

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



**January 17, 2021  
at 10:30 a.m.  
on Facebook **Live****

**or on our church website at  
[westminsterakron.org](http://westminsterakron.org)**

## COME

Opening Voluntary

Wayfaring Stranger

Traditional Spiritual

*We welcome you to Westminster's online worship service this Sunday. To set a more worshipful tone while watching this service at home, we encourage you to find a quiet space and light a candle.*

*If you are joining us on Facebook Live, then you can find a copy of today's bulletin on our church website at [westminsterakron.org](http://westminsterakron.org).*

\*Call to Worship

Liam Hauerwas

In your wisdom, O God, you call us to worship you.


**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

**We watch and wait for the Word of God.**



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and  
 north, but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 find; his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 be. All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 north. All Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

## ENCOUNTER

### Call to Confession

When we gather to praise the Lord, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to God's. Accepting the power to become new people in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. 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

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

\*Response 567                      Glory Be to the Father                      *Gloria Patri*  
**Glory be 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  
We invite you now to greet one another saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Jesus promised that you and I will come to see the heavens opened and the radiance of God's glory. Our offerings are a thanksgiving for these gifts. Let us open now our hearts and share our possessions so that the church's work is made strong for the sake of this needy world.

Anthem                      Many Are the Lightbeams                      Widestrand/Ellsworth

*Many are the lightbeams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus. Many are the lightbeams from the one light; we are one in Christ.*

*Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus. Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.*

*Many are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus. Many are the gifts given, love is all one; we are one in Christ.*

*Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; Servant Spirit of Jesus. Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; we are one in Christ.*

*Many are the members, the body is one; Members all of Jesus. Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.*

\*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

# GROW

## Prayer for Illumination

Lord, before this world's days even began, your Word was in the beginning, and it was with you and it was you. The mystery of that brings us to our knees. Yet today you allow us to open your word and know you better. So we ask that you would give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Give us hearts open to your Spirit as we seek you. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Old Testament

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
  
- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.
- 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 I try to count them — they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end — I am still with you.

### The Second Lesson

John 1:43-51

New Testament

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” 48 Nathanael asked him, “Where did you come to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” 49 Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50 Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” 51 And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

Sermon

Known

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

from Westminster Confession

**God was pleased, in God’s eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, to be the mediator between God and human beings. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity, a people to be by him, in time, redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, has purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the earth, the church, and all those in need, saying,  
**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world: for leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity will prevail for the good of all people, especially the poor; for regions torn by conflict, that peace may reign and living become an enterprise of construction rather than destruction;  
**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all people of faith: for the unity of the body of Christ, that divisions might not turn people away from the church; for Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, and Jews, that wherever prayers are raised up, the one God of all will hear; for all people who nurture life in the name of a greater good;

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own nation: for all in authority at the federal, state, and local levels, and for all who have power to make policy, that all consideration be given to what is most healthy for people and creatures;

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those in need: for all who are hungry in our nation and world, for those who have no home and no employment, for those who are either unjustly or justly imprisoned, for parents and children who live in fear for any reason, and for all who are in mourning;

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

We pray silently...

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember all those who have shaped us in your ways, O God. Receive our prayers and grant whatever you see that your people need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

And finally, together as the people of God, let us offer the words of the Lord's Prayer, saying in one voice:

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 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness; bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore.



crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its bud to  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and  
 Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry  
 glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

### \*Charge and Benediction

Listen to the word of the Lord as you move through your days. Trust that the Holy Spirit will guide your choices.

See in each person you meet one for whom Jesus gave his life.

May the peace of Christ, crucified and risen for all, go with you this day and always.

Voluntary

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of Rosemary Bramley by Bill Bramley and family.

**PW Evening Circle** will meet Monday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Kristy Yates at 330-807-6228 or [ksjyates@gmail.com](mailto:ksjyates@gmail.com) to get the link to connect.

**Today Food Distribution starts at 1:00 p.m. & the Free Hot Meal Dinner for the community is at 5:00 p.m.**



## CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS for the week of January 17 - 23, 2021

<b>Sunday, 1/17</b>		<b>Monday, 1/18</b>	
9:00 am	Youth Zoom Conversation	6:30 pm	Zoom PW Circle Meeting
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
9:45 am	Tween Sunday School via Zoom		
10:30 am	Worship Service on Facebook Live	<b>Wednesday, 1/20</b>	
11:30 am	Worship Committee Zoom Meeting	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Zoom Meeting
1:00 pm	Food Distribution		
5:00 pm	Third Sunday Dinner/Free Hot Meal Distribution	<b>Thursday, 1/21</b>	
7:00 pm	Confirmation Class via Zoom	9:30 am	Zoom Staff Meeting
		7:00 pm	Zoom Adult Education

**Monthly Financial Report** The Finance Office continues to receive invoices and contributions relating to the 2020 budgeting year due to the postal delays recently experienced in our area. To insure that you receive an accurate accounting of 2020, the preparation of committee reports and the monthly financial report is delayed. The 2020 Financial Statements will be published in the Annual Report. Thank you for your patience.

**Giving Online** During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.



The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Staff schedule in the office: **Monday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley, Debby Evrard and Dave Bodnar. **Tuesday** - Pastor Jon, Debby Evrard, Sheila Svoboda, and Dave Bodnar. **Wednesday** - Debby Evrard, Claudine Schooley, and Dave Bodnar. **Thursday** - Claudine Schooley, Debby Evrard, Sheila Svoboda, Adam Kalcic, and Dave Bodnar. **Friday** - Pastor Jon, Claudine Schooley, and Adam Kalcic.



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