

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin, is Tuesday at noon.

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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 26, 2018
10:30 a.m. Worship**

*Please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.
Bolded text is read or sung by all. *Please rise in body or spirit.*

COME

Voluntary

*Call to Worship

Marcia Holcomb

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one.

Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 420 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda



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ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574

Kyrie

**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response 567

Gloria Patri

**Glory 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.

Moment for Ministry

Rally Day/Discipleship

Sheila Svoboda

Calendar of Church Building Events For August 26-September 2, 2018

Sunday, 8/26

8:30 am Early Morning Worship/Communion (Johnstone Patio)
10:00 am Child Care Center Opens
10:30 am Worship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
11:30 am Bible Story Room Teacher Meeting (Bible Story Room and Teen Room)
11:30 am Music Director Reception Meeting (Pastor's Study)
12:00 pm Youth Pool Party (Youth Room)

Monday, 8/27

7:00 pm No Activities Planned

Tuesday, 8/28

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Room 106)

Wednesday, 8/29

4:00 pm Bridges/Circles (Tween Room, Kitchen, Library)

Thursday, 8/30

9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 pm Bible Study (Room 106)
7:00 pm Godly Play Teacher Meeting (Godly Play Room)

Friday, 8/31

4:00 pm Keane/Bhalla Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, 9/1

8:00 am Food for life (Kitchen)
9:00 am Celtic Gardeners (Celtic Garden)
3:30 pm Keane/Bhalla Wedding

Sunday, 9/2

9:00 am Child Care Center Opens
10:30 am First Sunday Food Collection
10:30 am Worship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
11:30 am Birthday Cake
11:30 am Library Refresh (Library)

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

Our Musician today is Laurel Labbe who teaches choir to grades 6-12 in the Woodridge Local School District. Laurel received her undergraduate training at Duke University and has her Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Massachusetts. She has also taken Kodaly training from Cleveland State University and the Kodaly Institute at Capital University. She has been serving as one of the summer early service pianists since their inception at Westminster Presbyterian Church and served as pianist and organist at various churches throughout high school and college. Laurel and her husband and three children are actively involved members of Westminster.

Come, Rejoice and Sing with Westminster's Adult Choir starting on Rally Day, September 9 at 9:15 a.m. This fall we begin a new chapter of making music. High school students are welcome. So, if you have hesitated to join us in the past, make the commitment and experience the joy of community and making music together. Laurel Labbe will direct us on September 9, 16 and 23. Then on September 30, we will welcome Alcee Chriss III.

Reception for Our New Music Director/Organist In anticipation of the arrival of Alcee Chris, we are postponing this year's Labor Day Picnic until September 30. This year's gathering will serve the dual purpose of providing congregational fellowship while also serving as Alcee's reception. More details will follow.

Maggie Weiss-Vopat, our childcare provider for the past 4 years, is heading to McGill University in Toronto this fall. Today is her last day with us. She has been a consistent, kind and helpful member of the Nursery Staff through her high school years. Please extend your thanks to her!

Time for Church Life

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick up after the service.

Offertory Think on These Things

Alexander Kruchkov
arr. Karen Kuelmann
Natalie Labbe, soloist

*Response 592

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.

Baptismal Quilt Ministry

Marian Wahl

The Sacrament of Baptism

James Edward Crabtree, son of Adam and Elizabeth Crabtree

Sung to the tune of Hymn 498

Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Time with Young Disciples

After the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 6 year-olds are invited to the Nursery for age-appropriate activities. Grades K-8 will stay in worship with their family.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20
Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 195

The Second Lesson Psalm 84:9-12
Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 543 & 544

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

Sermon The Force The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith Romans 8

If God is for us, who is against us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all of these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service *Beecher*

*Charge and Benediction

Welcome to our worship this morning!

Stay with us after worship today for coffee and fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS, CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available. Please ask an usher.

Service Information:

Head Usher: Dave Stobbs
Supporting Ushers: Barbara Thackeray, Joan Buehl, Bill Bramley,
Donna and Dan Gorring and Linda Stobbs.

The Flowers on the Pedestal are given in loving memory of John D. Chapman by Harriet D. Chapman.

Correction: Last Sunday's bulletin had the incorrect flower donation information. It should have read: The Flowers on the Pedestal are given by Jim Mismas and Bruce Stebner in loving memory of Jim's Mother, Ann Mismas.

ACME CASH BACK PROGRAM has resumed. Please ask family and friends to save Acme receipts from August 9 – December 29, 2018. Drop the receipts in the boxes at the church doors. The Presbyterian Women earn 5% on all Acme products purchased and use the proceeds to support missions. Thank you for your support.

Library Refresh meeting on 9/2/2018 after the 10:30 service for those interested in sharing ideas to refresh the Anderson library. This will be an informal meeting to set some priorities to make the library a more useful and inviting resource for our church family. Please contact Cathy Melder at chwdoc@gmail.com for more details.

Worship Schedule

- August 26 - last day that we are offering 8:30 a.m. service this year
- September 2 - 10:30 a.m. service in Wright-Herberich Hall.
- September 9 - worship moves to our newly remodeled sanctuary!