

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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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 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 Mazurka Op. 67, No. 2 Frederic Chopin

*Call to Worship Cindy Weiss

All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary;

Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

*Hymn 422 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring



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ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. 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

*Response 567

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 Poor Wayfaring Stranger

arranged Jay Althouse

Calendar of Church Building Events For September 2 – 9, 2018

Sunday, 9/2

10:00 am

Child Care Center Opens

10:30 am

Worship/Food Collection (Wright-Herberich Hall)

11:30 am

Coffee, Cake & Fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)

11:30 am

Library Refresh (Library)

Monday, 9/3

Church Offices Closed for Labor Day

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, 9/4

5:00 pm

Eastminster Presbytery Meeting
(Vienna Presbyterian Church)

Wednesday, 9/5

4:00 pm

Bridges/Circles (Tween Room, Kitchen, Library)

Thursday, 9/6

9:30 am

Staff Meeting (Library)

12:00 pm

Bible Study (Library)

7:00 pm

Session Visioning Meeting (Pastor's Study)

7:30 pm

Five at Five Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, 9/7

7:30 pm

Five at Five Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, 9/8

2:30 pm

Five at Five Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, 9/9

9:00 am

Child Care Center Opens

9:30 am

Education For All Ages (Adult, Children and Youth)

10:30 am

Worship/Communion/Rally Day (Sanctuary)

11:30 am

Ministry Fair/Coffee & Fellowship(WHH)

4:30 pm

Childcare and Nursery for Five at Five Concert

5:00 pm

Five at Five Concert (Sanctuary)

PLAQUE HONORING JIM MISMAS We originally planned to dedicate a plaque in honor of Jim Mismas as our newly recognized Music Director Emeritus on September 9. However, Bruce is leading a masterclass for the Akron Society of Artists through September 9 and cannot attend that day. Thus, Jim has asked that we reschedule for September 16. We look forward to unveiling the new plaque on that date, instead!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER:

- Staff Accountant
- Youth Coordinator
- Full-Time Custodian
- Part-Time Custodian

Please find all information at www.westminsterakron.com

OUR MUSICIAN today is Laurel Labbe who 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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, September 3 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

*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

First Sunday Food Collection

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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 9, 16, 22-23

Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 604

*Hymn 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

Baronita

The Second Lesson

James 2:1-9, 26

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 229

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

Sermon Up

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

from the 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 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; that God wishes to teach the church 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 434 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples *Kingsfold*

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Song Without Words *Op. 19, No. 4. Felix Mendelssohn*

Welcome to our worship this morning!

Stay with us after worship today for coffee, cake and fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall.

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

Service Information:

Head Usher: Bob Leonard
 Phil Fry, Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson and
 Don Rearick.

THE FLOWERS on the Pedestal are given in loving memory of William (Bill) Brideweser by Margie and the family.

THE BIRTHDAY CAKE today is provided by the Labbe Family for all September birthdays.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

COME, REJOICE, AND SING with Westminster's Adult Choir starting on Rally Day, September 9 at 9:15 a.m. This fall we begin a new chapter of making music. We are always interested in having new faces and new singers to participate in our wonderful choir. High school students are welcome. So, if you have hesitated to join us in the past, make the commitment and experience the joy of community and making music together. Laurel Labbe will direct us on September 9, 16 and 23. Then on September 30, we will welcome Alcee Chriss III.

FIVE AT FIVE CONCERT, SEASON TWENTY ONE We warmly welcome you to hear Akron Baroque presents For the Love of Nature on Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m. Church doors open at 4:30 p.m. Free, professional childcare will be available, and there is no admission fee to attend the concert!

LIBRARY REFRESH Following worship today will be an informal meeting to set some priorities to make the library a more useful and inviting resource for our church family. Please contact Cathy Melder at chwdoc@gmail.com for more details.