

## 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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## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 23, 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

Etude Op 25 No. 1

Frederic Chopin

\*Call to Worship

Cindy Weiss

## ***Calendar of Church Building Events For September 23 – 30, 2018***

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on earth.

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us. Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.**

Come now, all who seek,  
**and be warmed by God's goodness.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Hymn 412 Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds *English folk melody*

### **ENCOUNTER**

Prayer of Confession

**We know that you bless those who work for peace, saying that they shall be called children of God. But we are often at war with one another. In a thousand little ways we demand to be catered to. We seldom esteem others as more important than ourselves. We often create strife by demanding our way rather than walking in God's Spirit. Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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

#### **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)

#### **Monday, 9/24**

No Activities Planned

#### **Tuesday, 9/25**

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting-Room 106

#### **Wednesday, 9/26**

- 4:00 pm Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)

#### **Thursday, 9/27**

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

#### **Friday, 9/28**

No Activities Planned

#### **Saturday, 9/29**

- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners (Celtic Garden)

#### **Sunday, 9/30**

- 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/Lunch for Alcee Chriss (WHH)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING is on Sat., October 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the Wright-Herberich Hall and includes lunch followed by a chance to try inspired meditative drawing. ALL women are welcome to enjoy this relaxing activity.

FLU SHOTS We will be offering free flu shots on Sunday, October 7, 11:30 a.m. in the Library. A pharmacist from Walgreen's will do all the paper work and give the shots. Both the regular shot and the extra strength shot for those over 65 years will be available.

CALLING ALL TWEENS 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. We're going to Sky Zone, on Sunday, October 7. After pizza lunch, we'll drive to Sky Zone in Boston Heights. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. in room 107. We'll leave at noon and return to church at 2:30 p.m. Sign-up at Connection Point in Wright-Herberich Hall. Questions at [wpcchildren1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcchildren1250@gmail.com).

**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.

\*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 Phil Fry/Nominating Committee

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 Ubi Caritas Victor C. Johnson  
Translation: Where there is charity and love, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
And from a sincere heart, let us love one another.

\*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 James 3:13-17 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 230

\*Hymn 386 O for a World *arr. Lowell Mason*

The Second Lesson Mark 9:30-37 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 45  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon First The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

## SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

**God holds the world with fierce love, and keeps the ultimate promise by sending Jesus into the world, pouring out the Holy Spirit, and announcing good news: those who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God - the first fruits of a new creation. We rejoice in the goodness of God. As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. We are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.**

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 427 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service *Welsh melody*

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary I'll Fly Away *arr. Fred Bock*

***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 in honor of their twelfth wedding anniversary by the Rev. and Debbie Rutan.

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

QUILT MINISTRY The quilt up in Wright-Herberich Hall is for Iris Kuehl. Please tie a knot and say a prayer for her.

## COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST Next Sunday, September 30, will mark the beginning of Alcee Chriss' ministry with us as our new Music Director/Organist. We invite you to join us for a wonderful day of worship followed by a celebratory reception and meet-and-greet in the fellowship hall.