

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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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 22, 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 Largo

G.F. Handel

*Call to Worship Psalm 95:6-7

Cindy Weiss

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

for the Lord is our God

and we are the people of God’s pasture, the flock under God’s care.

Let us worship God!



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*Hymn 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve. As you came to a blind man and gave him sight, come to us in our darkness and show us the things we cannot see. As you came to a man tormented in his mind and gave him peace and healing, come to us in our tensions and make us whole. As you came to Lazarus, who was dead, and brought him from the grave, come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with our living Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, you came not to be served, but to serve. But we see life the other way around: to receive where we do not give, to exploit whom we have not helped, to use what we have not earned. As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise, come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope. In your name, Lord, we pray. 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.**

Calendar of Church Building Events For July 22 – July 29, 2018

Sunday, 7/22

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 Worship Committee (Room 106)

Monday, 7/23

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, 7/24

No Activities Planned

Wednesday, 7/25

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

Thursday, 7/26

9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)

Friday, 7/27

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 7/28

No Activities Planned

Sunday, 7/29

8:30 am Early Morning Worship (Johnstone Patio)
10:00 am Child Care Center Opens
10:30 am Worship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)

SUMMER WORSHIP AND COMMUNION The early service meets at 8:30 a.m., on the Johnstone Patio, weather permitting. In case of rain, the service will be held in Wright-Herberich Hall. Due to sanctuary renovations, our traditional service is held in Wright-Herberich Hall at 10:30 a.m. The next Communion at the early service will be administered on August 12 and August 26. At the 10:30 a.m. service, Communion will next be administered on August 12.

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK. On Thursday, July 26 there is no Bible study. We will resume the following week at noon in room 106.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be Saturday, August 18. This is the date for the annual Ice Cream Social at Westminster Presbyterian Church. All ages are welcome. Hal Walker will be there as our guest musician with his "fun and games" for children. There will be lots of ice cream and toppings to make your evening perfect. So, remember to be at the church from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a wonderful summer evening.

OUR MUSICIAN today is David Foerster.

***David Foerster** graduated from Concordia University, Seward, NE with a B.S. After serving a Lutheran parish in Milwaukee, he completed his Masters at Wittenberg and came to Akron. He served Zion Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and Fairlawn West UCC before his marketing career's travel requirements forced a stop to regular organist duties. In retirement, he enjoys serving in a substitute capacity, most recently completing a six-month interim at Akron's First Congregational Church. He especially likes to sub at Westminster.*

*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 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Bradbury, arr. Rogers
Paul Stewart, *soloist*

*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

*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 Psalm 89:20-21, 24-29

Pew Bible,
Old Testament Pg. 546

*Hymn 261 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us
O Quanta Qualia

The Second Lesson Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Pew Bible,
New Testament Pg. 41

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

Sermon To Be Wanted The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith from Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. Together we celebrate our differences as opportunities for mutual service within the one visible people of God. Together we love each other.

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 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Minuet-Finale G. F. Handel

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.
- USHERS this morning are Brad Hall (head usher), Sook and James Lee, Andi Jopperi, and Mike Grau.
- THE FLOWERS on both pedestals today are given by Jane Nelson Hutchison and Mark H. Nelson in honor of their Father, Roger H. Nelson on the occasion of his 87th birthday, July 24.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE Pastor Jon Hauerwas will be away on study leave from July 23 - 29. The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby will be preaching on July 29. For emergency pastoral care, please contact our main office.