

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

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 Song Without Words Felix Mendelssohn

\*Call to Worship Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22 Tracy McLean Ehrler

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise God’s holy name.

**Praise the Lord, my soul,**

and forget not all God’s benefits. Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who do God’s bidding, who obey God’s word.

**Praise the Lord, all God’s heavenly hosts, you servants who do God’s will.**

Praise the Lord, my soul.

\*Hymn 481   Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show LLANFAIR

**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 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.**

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   This Little Light of Mine    arr. Ronald Turner

Soloist:  Denise Milner Howell

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m gonna let it shine. My light reflects the love of Jesus, his love, his life so freely given. A gift of love and light for my salvation. Light of the world, now shine through me. Wherever I may go, I’m gonna let it shine.*

*Let it shine!*

\*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

*Following the Time for 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.  Sheila will meet the children at the Sanctuary door on the lectern side and take the children to their appropriate classrooms so that parents may not miss the readings and sermon. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship.*

**GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Proverbs 3:1-18 Pew Bible, Old Testament. Pg. 585

\*Hymn 404 Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

The Second Lesson Isaiah 30:21 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 658

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

Sermon Some Ideas Are Better Than Others The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

**SERVE**

\*Affirmation of Faith       from Belhar Confession

**We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever- flowing stream. Amen.**

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 539 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise   ELLERS

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Lento    Cyril Scott

***Welcome to our worship this morning!***

*Join us for coffee and fellowship*

*in Wright-Herberich Hall after worship today.*

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in honor of their eleventh wedding anniversary by The Reverend Moss and Debbie Rutan.

USHERS Bob Leonard (head usher) Bob Pulling, Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson, Don Rearick and Phil Fry.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS 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.

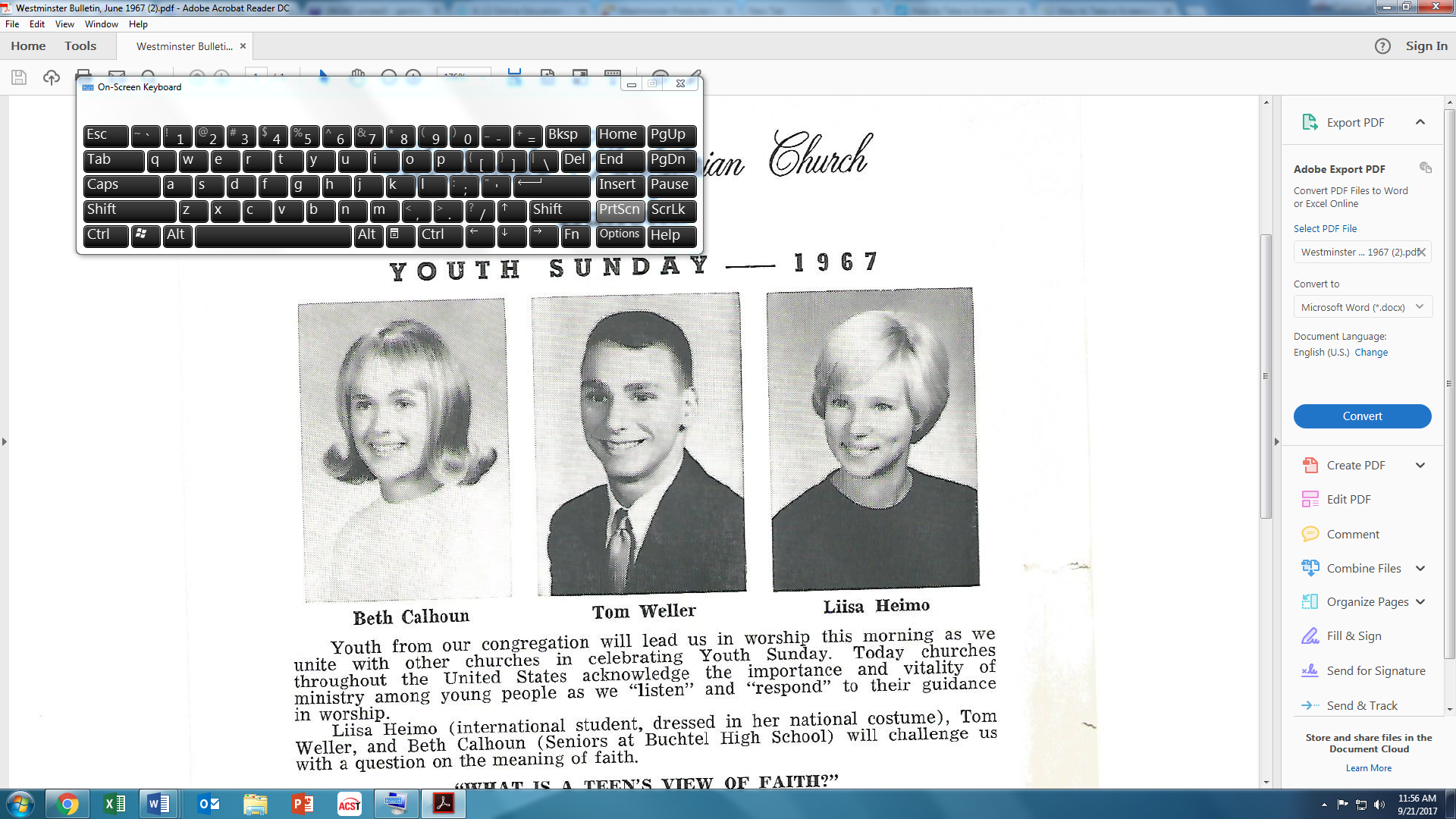
***Presbyterian Disaster Assistance***

In response to Hurricane Harvey and Irma, Westminster's Session encourages anyone who would like to contribute to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to look at the options at http://pda.pcusa.org/

***Mobility Equipment***

Jean Mercer's daughter has donated mobility equipment to the church. There are walkers, canes and wheelchairs at the foot of the stairs in the educational wing across from the nursery entrance. These items are for anyone to use while at the church.

***Welcome Back, Reverend Tom Weller***

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Tom Weller currently serves as Associate Pastor of Solomon's Porch in Phoenix, Arizona. He was raised at Westminster Presbyterian and preached here 50 years ago as part of Youth Sunday. He has returned to Akron for his 50th class reunion for Buchtel High School.

**COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE**

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY has a quilt hanging in Wright-Herberich Hall for Cindy Weiss who is recovering from her second hip surgery this year. Please stop by and tie a knot and say a prayer for Cindy.

LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS We have started with the topic of empathy. We will view videos and read *Unselfie: Why Empathic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World* by Michelle Borba, Ed.D. Parents of all ages welcome. Join us in the library at 9:30 a.m. and join the conversation. There are books available for your use.

NEW MEMBER CLASS At Westminster, we celebrate your presence in our shared community of faith, and hope that you will consider deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ in this place. Our next new member's class will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. and on Sunday, October 8 from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. To learn more or to sign-up for the class, please contact our pastor, Jon Hauerwas, at [jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com](mailto:jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com).

FLU CLINIC will be held on Sunday, October 8 at Westminster in the library. Pick-up a flyer in Wright-Herberich Hall or the literature racks for more details.

PET BLESSING Our annual blessing will take place on Sunday, October 8 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on the church steps. All animals on leashes or in cages are welcome. Plan to attend and bless those who bless us.

DISCIPLEFEST Eastminster Presbytery is sponsoring "DiscipleFest 2017" hosted by Canfield Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 21 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Keynote Presentation will be presented by Bob Kloos from Beacon Street Performing Arts in Ministry based in Cleveland. Brochures with more information are on the literature racks near the church entrances. The registration fee is $15 per person before October 14.

TWEENS TO SKYZONE Students in grades 4th through 6th mark your calendar for Sunday, October 8 from 11:30-2:00 p.m. We will gather after church for a pizza lunch and then head to SkyZone in Boston Heights for high-energy fellowship! Contact Sheila for information [wpcchildren1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcchildren1250@gmail.com) or sign-up in Wright-Herberich Hall.

***Calendar of Church Building Events***

***September 24– October 1, 2017***

**Sunday, 9/24:**

9:00 am Child Care Center opens

9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for all ages

9:30 am Photography of children’s Sunday School classes

for church pictorial directory

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)

11:30 am Worship Committee meeting (Room 106)

**Monday, 9/25:** No activities planned

**Tuesday, 9/26:**

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Room 106)

**Wednesday, 9/27:**

1:00 pm Ohio Living activity (Tween Room)

4:00 pm Bridges Out of Poverty (Wright-Herberich Hall/Library)

**Thursday, 9/28:**

8:00 am Eye-Opener Bible Study (Room 106)

9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)

12:30 am Metanoia Circle (Room 106)

**Friday, 9/29:** No activities planned

**Saturday, 9/30:** No activities planned

**Sunday, 10/1:**

9:00 am Child Care Center opens

9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for all ages

10:30 am Worship/World Communion Sunday, First Sunday Food Collection (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee, fellowship and birthday cake (WHH)

11:30 am Worship Committee meeting (Room 106)

**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 Wednesday at noon.

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2017-2018 SCRIPT Articles for the next Script will be due Wednesday, November 15. Please have your articles about activities into the church office by 12:00 (noon) that day. The publication date will be Sunday, November 26, 2017.

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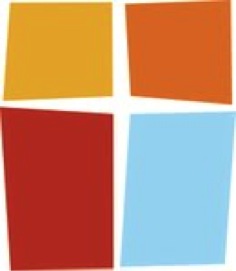
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