

## 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

## Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 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      Noël (from *Esquisses Byzantines*)      Henri Mulet  
Mason Meyer, *Guest organist*

\*Call to Worship      Isaiah 60      Marcia Holcomb

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
**The brightness of God’s light shines upon all the nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God’s dawn.**  
God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.  
**We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**

\*Hymn 66    We Three Kings of Orient Are    THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

**God of justice, we confess that our actions are against your will whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

*Silence is observed*

Calendar of Church Building Events

*For January 5–12, 2020*

<b>Sunday, 1/5</b>	
9:00 am	Child Care Center Opens
9:30 am	Education for All
10:30 am	Worship/Reverend Sandy Selby Preaching (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee, Cake & Fellowship (WHH)
3:00 pm	Ice Skating & Children Museum (Off Site/Lock 3)
<b>Monday, 1/6</b>	
1:00 pm	Task Force Meeting (Nursery)
3:00 pm	Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)
<b>Tuesday, 1/7</b>	
No Activities Planned	
<b>Wednesday, 1/8</b>	
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<b>Thursday, 1/9</b>	
9:30 am	WPC Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Bible Study (Library)
<b>Friday, 1/10</b>	
3:15 pm	Music Director Search Committee (Pastor's Study)
<b>Saturday, 1/11</b>	
9:00 am	Deacons and Elders Training (Room 106)
<b>Sunday, 1/12</b>	
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 (WHH)

USHERS are Cindy Beidler (Head Usher), Mike Hale, John and Bonnie Childs, and Steve Harp. TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

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

The Birthday cake today is provided by the Gilbert family.

## COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

TO THE CONGREGATION The Personnel Committee would like to provide Pastor Jon with some constructive feedback on an annual basis in the form of an evaluation. No one is perfect, and Jon is no exception. Please send John N. Childs any feedback on any issues you are aware of. You can write him an email at [jnchilds@bmdllc.com](mailto:jnchilds@bmdllc.com) or give him a call at 330-253-1946. The Personnel Committee would like to let him know both where he is excelling and where he can improve. Anything you write and send by **January 10, 2020**, will be kept confidential within the Personnel Committee. Thank you all.

WPC YOUTH SUPER-SUB SALE will be **February 2, 2020**. WPC Youth is raising funds for mission trips! From now through January 26, youth will take orders for super-sub sandwiches. They come in three sizes: 6 inches for \$6.00, 12 inches for \$12.00, and 24 inches for \$20.00. Each sandwich will have three different premium meats, provolone cheese, lettuce and onions. These sandwiches will be great for your Super Bowl party! WPC youth will prepare the sandwiches on Saturday, February 1. Church members and friends may pick your subs up on Sunday, February 2, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. All subs remaining after 12:30 p.m. will be donated to Haven of Rest Ministries. All sales must be prepaid (cash or check). Mark your calendar!

***SCRIPT DEADLINE The deadline for information to be included in the February/March Script is Monday, January 13, 2020.***

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*  
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world - not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. We declare the good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him.**

\*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.**

\*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 Solo I Wonder As I Wander John Jacob Niles  
Stacy Franzman, soloist

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, Why Jesus the Savior did  
Come for to die For poor on'ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and  
farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's  
light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all of God’s angels in heav’n for to sing, He surely could have it, ‘Cause he was the King.*

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did Come for to die For poor on’ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.*

\*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/First Sunday Food Collection

*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 Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 690

Hymn 68 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

The Second Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 2  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Our Light Has Come The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby

SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith  
**God saves the world through Jesus. Those who call on that name will have life. Christ’s hand reaches out beyond those who say “Lord” to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith, even to the farthest stars and planets of all creation. The boundaries of God’s love are not known; the Spirit works at the ends of the world before the church has there spoken a word. God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands, and perfect their fellowship in divine love. Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God’s glory.**

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 67 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning  
MORNING STAR

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Now Thank We All Our God S. Karg-Elert

***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.