

22nd Sunday after Pentecost



October 24, 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 Nobody Know the Trouble I've Seen Traditional arr. by
James Sclater.

Richard Dee, clarinet ~ Richard Shirey, organ

*Call to Worship

Kristy Yates

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens, and Christ will give you rest.
**For he is gentle and humble in heart: in him we find rest for
our souls.**

*Hymn #466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
Therefore let us confess our sin with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired
and weighted down by the mistakes we have made, even in our
closest relationships with our friends, our spouses, and our
partners. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise
that he will give us rest. We trust in you. 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

Friends, hear the good news of our faith: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, showing compassion to all. Forgiven and freed, let us rise up with joy and share our peace with one another.

*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.

Moment for Ministry

Susan Shellito and the Willis Family
Stewardship/Discipleship

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Sisters and brothers, God is faithful and gracious to us, upholds us, and raises us up. Let us show our thanksgiving by giving generously to support ministries that ease burdens and give rest to those in need.

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

Offertory Amazing Grace Virginia Harmony, 1831 arr. James Sclater

*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 re-
main with their families, participate in the children's K-5 choir rehears-
al in room 207 or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.*

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Comforting God, by your Holy Spirit lift the burdens from our souls
through the reading of your Word for us, that we may learn how easy it
is to live in loving relationship with you. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Psalm 145:8-14 Old Testament

- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
14 The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Hymn #441 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

The Second Lesson Matthew 11:25-30 New Testament

25 At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Sermon

Revealed

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Compassionate God, you are good to all. Help us to trust your Word and to accept your invitation to find rest in you. We pray for your church in all of its forms, that we may learn how to follow Jesus by giving rest to the weary in lives of service that are gentle and humble of heart.

Compassionate God, you are good to all.

We pray for the earth and all that you created and love, that all things may come back into the ecological balance that you first intended and all your works shall give thanks to you.

Compassionate God, you are good to all.

We pray for all people, their nations and leaders, that when the burdens of war, poverty, and hunger are too much to bear, we may do our part to offer rest and peace.

Compassionate God, you are good to all.

We pray for all those who suffer violence in the streets and in their homes, that they might find safety and healing. We pray for those who are sick, those suffering mental illness, and those who struggle with moral dilemmas; uphold them and grant them peace.

Compassionate God, you are good to all.

Gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth, we join our voices with all that you have made in blessing you and giving thanks to you, who, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, show compassion and goodness to all. **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 #439 In Christ There Is No East or West ST. PETER

*Charge and Benediction

Grow to know the yoke that is easy and the burden that is light, which Christ offers you, and in turn, become rest for those who are weary and heavy laden.

May the God who feels compassion for all lead you to find love in your life and the peace that comes from living with a gentle and humble heart.

Voluntary My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Southern Harmony
arr. Sclater



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Sophia Louise Zito in memory of her father, Barney Barnard's, birthday and in honor of her sister, Alet Barnard's, birthday.

Reverse Halloween Event on Sat. Oct 30.

All ages are welcome to wear their costumes and meet at WPC's patio at 1:00 p.m. 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.

Farewell to Reverend Hauerwas As we prepare to say farewell to Pastor Jon, you are welcome to either hand deliver a card of appreciation to a box in fellowship hall, or mail them to our church office. There will be a reception following worship on November 7.



Today's Soloists

Funding for today's music was provided by the Brideweser Music Endowment Fund.

At the organ today is Richard Shirey, Westminster's Director of Music/Organist from 1976-1993 and for whom the choir room is named.

Richard Dee loves playing the clarinet. It is one of the endeavors in his life that uses him as a complete person. Richard's career in music has included the Bloomingdale Chamber Orchestra in New York City, the blossom Festival Band, The Cleveland Orchestra as an extra on the performance of Berlioz's "Grande symphonie Funebre et Triomphale" many musical theater shows at Cain Park, Huntington Playhouse, Porthouse and Weathervane Theater, Chamber music with Tapstry along with his wife, Renee Anthony Dee and many more. He is grateful to be working with his dear friend and colleague, Richard Shirey. Music continues to blossom in Richard's life and he is thrilled to be playing at Westminster Presbyterian Church this Sunday. He lives in West Akron with Renee and they have two children, Emily and Steven.

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 10/24-10/30, 2021

Sunday, 10/24

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

Monday, 10/25

- 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Women's Evening Circle in WHH

Tuesday, 10/26

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH
- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Chancel
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting in Room 106

Thursday, 10/28

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

Saturday, 10/30

- 1:00 pm. Reverse Halloween on Johnstone Patio



Staff Schedule in the Office:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Other Staff:

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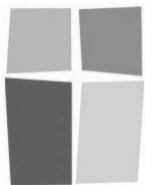
Volunteers:

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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