

## 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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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
**February 9, 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      I Need Thee Every Hour      Richard Elliott

\*Call to Worship      Kinsie Willis

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Jesus proclaims, “You are the light of the world.”**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 489      Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty      UNSER HERRSCHER

## ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to be the salt of the earth, but too often we consider your way to be bland, and we miss the delight of life filled with flavor that spreads from us to those around us.

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be more like Jesus.**

You call us to be the light of the world, but too often our actions do not bring praise to you. We make choices that help us blend into our culture rather than stand out as your people.

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be more like Jesus.**

You call us to settle matters quickly, but too often we nurse grudges and look for ways to settle scores on our own terms.

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be more like Jesus.**

You call us to go the second mile, but too often we consider our own convenience first, passing up opportunities to show love to our neighbor.

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be more like Jesus.**

*Silence is observed.*

## *Calendar of Church Building Events For February 9—16, 2020*

### **Sunday, 2/9**

9:00 am      Child Care Center Opens  
9:15 am      Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
9:30 am      Education for All  
10:30 am      Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am      Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)  
11:30 am      Tween Teachers Meeting (Tween Room)

### **Monday, 2/10**

11:30 am      WPC Men's Group (Off Site/Olive Garden)  
3:00 pm      Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)  
7:00 pm      Book Discussion (Library)

### **Tuesday, 2/11**

6:30 pm      Endowment Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
7:00 pm      Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)  
7:00 pm      Properties Meeting (Library)

### **Wednesday, 2/12**

4:15 pm      Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm      All Ushers Meeting (Room 106)

### **Thursday, 2/13**

9:30 am      Valentine Flowers' Delivery at Rockynol  
9:30 am      WPC Staff meeting (Library)

### **Friday, 2/14**

No Activities Planned

### **Saturday, 2/15**

8:00 am      Food for Life (Kitchen)

### **Sunday, 2/16**

9:00 am      Child Care Center Opens  
9:15 am      Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
9:30 am      Education for All  
10:30 am      Worship/The Reverend Ben George (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am      Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)  
5:00 pm      3rd Sunday Dinner

Prayer following Communion

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this sacrament. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn 411      Arise, Your Light Is Come!      FESTAL SONG

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary      Morning Hymn      Arr. Michael Helman  
Westminster Handbell Choir  
Zachary Troyer, Director

***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), Linda Stobbs, and Dan  
& Donna Gorrington.

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Peggy and Marc Messaros in  
memory of their parents, Frances and Carlos Matthews and Katherine  
and Jess Messaros.

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

THE TWO QUILTS HANGING in the Wright-Herberich Hall this week  
are for Barbara Thackeray and Jo Barnes. Please stop by, tie a knot, and  
say a prayer for them.

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.**

Moment for Ministry      Lisa Bansen-Harp/Carnaval

\*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      Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor      G.F. Handel

*Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, thou my friend most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring,  
At thy feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Thy glory, given.*

*Jesus, bread of life, I pray thee, Let me gladly here obey thee,  
By thy love I am invited, Be thy love with love requited;  
From this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gifts thou here dost give me As thy guest in heav'n receive me.*

\*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 for Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 6<sup>th</sup> 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
- Psalm 119:105
- The First Lesson
- Isaiah 58:1,8-12
- Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 688
- The Second Lesson
- Matthew 5:13-20
- Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 4
- This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
- Sermon
- Your Light
- The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

- The Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Invitation
- Matthew 11:28-29
- 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 and for the work of the Holy Spirit.*

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.*

Christ is the bread of life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your life, ministry, death, and resurrection, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

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.**

Words of Institution

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

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Motet:

A Rose Touched by the Sun’s Warm Rays

Jean Berger

*A rose touched by the sun’s warm rays, all its petals gently does unfold.*

*So you, When touched by God’s great mercy,*

*Let joy and gladness fill your soul.*

*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.*