

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Day of Pentecost May 20, 2018 10:30 AM Worship

*At the ringing of the carillon, 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

Bound For the Promised Land
Westminster Handbell Choir

arr. Derek K. Hakes
Ronald Hazelett, *director*

*Call to worship

Kate Huisinga

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

we dwell in the Spirit and the Spirit dwells in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to our Lord

and speak of all of God's marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

who was and is and is to come!

*Hymn 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and 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.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father

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 Gert Wilms/Outreach

Pentecost Offering

Time for Church Life

Please sign the friendship pad and pass 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 Salomo 150 (*Psalm 150*)

Ernani Aguiar

*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.**

Recognition of Graduates

The Sacrament of Baptism

Brooke Jordan

Confirmation of Brooke Jordan, Caden Labbe, and Ryen Moorhead

Time with Young Disciples

Following the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 3rd graders are invited to children's choir rehearsal in Room 207 of the Education Building and 4th-8th graders will meet in Pastor's Study annex for bell rehearsal. The children will meet at the Sanctuary door on the lectern side and someone will take the children to their appropriate classrooms so that parents may not miss the readings and sermon. Parents please pick-up your children after worship.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Romans 8:22-27 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 158

*Hymn 314 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song BRIDEGROOM

The Second Lesson Acts 2:1-13 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 119

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

Sermon The Spirit at Work

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voice of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

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

Voluntary Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

Welcome to our worship this morning!

*Join us for coffee and fellowship
in Wright-Herberich Hall after worship today.*

USHERS this morning are Bob Leonard (head usher), Earl Pierson, Don Rearick, and Phil Fry.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Harriet Chapman in honor and loving memory of John D. Chapman on the week of his 95th birthday, and in gratitude for all active, veteran and deceased U. S. Marines. Semper Fidelis.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS are available. Please ask an usher.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available. Please ask an usher.

CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher.

Monthly Financial Report

April 2018	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$47,761.78	\$49,083.29	\$227,673.27	**\$222,968.16
Total Expenses	\$53,456.54	\$58,844.23	\$201,016.83	\$221,130.73
Net	(\$5,694.76)	(\$9,760.94)	\$26,656.44	\$1,837.43

***Budgeted total revenues include anticipated withdrawals from Rowley investments necessary to balance the budget totaling \$53,801 for the year.*

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the financial report for the period ending April 30, 2018.

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CHILDCARE REQUESTS Until we have filled the vacant Childcare Director position, please email any requests to Sheila Svoboda at wpcchildren1250@gmail.com. We will notify the church when the position is filled.

NOTARY PUBLIC NEEDED Are you a Notary Public who might be willing to volunteer this service to the church for the purpose of in house contracts? Westminster has contractual agreements with a number of building users.

These contracts are renewed on an annual basis. If you might be willing to assist, please contact our pastor.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS Are you interested in deepening your connection with Westminster? The next Membership Class will be held on Saturday, June 2 from 1-3 p.m. and Sunday, June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Those desiring membership will then be received during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on June 10.

PICNIC & CELEBRATION Please join us Sunday, May 27 for our Memorial Day Picnic and Jim Mismas' Retirement Celebration in Wright-Herberich Hall, immediately following worship. The picnic will be a time to celebrate with Jim as he begins this new phase of his journey, and will also serve as the unofficial kick-off to summer! Please sign up in Wright-Herberich Hall if you plan on attending to help us know how many people to plan on. We hope you can join us in fellowship, and celebrate Jim's many years of service to our congregation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED In anticipation of the upcoming sanctuary remodel (scheduled to begin the week of May 28), there are a number of items that need to be moved from the sanctuary level (hymnals, Bibles, etc.) to Wright-Herberich Hall and to other storage locations throughout the church. If you are willing to give of your time for this purpose, please arrive at the church at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day holiday). We do not know how long it will take to complete these tasks. Thus, no end time is being publicized. If you arrive later than 9 a.m. and no one is present, then the work has already been completed. We hope to see you then!

THE SANCTUARY FLOORING PROJECT is scheduled to begin the week of May 28. Westminster's Properties Committee is overseeing the work and will inform the congregation of the project's completion. Until then, we will all need to make some short-term accommodations, knowing that a great, long-term benefit is on the way. This summer, Westminster will offer two worship services, just as in recent years. The early service will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays on the Johnstone Patio, weather permitting. In the event of rain, the early service will be held in Wright-Herberich Hall. The later service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays in Wright-Herberich Hall. Both services will feature piano music.

Calendar of Church Building Events For May 20 – May 27, 2018

Sunday, 5/20:

- 9:00 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:00 am Confirmation Class with Session (Pastor's Study Room)
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Education for all
- 10:30 am Worship/Honoring Graduates (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (Kitchen/WHH)
- 11:30 am PW Board Meeting (Library)
- 12:30 pm Howell Studio Recital (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Third Sunday Dinner (Kitchen/WHH)

Monday, 5/21:

No activities planned

Tuesday, 5/22:

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting (Room 106)

Wednesday, 5/23:

- 4:00 pm Bridges Out of Poverty/Circles (WHH/Kitchen/Library)
- 4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 5/24:

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 pm Bible Study (Room 106)

Friday, 5/25:

No activities planned

Saturday, 5/26:

No activities planned

Sunday, 5/27: Last Sunday for education

- 9:00 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:00 am Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Education for all
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Memorial Day Picnic and Jim's celebration

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

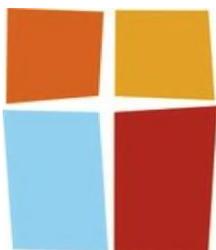
- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about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

SCRIPT ARTICLES The June/July Script will be published and inserted into the bulletin on Sunday, May 27.

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