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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Transfiguration of the Lord February 23, 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 Christe, Redemptor Omnium C. Hubert H. Parry

*Prayer of Invocation

Sheila Svoboda

Jesus Christ, you come to transfigure us and renew us in the image of God: **shine in our darkness.**

Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst: **lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.**

Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human person:

enable us to discern your presence in each person.

Jesus Christ, friend of the poor:

open in us the gates of simplicity so that we can welcome you.

Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:

renew in us the spirit of childhood.

Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world: **open for all people the gates of your kingdom. Amen.**

*Hymn 451 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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Prayer of Confession

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our 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

Calendar of Church Building Events For February 16–23, 2020

Sunday, 2/23

9:00 am Child Care Center Opens 9:15 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 VBS Planning (Tween Room)

Monday, 2/24

9:30 am Finance Sub Committee Meeting (Library) 3:00 pm Beyond Suffering/Disability Class (Room 106)

Tuesday, 2/25

7:00 pm Session Meeting (room 106)

Wednesday, 2/26

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 2/27

9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting (Library) 12:00 pm Metanoia Circle (at Papa Joe's)

12:00 pm Bible Study (Library)

Friday, 2/28 No Activities Planned

Saturday, 2/29

5:30 pm No Activities Planned

Sunday, **3/1**

9:00 am Child Care Center Opens

9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for All 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee, Cake & Fellowship (WHH)

11:35 am PW Team Meeting (Library)

12:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting (Room 106)

ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT The holy season of Lent begins **February 26** with the observance of Ash Wednesday. That evening at 7:00 p.m., we will host a special worshiping opportunity featuring the imposition of ashes. That same day, we will also launch a series of electronic reflections for each of the 40 days. This year, we will highlight 40 Pieces of Music for 40 Days, along with a link including the audio and/or video. If you would like to receive these daily reflections, please contact the church office to be added to the list.

IRVY NEWSOME Received his BA in Fine Arts with Dance focus in May 1995 from The University of Texas at Austin. In 2001 he joined Pointillism Jazz Consort, a New America Jazz Company based in Washington DC. He currently serves as Executive Director for the UNESCO Cultural Ambassador Company as well as a principal company member. In his home town of Austin, Ivry works with Blue Lapis Light Dance Company, whose vision is "to create transcendent works of beauty that are offered...as prayer for the planet."

"Dance is a gift that allows the artist to speak and learn more about this human experience and create beauty through movement...I honor The Gift Of Dance in each of us."

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

DIRECTORY UPDATES/ATTENTION TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS. The church office started to update the church directory. If you have moved, or have a new email address, or a new phone number, since June 2019, please send your information by email to Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com.

*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.

*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 Shining As the Sun Mark Hayes

He climbed the high mountain with Peter, James, and John. He ascended to heights beyond the unknown. Below there were valleys and peoples and nations, all at His command, All that His love could command. Gath'ring the light of both God and of Son, Jesus, Creator, white garments adorned, Seen throughout all ages, current and past, His brilliance transfigured, His body transformed. Shining as the sun, The disciples could see Moses and Elijah and the King of all kings.

His face became dazzling, too bright to behold, And as they were speaking a bright cloud arose. Surrounded with glory a great voice was heard saying, "This is my Son, and in Him I'm well pleased." But Jesus said, "Rise, don't be afraid. I will be with you, Even 'til the end of the age." Shining as the sun, the disciples could see Moses and Elijah and the King of all kings.

*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

Ivry Newsome Infinite Legacy Project

Following the Time for 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 Exodus 24:12-18 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 70

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

Hymn 306 Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

The Second Lesson Matthew 17:1-9 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 18

Sermon

Well Pleased

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.

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 462 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth (*Elijah*)
Felix Mendelssohn
Ben Hayes, tenor

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 Gorring.

FLOWERS The flowers in the chancel are given by Barbara and Cy Blackfan in loving memory of their parents and their daughter-in-law, Kathleen.

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