

## 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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# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 16, 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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## COME

Voluntary

Prelude in D Major, Op 23, #4

Rachmaninoff

\*Call to Worship

Tracy McLean Ehrler

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

**We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

\*Hymn 473 For the Beauty of the Earth

## ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Jeremiah 23:25-29

**You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response 574

*Kyrie*

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

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

## ***Calendar of Church Building Events For September 16 – 23, 2018***

### **Sunday, 9/16**

- 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/Jim Mismas' Recognition (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Worship Committee (Pastor's Study)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
- 5:00 pm Third Sunday Dinner (Kitchen/WHH)

### **Monday, 9/17**

No Activities Planned

### **Tuesday, 9/18**

- 9:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry (WHH)

### **Wednesday, 9/19**

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

### **Thursday, 9/20**

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 pm Bible Study (Room 106)
- 4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

### **Friday, 9/21**

No Activities Planned

### **Saturday, 9/22**

No Activities Planned

### **Sunday, 9/23**

- 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 Presbyterian Women Meeting (Library)
- 11:30 am Deacons (Pastor's Study)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)

SCRIPT ARTICLES Committee leaders are asked to submit articles and pictures to Claudine by Tuesday, September 18 by noon at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com. Please include articles pertaining to events and information for October and November.

**Laurel Labbe** is serving as our Music Director through September 23. Laurel teaches choir to grades 6-12 in the Woodridge Local School District. Laurel received her undergraduate training at Duke University and has her Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Massachusetts. She has also taken Kodaly training from Cleveland State University and the Kodaly Institute at Capital University. She has been serving as one of the summer early service pianists since their inception at Westminster Presbyterian Church and served as pianist and organist at various churches throughout high school and college. Laurel and her husband and three children are actively involved members of Westminster.

**Karen Shank** is serving as our pianist through September 23. Karen has music degrees from Ashland University and The University of Akron. She served as a church organist and had a piano studio in the Orrville, Kidron, and Massillon areas for many years. She has been the accompanist for several choral organizations and accompanied soloists, ensembles, and choirs in local schools and at the College of Wooster. Laurel and Karen have worked together on the Orrville Community Chorus' annual performance of Handel's Messiah for twenty years.

### Monthly Financial Report

August 2018	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$25,899.18	\$46,220.75	\$379,244.44	\$426,223.78**
Total Expenses	\$59,962.95	\$56,189.66	\$400,804.83	\$449,173.52
Net	(\$34,063.77)	(\$9,968.91)	(\$21,560.39)	(\$22,949.74)

\*\*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 detail for the period ending August 31, 2018.*

\*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."**

Dedication of plaque in recognition of Jim Mismas as Music Director Emeritus

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 *Litany for the New Day* Douglas Wagner

\*Response 592 *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 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 Psalm 19:1-14 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 498

\*Hymn 167 God's Law is Perfect and Gives Life

The Second Lesson Proverbs 1:20-23, 32-33  
Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 584

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

Sermon In Search of Wisdom 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 will celebrate our differences as opportunities for mutual service within the one visible people of God. Together we will 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 282 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Postlude Victory in Jesus Eugene Bartlett

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

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

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

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

THE FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Art and Jean Schooley in memory of their parents.

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

# COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

SOUND TEAM VOLUNTEERS Our sound team is responsible for operating the sound board during worship services, weddings, memorial services, and special events, such as our ongoing concert series. We are very much in need of additional volunteers who would be willing to be trained for these purposes. You need not be a technological guru or have operated sound equipment in the past. We simply need committed, thoughtful people who are willing to learn and serve. We understand that everyone travels, and we will work around your schedule, even if you are only in Akron on a part-time basis. Please contact our pastor to learn more.