

## 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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### December 8, 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    Comfort Ye My People (Messiah)    George Frederick Handel  
Benjamin Hayes, tenor

\*Call to Worship                      Romans 15:6-7                      Harriet Chapman

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.  
**As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy.**

CHORAL INTROIT                      Soon and Very Soon                      Andrae Crouch  
  
\*Hymn 5            Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence                      PICARDY

Lighting of the Advent Candle                      Don and Marge Rearick  
The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.  
It is a symbol of God’s unending love and faithfulness.  
**It reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**  
If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.  
**Let us live as children of light.**

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession  
**Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.**

Calendar of Church Building Events  
For December 8–15, 2019

**Sunday, 12/8      Second Sunday of Advent**  
8:45 am      Child Care Center Opens  
9:00 am      Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
9:30 am      Education for All  
10:30 am      Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am      Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)  
**Monday, 12/9**  
11:30 am      WPC Men's Group (off site/Olive Garden)  
6:30 pm      Book Discussion (Off Site at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant)  
**Tuesday, 12/10**  
1:00 pm      Outreach Committee Meeting (Library)  
6:30 pm      Endowment Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study Room)  
7:00 pm      Properties Meeting (Library)  
7:00 pm      Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)  
**Wednesday, 12/11**  
4:15 pm      Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm      Deacons Meeting (Room 106)  
**Thursday, 12/12**  
9:30 am      WPC Staff Meeting (Library)  
12:00 pm      Bible Study (Library)  
**Friday, 12/13**      No Activities Planned  
**Saturday, 12/14**  
8:00 am      Christmas Basket Delivery (WHH/Kitchen)  
**Sunday, 12/15      Third Sunday of Advent**  
8:45 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

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

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by the Discussion Circle in honor of Polly Fisher's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with Christian love and gratitude for her presence in our lives.

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

*ADDENDUM: Last week's birthday cake was provided by the Labbe family.*

## COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS delivery to Greater Akronites in need is **Saturday, December 14**. The groceries purchased from Acme #1 will be assembled in the church parking lot beginning at 7:30 a.m. with deliveries beginning at 9:00 a.m. Each basket costs \$50, but any donation amount is appreciated. Special donation envelopes are in the pews for your convenience, or you can give online at [westminsterakron.org](http://westminsterakron.org) under "online giving." Please sign up to volunteer at the Connection Point in Wright-Herberich Hall.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT will be during worship on **December 15**.

FLOWER MEMORIAL FOR CHRISTMAS Your gift in memory or in honor of loved ones enables the Flower Committee to provide a beautiful setting in the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Send the name of the person(s) you are remembering along with your donation (there is no set amount) to the church office, attention Debby Evrard. Checks should be made payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church. The deadline is Tuesday, **December 17, 2019**. You may also give electronically under "chancel flowers". Email Debby at [wpcffinance1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcffinance1250@gmail.com) with your memorial wording.

*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 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      Thou Shalt Know Him      Mark Sirett

*Thou shalt know him when he comes; Not by any din of drums,  
Nor his manners, nor his airs, Nor by anything he wears.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by a crown  
nor by a gown, But his coming known shall be,  
By the holy harmony Which his coming makes in thee.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen, Amen.*

\*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

*Following the Time with 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    Isaiah 11:1-10                      Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 640

The Second Lesson    Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19      Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 533  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon    While the Sun Endures                      The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.*  
Together let us say: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.*  
God's Spirit is with us still: **Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

In one voice, let us offer the words of 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.**

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Please come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front row. Return to your pew by the side aisles. Those in the balcony may come forward at any time. The servers with chalices have wine for dipping the bread; those with trays have cups for grape juice. If you choose to receive the bread and cup in your pew, please raise your hand so a serving team can identify you. Gluten, soy, and corn free wafers are also available for those with allergies.*

Words of Institution

“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

Communion Hymn (sung by the Choir)    Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
ES IST EIN' ROS'

Prayer following Communion

**Generous God, you have given yourself to us and made us yours. You prepared a table before us, led us to it, and fed us abundantly. Thank you, great God, for your life-giving gifts. Thank you for uniting us with you and with each other, for giving us new life and new hope, and for preparing us to live as your people. May our lives joyfully display our hope in you. In the power of your Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn 11    O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?    VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary                      Every Valley Shall Be Exalted                      G.F. Handel

++ This response takes the place of the *Gloria Patri* during Advent.