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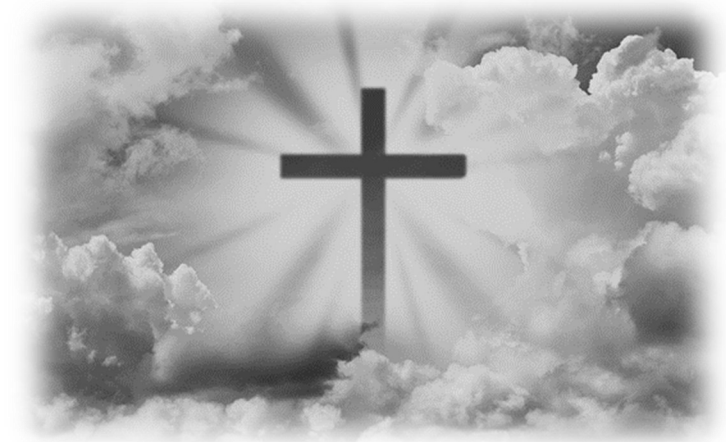
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5th Sunday after Epiphany



February 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

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At the ringing of the chimes 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 Fantasy on *Nettleton*

Gilbert Martin

*Call to Worship

The Litany of Welcome for the Beginning of a Transition - See page 7

The Reverend Cathy Ulrich

*Hymn # 477 Ye Servants of God, your Master Proclaim HANOVER

Children's Choir I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing!
Traditional Spiritual

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

Prayer of Confession

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. 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.

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:

- *The dramatic rise of the Omicron COVID variant has necessitated review of Westminster's church service attendance policy. The concern of worshipers attending is evident in the significant number wearing masks. Session has agreed to require masks for all worshipers beginning with the January 30th service and extending at least through the month of February.*
- *Seating in alternate pew rows will continue. Hopefully, this rapid spread of the virus will subside and allow us to relax this policy by the Easter season.*
- *Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.*

***Please dispose of your used masks in the trash receptacles
Located in Wright-Herberich Hall.***

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 for Week of February 6– February 13

Sunday, 2/6

8:30 am Nursery Opens
8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
The Reverend David Aber preaching
First Sunday Food Collection
Children's Choir in the Choir Room
11:30 am Pastor David Aber's Reception in WHH
12:00 pm Outreach Meeting in Room 106

Tuesday, 2/8

2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Chancel
7:00 pm Properties Committee Meeting in WHH

Wednesday, 2/9

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

Thursday, 2/10

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

Saturday, 2/12

5:00 pm. Youth babysitting for WPC families

Sunday, 2/13

8:30 am Nursery Opens
8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group - Youth Choir
10:10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
The Reverend David Aber Preaching
11:30 am Tween Pizza and Games

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sister and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and 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.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory Let us with a Gladsome Mind Alan Ridout
Text may be found at hymn #244

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

*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 Walter Hayes

Following the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families, participate in the children's K-6 choir rehearsal in room 207 or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

The First Lesson

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

3 On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

4 All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

5 and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord is high, the Lord regards the lowly, but the haughty the Lord knows from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

8 The Lord will fulfill the Lord's purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the Chancel today are given by Stacy and Jim Franzmann in loving memory of our parents, Mary and Walter Bodine and Allan and Marjorie Franzmann.

The white rose in the Chancel today is in memory of Roger Nelson who entered eternal life on February 2, 2022. Most of all, Roger found strength in his faith. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Akron for over 60 years. Roger served many roles at the church including as an Elder and a long-time member of the Properties Committee. He was best known for his technical expertise overseeing details of the church's sound system and physical plant. It was through that role that he was able to pursue a childhood interest in broadcasting, serving as the "voice of Westminster" on the church's weekly radio broadcast on Akron's WAKR from 1976 – 1994 and the executive producer of WKSU's "The King of Instruments," a regular series of organ recitals from around Northeast Ohio.

Youth Event: On Saturday, February 12 from 5-8:30, the youth will provide babysitting for WPC families. Supper provided.

Tween Event: On Sunday, February 13 @ 11:30, Tweens are invited to enjoy pizza and games in the Youth Room.

Church Bulletins: On Sunday, February 13, the bulletin will return to pre-pandemic format. If you are following the service on YouTube and enjoy reading the Scriptures, please have your Bible handy.

Will you pray for him and honor his work and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you, Reverend David Aber, as interim pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, you have given us the will to do these things, impart your Holy Spirit so that we may further your kingdom through this ministry, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



The Reverend David Aber

I’m a graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University, attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Additionally, I have an M.B.A. from the University of Findlay, certification as an Interim Minister, and have pursued professional development in the areas of preaching, evangelism and church growth, and technology and social media in the church.

I’m married to Gwen who recently retired from a career of teaching in public education. We have two grown and married children. Our daughter Dana and son-in-law Justin live in New York City, and our son Drew and daughter-in-law Lauren live Henderson, Nevada. All four “kids” are or have been performers.

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,^[a] the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,

¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”

¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed.

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, the forces of evil seek to scatter and isolate; but God, through Christ, gathers a new community - those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ. In the new community, all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start; the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and 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 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell



Litany of Welcome for the Beginning of a Transition

Today we welcome The Reverend David Aber, as he begins a season of ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Akron.

Reverend David Aber, in the presence of this congregation, will you commit yourself to this ministry and responsibility, and promise to serve in this ministry guided by the constitution of this church?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you love, serve, and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments and lead them forward during this important time of change?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you lead these people of God in giving faithful witness to the Word and making known the love of God through loving services here and in the community?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

To the congregation:

I ask you, people of this congregation: will you receive this messenger of Christ, The Reverend David Aber, who continues the work of bringing the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a sibling in Christ, a fellow servant, and work with him in the ministry of this congregation?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

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