIVING TREE Please donate new gloves, hats, scarves and socks this
holiday season to benefit adults and children in the Access Shelter. Place
all donations on or under the giving tree in the sanctuary this December.

YEAR-END GIFTS The church offices will be closed on Christmas Eve
Day and Christmas Day, December 24 and 25, as well as December 31
and January 1. Because we will be closed on December 31, we will need
all contributions by **Monday, December 30, 2019.**

CHILDREN ICE SKATING Please join us **January 5, 2020** at 3:00 p.m.
at Lock 3 for a Family Ice Skating outing. \$2.00 if you have your own
skates and \$4.00 if you need to rent them. This is an annual event and
refreshments are provided.

To be continued, see the insert

**when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought
to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful
hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our
feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way.
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

*Response 479, verse 1 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA++

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
Glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

*Passing the Peace
Greet both friends and strangers saying,
"The peace of Christ be with you."

Time for Church Life

*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.*

*We invite parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and
admirers to sit back during the pageant and take in the full message
the children are working so hard to give us. We have a volunteer who
will be videotaping it and is willing to send you a link if you request.
Send your link request to: kyates.gable@gmail.com*

The Christmas Story

See the list of participants in the insert

