

## 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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## Second Sunday After Epiphany January 19, 2020 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                      Intermezzo                      Georges Bizet  
George Pope, flute

\*Call to Worship                      Barb Shriner

Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise,  
**for God has done wondrous deeds, and is great beyond compare!**  
Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 476                      O Worship the King                      LYONS

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

**God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 567                      Glory Be 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.**

Calendar of Church Building Events  
For January 19—26, 2020

**Sunday, 1/19**  
8:45 am                      Child Care Center Opens  
9:00 am                      Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
9:30 am                      Education for All  
10:30 am                      Worship/Ordination, Installation of Officers (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am                      Coffee & Fellowship/Befriender Bake Sale (WHH)  
12:00 pm                      Worship Committee meeting (Room 106)  
5:00 pm                      3rd Sunday Dinner

**Monday, 1/20**  
7:00 pm                      Evening Circle (Tween Room)

**Tuesday, 1/21**  
9:30 am                      Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)  
6:00 pm                      Finance Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study)

**Wednesday, 1/22**  
4:15 pm                      Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, 1/23**  
9:30 am                      WPC Staff Meeting (Library)  
12:00 pm                      Bible Study (Library)  
1:00 pm                      Metanoia Circle (Off Site at Bobby Weaver's)

**Friday, 1/24**  
No Activities Planned

**Saturday, 1/25**  
6:30 pm                      Adult Fellowship Dinner (Off Site) ????????????????????

**Sunday, 1/26**  
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 (WHH)  
11:30 am                      Visioning for Families of Young Children (Room 106 & Nursery)

# COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

ADULT FELLOWSHIP DINNER Please join us for the splendid camaraderie of an Adult Fellowship Dinner on **January 25** at 6:30 p.m. at a fabulous local restaurant???????????????????? Have kiddos? No problem! On behalf of Discipleship, Pat and Traci will be providing complimentary child care, activities and pizza at the church starting at 6:00 p.m. So, you have no excuse not to attend. Please sign-up at Connection Point in WHH, so we can properly plan for headcount.

SPIRITED DISCUSSIONS Have you ever noticed that some scriptures are troubling, at best? Not long following the joy and excitement of Jesus’ birth, we learn, for example, of the slaughter of the innocents. Scriptures address topics including slavery, the subjugation of women, violence, and homosexuality in ways that have had a damaging and lasting impact on the lives of many. Bring your curiosity, questions, and observations and join Pastor Jon each Sunday morning in January and February at 9:30 a.m. in Room 106 for spirited discussions of these texts of terror.

## Monthly Financial Report

\*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      Beloved, God’s Chosen      Robert Hobby

*Beloved, God’s chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness,  
and Goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment  
that binds into one every dissonant part.*

*Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly; Let peace rule your  
hearts and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart’s chamber,  
beloved and holy, let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.*

*Beloved, God’s chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness,  
and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment  
that binds into one every dissonant part.*

\*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.**

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

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 40:1-11      Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 513

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

Hymn 326    Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart      MORECAMBE

The Second Lesson    John 1:35-42      Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 92  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon    What Are You Looking For?      The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith      from the Belhar Confession

**We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek what is right.**

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 327      O Word of God Incarnate      MUNICH

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary      Finale from Concerto No. 5 in F Major      G. F. Handel

***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 Cindy Beidler (Head Usher), Mike Hale, Sandy Gruneich, and Ron & Sophia Louise Zito.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Bill Bramley and family in loving memory of Rosemary Bramley.

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