

17th Sunday after Pentecost



September 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

COME

Voluntary Petit Prelude (Aria) Joseph Jongen
This piece was written for the 'Concurs Grand Orgue' at Brussels in 1937, while Jongen was the director of the Conservatoire de Musique there.

*Call to Worship Alec Works

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 listen, 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.

*Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sins to God, with hope of finding love and mercy.

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, 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

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but the people who revere the Lord are to be praised. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live at peace.

*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

Greet both friends and strangers saying,

The peace of Christ be with you.

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Reception of New Members

Mike and Penny Baker, Bob Carlyon, Dottie Erb,
and Marta Morrison (*See pages 8 & 9*)

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

We have been made capable of being good stewards of what God has given us. Let us, with gratitude in our hearts, give from what has been given to us, by grace.

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

Offertory

Praise the Name of the Lord

P. Ivanoff

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to
room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergartners through 5th
graders are invited to the children's choir rehearsal in room 207 with Miss
Val. Miss Val and Margo will meet the children at the Sanctuary door on
the lectern side and take the children to the appropriate classrooms.*

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Your Word is our wisdom; it gives us insight, strength, and courage.
Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what
you want to give. Speak, Lord! Your people listen! **Amen.**

The First Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7a

New Testament

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life
that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not
be boastful and false to the truth.

15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly,
unspiritual, devilish.

16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be
disorder and wickedness of every kind.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,
willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality
or hypocrisy.

18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make
peace.

4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from?
Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?
2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And
you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and
conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.
3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend
what you get on your pleasures.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Hymn #316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

The Second Lesson Mark 9:30-37 New Testament

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not
want anyone to know it;
31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is
to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days
after being killed, he will rise again."
32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to
ask him.
33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he
asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"
34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another
who was the greatest.
35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to
be first must be last of all and servant of all."
36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his
arms, he said to them,
37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Sermon Welcoming God The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Prayers of the People

God of understanding, through the Word read and proclaimed, and through your Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, you give us the direction we need and show us that there is nowhere else to go but to you with our joys and our concerns.

We pray for our world that too often follows the advice of wickedness that leads to war, to violence, to conflict between ethnicities, to fear.

We pray for the women in this world who, as payment for their devotion and love as capable wives, daughters, girlfriends, mothers, receive rejection, abuse, heartbreak, and hate.

We pray for relationships that are broken by conflicts and dispute, by murder and deceit, and that cannot find a way back to restoration and healing.

We pray for our children who have been called the first in God's heart and kingdom but are not welcomed, loved, heard, or spoken to.

We believe in you, God of justice and mercy, and we ask, trusting in your power, to heal the wounded hearts, to restore the brokenness of the world, and to lead us to everlasting peace. **Amen.**

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ taught us, 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 #473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world endeavoring to be the least of all and the servant of all. Welcome the children, for in doing so, you welcome Jesus. Submit yourselves to God, resist all evil; draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

May God, who watches over all the righteous, give you the gifts needed to be a capable servant.

May Jesus Christ, who welcomes everyone, give you the loving heart of a child so that you can welcome others unconditionally.

May the Holy Spirit, who gives us the understanding we need to love God and to love others, give us unselfish and generous hearts, to heal relationships and live and live in peace.

Voluntary

Praeludium in G-Moll

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Art and Jean Schooley in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary.

Monthly Financial Report

| August 2021 | Actual | Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| <u>Total Revenues</u> | \$21,250.84 | \$34,835.16 | \$396,848.00 | \$343,618.78 |
| <u>Total Expenses</u> | \$40,133.49 | \$45,956.24 | \$309,537.75 | \$381,372.83 |
| Net | (\$18,882.65) | (\$11,121.08) | \$87,310.25 | (\$37,754.05) |

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending August 31, 2021.

Welcome WPC New Members

Bob Carlyon



Bob is WPC Interim Director of Music and Organist. He has over 55 years of experience as an organist/choir director serving churches in Stow, Hartville, Cuyahoga Falls, Akron, and Fairlawn. After 35 years of teaching, he retired from Revere Local Schools in 2014 but has continued as musical director for the Revere Players having helped produce 20+ plays and musicals. He is currently a member of Singer's Companye, an Akron-based chamber choir. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, biking, traveling, and feeding and watching birds in his backyard.

Michael and Penny Baker



They may look familiar as they have regularly attended Westminster for about 20 years. Both have spent their careers in marketing. Mike is self-employed and has a passion for aviation. He is active in the Wadsworth EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) local chapter. Penny was promoted earlier this year Vice President Product Marketing for Smith Foods in Orrville, Ohio. She enjoys reading and cooking. They reside in Copley with their

Golden Retriever, Maya.

Dottie Erb



Dottie was born and raised in Akron and graduated from Miami University. Following graduation, she accepted a job teaching elementary school in Marietta, Ohio. It is here that she met her late husband John and became stepmother to eight-year-old Cindy and six-year-old Eric. She and John had two more children, Andi and Jared. Dottie completed her M.A.Ed. degree in reading education and her Ph.D. in leadership at Ohio

University. She spent 27 years as a professor, department chair, and social science division coordinator at Marietta College. Dottie was a member of First Presbyterian Church where she served as an elder on session and the Christian Education Commission. Following her (semi) retirement in 2018, Dottie continues to work part-time for Marietta College assisting with program development, accreditation, and grant writing. She also stays busy with various consulting jobs with the Ohio Department of Higher Education and universities around Ohio.

Dottie moved to Akron in January and is enjoying being close to her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, the Jopperi's. Her interests include visual and performing arts, musical theatre, cooking, and spending time with her grandchildren. She looks forward to meeting church members and becoming involved in activities in the community.

Marta Kohari Morrison & husband Tim



Marta was born in Akron Ohio. She graduated from Kenmore High School and the University of Akron and majored in Business Administration. Her official working career began at Goodyear Aerospace. Her assignments included Engineering Planner, Contract Administration specialist, and Assistant to the Vice President of Business Development.

Marta met Tim Morrison in 1989 and married in 1990. They moved to Marietta, Georgia in 1991. She spent ten fulfilling years as a parish pastor's wife and helped Tim raise his two sons. She worked several jobs while in Georgia. Most recently she was as a Senior Incentive Compensation Analyst with the Swiss company ABB. Marta and Tim retired in 2020, at which time they decided to move back "home" to Akron, to be near family. Marta enjoys reading, especially mysteries and historical fiction set during World War II.

For the most recent CDC guidance, we encourage you to visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. The pews where worshippers are asked to sit are marked with a green sticker. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We have returned hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to pews with green stickers. Offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.

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.



Calendar of Church Events for the week of September 19-25

Sunday, 9/19

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal on Johnstone Patio
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Parenting group in the Library
- 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream
Children's Choir in Choir Room
- 11:30 am Worship Committee meeting in Room 106

Monday, 9/20

- 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Women's Evening Circle Off-Site

Tuesday, 9/21

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH
- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Chancel

Thursday, 9/23

- 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Saturday, 9/25

- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners in the Garden
- 2:00 pm Dianne Allison's Memorial Service in Sanctuary



Staff Schedule in the Office:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Pastor Jon | Pastor Jon | | Pastor Jon | Pastor Jon |
| The Reverend Jonathan S. Hauerwas jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com | | | | |
| Claudine Schooley | | Claudine Schooley | Claudine Schooley | Claudine Schooley |
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| Dave Bodnar | Dave Bodnar | Dave Bodnar | Dave Bodnar | |
| Daytime Custodian wpcbuilding@gmail.com | | | | |

Other Staff:

Val Stewart, Director of Children's Choir

Bruce Klucharich, Audio-Visual Technician

Traci Range, Director of Childcare wpcchildcare1250@gmail.com

Volunteers:

Kristy Yates, Director of Adult Bell Choir

Finance Office: Shelley Koutnik. Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact wpc treasurer1250@gmail.com for assistance.

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



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