

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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21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 14, 2018
10:30 a.m. 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.*

To the parents of our young children

Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you need to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome. Sit toward the front, where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the members of our congregation

The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children, call them by name and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

COME

Voluntary Organ Concerto in D Minor, BWV 596
I. Allegro/III. Largo/II. Allegro Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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*Call to Worship

Jacquie Mabry

Calendar of Church Building Events For October 14–21, 2018

The earth is the Lord's, for God made it:

Come, let us adore our God.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come, let us adore our God.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come, let us adore our God.

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn 420 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

We know the commandments: You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother. We are sure we follow them, and yet, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you. Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Sunday, 10/14

- 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 (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
- 4:30 pm Child Care Open
- 5:00 pm Five at Five Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, 10/15

- 10:00 am New Member's Class (Pastor's Study)

Tuesday, 10/16

- 9:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)

Wednesday, 10/17

- 1:00 pm Sewing Circle (Room 106)
- 4:00 pm Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)
- 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (Room 106)

Thursday, 10/18

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 pm Bible Study (Library)
- 4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, 10/19

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 10/20

- 8:00 am Food for Life (Kitchen)
- 1:00 pm New Member's Class (Room 106)
- 2:00 pm Reverse Halloween Party (Rockynol)

Sunday, 10/21

- 9:00 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 am Education for all ages
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
- 12:00 pm Youth Farm Trip (Ramseyer Farms)
- 5:30 pm 3rd Sunday Dinner

VISITORS If you are new to Westminster, please pick-up your welcome bag that is in the entrance to the church.

THE QUILT hanging today is ready for prayers and ties for Barb Davis.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS Some regular visitors in the life of our church have expressed an interest in deepening their connection with Westminster by participating in a new member's class on **October 15** at 10 a.m. in the pastor's study and at 1 p.m. on **October 20** in room 106. If you would like to take part, as well, then please contact our pastor.

REVERSE TRICK OR TREAT **Saturday, October 20**, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For all families! Come in costume to WPC at 2:00 p.m. We will practice some songs, get our treats together and parade over to Rockynol to brighten the day for residents there. This is a great event to live '*It's better to give than receive*'. We will bring our joy and share it abundantly.

YOUTH MINISTRY (7th–12th grades) on **October 21**, will be heading to Ramseyer Farms for corn mazes, pumpkins, and more fall fun. Please join us at noon. Looking ahead to the holidays, we will be ice skating at Lock 3 in conjunction with our Christmas party on **December 9**. We are looking forward to a great year!

Response 574

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 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Maurice Bevan

(b. 1921)

*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

Sheila Svoboda

Following the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 6th graders are invited to children's choir rehearsal in room 207 of the Education Building. 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 Luke 14:7-11 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 77

*Hymn 434 Today We Are Called to Be Disciples Kingsfold CMD

The Second Lesson Luke 14:25, 27-30 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 78

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

Sermon Finishing Well The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is 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 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Austrian Hymn

*Charge and Benediction

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Welcome to our worship this morning!
Stay with us after worship today for coffee and fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall.

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

USHERS Cindy Beidler (head usher), Mike Hale, Polly & Ralph Davis Steve Harp, Mary & Neil Carpenter.

THE FLOWERS The flowers in the chancel are given by Mrs. Thomas Fisher in honor of her parents' wedding anniversary. The flowers on the pedestal are given in honor of Martha D. Nelson's 87th birthday by Roger Nelson and their children, Mark and Jane.