

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.

WPC Staff

The Reverend Jonathan S. Hauerwas, Pastor (office hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 9:30-11:00 am) (cell phone 330-606-4551)	jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com
Valerie Thorson, Music Director/Organist (weekly office days: Tuesday—Thursday)	wpcmusicdir1250@gmail.com
Sheila Svoboda, Director of Children & Family Ministry (weekly office days: Tuesday and Thursday)	wpcchildren1250@gmail.com
Mallory Gray, Youth Coordinator (weekly workdays: Tuesday and Thursday)	wpcyouth1250@gmail.com
Claudine Schooley, WPC Church Office (weekly office days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)	wpcoffice1250@gmail.com
Debby Evrard, Staff Accountant (weekly office days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)	wpcfinance1250@gmail.com
Dave Bodnar, Daytime Custodian (weekly workdays: Sunday—Thursday)	wpcbuilding@gmail.com
Zack Troyer, Director of Adult & Youth Bells, and Children's Choir (cell phone 330-285-0213)	wpcchildrenschoir1250@gmail.com
Traci Range, Director of Childcare (cell phone 330-459-1177)	wpcchildcare1250@gmail.com



Westminster Presbyterian Church
1250 West Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio 44313
westminsterakron@gmail.com - 330-836-2226



Westminster Presbyterian Church

come encounter grow serve

1250 W Exchange • Akron, Ohio • westminsterakron.org • 330-836-2226



Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 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 Contemplation on “Tallis’ Canon” Richard Purvis

*Call to Worship Stacy Franzmann

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is your keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Hymn 488	The God of Abraham Praise	LEONI
-----------	---------------------------	-------

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name 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.

Calendar of Church Building Events For March 8–15, 2020

Sunday, 3/8

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	Pride Committee Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting (Room 106)

Monday, 3/9

11:30 am WPC Men's Group (off site/Olive Garden)
7:00pm Book Discussion (Library)

Tuesday, 3/10

7:00 pm Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)

Wednesday, 3/11

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 3/12

9:30 am WPC Staff meeting (Library)
12:00 pm Bible Study (Library)

Friday, 3/13

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 3/14

No Activities Planned

Sunday, 3/15

9:00 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	Annual Congregation Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)
5:00 pm	5@5 Concert Andrew Sords-Violin (Sanctuary)

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

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

FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Mr. James Cole in memory of his
grandmother, Ellen Arnold.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held March 15,
2020 following worship. Childcare provided.

5@5 CONCERT March 15th at 5pm with childcare provided. Andrew
Sords, American Violinist, has a celebrated career as a soloist on 4
continents. Having collaborated with 300 orchestras, Sords has been
cited for combining visceral virtuosity with a ravishing tone, while
international critics endorse Sords as a "fully formed artist" (Kalisz-
Poland News), "utterly radiant" (Canada's Arts Forum), and
"exceptionally heartfelt and soulful" (St. Maarten's Daily Herald). Mr.
Sord's program will consist of romantic violin tunes and bohemian
favorites.

THIRD SUNDAY DINNER will be Sunday March 22, 2020 5:00pm

USHERS NEEDED We Need Your Help! Having reviewed our existing
ushering responsibilities, Westminster's Session is hopeful that we can
increase the number of ushers who are serving our congregation. The
ushering duties have been expanded, and we are in need of your support.
Please find a list of new ushering duties at the Connection Point in
Wright-Herberich Hall and reach out to Dave Stobbs or Don Rearick with
any questions you may have.

SCRIPT DEADLINE is Tuesday March 17th. Please email articles to
wpcoffice1250@gmail.com

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response HYMN 223, verse 1 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

**O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God's
name; Bless the Savior, and forget not All God's mercies to
proclaim.**

*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

Call to Remembrance

Richard Farrant

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving
kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and
offences of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think thou on me, O
Lord, for thy goodness.*

*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 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 Psalm 121 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 571

Please remain seated for the singing of our congregational hymn.

The Second Lesson John 3:1-17 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 93

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Anticipating What Is to Come 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.

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: Jesu, Lamb of God

W.A. Mozart

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.

Prayer following Communion

We bless you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup and for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

Voluntary *Nachspiel* (Epilogue)

Anton Bruckner

*This response takes the place of the Gloria Patri during Lent.