

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

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- 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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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 7, 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.



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Voluntary "K'A MURA"

Fela Sowande
(1905-1987)

*Call to Worship Lam 3 and Ps 137

Kate Clark

Calendar of Church Building Events For October 7–14, 2018

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!
But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!
But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!
Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

*Hymn 443 O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574

Kyrie

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

Sunday, 10/7 World Communion Sunday

- 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/Communion and Food Collection (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee, Cake and fellowship (WHH)
- 11:30 am Tween Event (Sky Zone) - Lunch (Tween Room)
- 11:30 am Flu Clinic (Library)
- 2:00 pm Pet Blessing Sunday (Church Front Steps)

Monday, 10/8

- 11:30 am WPC Men's Group (off site/Olive Garden)
- 7:00 pm Book Discussion (Library)

Tuesday, 10/9

- 6:30 pm Endowment Committee (Pastor's Study)
- 7:00 pm Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)
- 7:00 pm Properties Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, 10/10

- 3:00 pm League of Women Voters (Room 106)
- 4:00 pm Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)

Thursday, 10/11

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

Friday, 10/12

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 10/13

- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners (Celtic Garden)
- 11:30 am PW Fall Gathering (WHH) - Childcare (Nursery)

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)

Welcome to our worship this morning!

Stay with us after worship today for coffee, cake 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, Sandy Gruneich, Sophia Louise and Ron Zito. TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship.

THE FLOWERS The flowers in the chancel are given in memory of Mary Seiberling Chapman by her daughter, Harriet D. Chapman. The flowers on the pedestal are given by Bridget and Rob Gilbert in memory of Bridget's grandparents, Julius and Ann Nemeth.

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

THE BIRTHDAY CAKE today is provided by Mark and Helen Preebe to honor those who have birthdays in October.

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

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

BIBLE STUDY There is no Bible study on **Thursday, October 11.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING is on **Saturday, October 13** at 11:30 a.m. in the Wright-Herberich Hall and includes lunch followed by easy, inspired meditative drawing. Cost is \$5. All women are welcome. Free childcare is provided.

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS is **October 15** at 10 a.m. and **October 20** at 1 p.m. Please contact our Pastor.

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!

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 Outreach Peacemaking Offering Gert Wilms

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 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell
(1905-1958)

*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 The Reverend Jon Hauerwas
First Sunday Food Collection

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 Lamentations 3:22-29

Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 766

The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 211

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

Sermon Unashamed

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

In one voice, let us offer the words of 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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Communion servers will distribute the bread and juice to you as you remain seated. They will serve the bread first. Gluten, soy, and corn free wafers are also available for those with allergies. Please hold onto your bread and we will all partake at the same time.

We will then follow the same format for the cup.

All cups contain grape juice. Please hold onto your juice and we will partake at the same time.

Words of Institution

“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

Prayer following Communion

Gracious God, by this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

*Hymn 386 O for a World

Azmon

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Fantasy and Fugue in B-flat, Alexandre Pierre François Boëly
(1789-1858)