

20th Sunday after Pentecost



October 10, 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

Prelude in Free Style from “*Suite in C*”

Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

Brad Hall

We give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Hymn #483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. 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

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*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.

Children's Choir

Do You Hear the Shepherd?

Kimberly Ingram

Moment for Ministry

Ellen Daugherty and the Gilbert Family
Stewardship/Outreach

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

All we have - our lives, our possessions - comes from God, to whom we owe everything. Come, then, and give, for Scripture tells us that in giving, we will have treasure in heaven. Come! Give!

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing

Arr. Andy Beck

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.*

*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 the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to
remain with their families or to visit with our childcare staff in the
nursery.*

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that
we may hear your Word with joy. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Hebrews 4:14-16

New Testament

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the
heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hymn# 298 There's a Wildness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

The Second Lesson Mark 10:17-22 New Testament

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'"

20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

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

Sermon Treasuring God The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

God holds this world with fierce love, and keeps the ultimate promise by sending Jesus into the world, pouring out the Holy Spirit, and announcing the good news: those who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God - the first fruits of a new creation. As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world. We rejoice in the goodness of God, and we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.

Prayers of the People

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all those in need, to God's loving care.

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy we offer our prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide so that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in common ministry.

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition and to bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of food, medical care, and shelter and so have the necessities of a life of dignity.

Set us free of materialism and restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us to put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Strengthen this congregation in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments, that we may faithfully minister in your name and witness to your love and grace for all the world.

Look with compassion on all who suffer. Support with your love those with incurable and stigmatized diseases, those unjustly imprisoned, victims of crime, those denied dignity, those who live without hope, those who are homeless or abandoned. As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **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 #144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*Charge and Benediction

Go forth, remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with us all now and forevermore. Amen.

Voluntary

Fanfare In C major

Henry Purcell



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of Mary Seiberling Chapman by her daughter, Harriet D. Chapman.



Concert 5@5 Andrew Sords WPC's 5@5 concert series presents Andrew Sords, TODAY, October 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Visit his website at <http://www.andrewsords.com>

Men's Lunch Group Tomorrow, October 11, will be the meeting of the WPC Men's Lunch Group at the Olive Garen in Montrose. Starting time will be 11:30 AM. All WPC men are invited to attend.

WPC Book Group will meet on Monday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Cathy Melder for more details at chwdoc@gmail.com. Our book for this month is *Americanon* by Jess McHugh. All are welcome to join us.

Reverse Halloween On Saturday, October 23 at 1:00 p.m., all ages are welcome to wear their costumes and meet at WPC's playground to decorate pumpkins and prepare treat bags before we parade over to Rockynol to brighten the fall time for the residents there! Candy and pumpkins are provided by WPC.

There is no Bell Rehearsal on Tuesday, October 12.

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 October 10—16, 2021

Sunday, 10/10

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Parenting group on Johnstone Patio
- 10:10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream
- 5:00 pm Andrew Sords' Concert

Monday, 10/11

- 11:30 am Men's Lunch Off Site at Olive Garden
- 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Book Discussion Off Site
- 7:00 pm Zoom Memorial Garden Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 10/12

- 9:00 am West Area Collaboration Zoom Meeting
- 7:00 pm Properties Committee Meeting in WHH

Wednesday, 10/13

- 6:00 pm Zoom Endowment Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Discipleship Zoom Meeting

Thursday, 10/14

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

Saturday, 10/16

- 8:00 am Food For Life in the Kitchen

Staff Schedule in the Office:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pastor Jon	Pastor Jon		Pastor Jon	Pastor Jon
The Reverend Jonathan S. Hauerwas jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com Cell phone 330-606-4551				
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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 wpctreasurer1250@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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