

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of mankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which men know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no man has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The Confession of 1967, The Constitution of
the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
Part 1: Book of Confessions

July 8, 2018
7th Sunday after Pentecost
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Chorale Variations on "For Me to Live Is Jesus"
Aria

*Johann Gottfried Walther
Flor Peeters*

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence,
actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

INTROIT - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Joachim Neander

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

***WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD**

The Reverend David L. Fleming

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

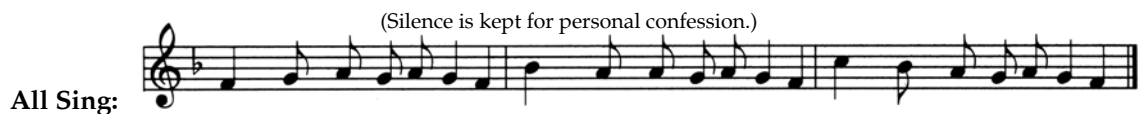
(Please greet your neighbor with a Christian welcome. For example, "Peace be with you" or
"The peace of Christ be with you." Respond with "And also with you.")

***HYMN 460 - "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. We know more of our transgression that we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. We cannot escape from the sin that clings so closely. Wash away the stain of our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts and renew our spirits. Make us receptive to the new life you offer through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Let us live our lives in faith.

People: God is with us.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI**

H. W. Greatorex

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Denise C. Weaver

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Psalm 119:9-16

Pew Bible, p. 566 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - "Harken! Stay Close to Jesus Christ"

David Moritz Michael

Harken! Stay close to Jesus Christ; let his spirit lead you; know that he is ever with you. That his loving care never faileth. For this he came from heaven and took upon him our flesh and blood, for our salvation became man and suffered death. His saving power blesses all the world; no one is outside his mercy; he redeems us from all our sins, he makes us one with God; he redeems us from all our sins, to share with him eternal life.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, p. 730 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 298 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

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SERMON

The Reverend Denise C. Weaver

Forgiving, Forgetting, and Faith

Focus: I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. - Jeremiah 31:34

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(During the Offertory, please fill out the Fellowship Pads and pass them up and down the pews in order that we may greet one another by name after worship.)

Offertory Anthem - "God Be in My Head"

Hal H. Hopson

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.
God, make me holy;
Christ, make me holy;

Spirit, make me holy;
Three all holy.

-From *The Book of Hours* (1514), and a traditional Celtic prayer

***Doxology (Hymnal No. 592)**

Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Response - "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

Schumann

**We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The pastoral prayer is divided into three sections: Thanksgiving, Intercession and Petition. When the minister says "Through Jesus Christ our Lord," the congregation is encouraged to respond with an audible "Amen.")

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 488 - "The God of Abraham Praise"**

Leoni

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE (all sing)**

Randolph

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Trumpet Tune and Toccata on "The God of Abraham Praise" (Hymn 488)

Hebrew melody, arr. Michael Burkhardt

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.
You are invited to remain in silence.)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Head Usher: Barbara Wilson
Church Office Receptionist: Donna Shell

Head Greeter: Peggy Sisson
CPR/AED: Barb Groff, Anne Proulx

Music Participants: Summer Choir – Todd Bodey, Tenor – John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: The words of Hymn 460 are a paraphrase of the early church hymn "Te Deum Laudamus" ("We Praise Thee, O God") and are the words which provided the inspiration for Louis Comfort Tiffany to design and create the "Te Deum" window located above the Choir Loft on the south wall of the Sanctuary.

The stanzas of Hymn 298, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy," excerpted from the original 13 stanzas, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The words are effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch melody, probably from the 17th century.

Shaped by its traditional tune, the English stanzas of Hymn 488, "The God of Abraham Praise," convey the essence of the Yigdal, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.



Summer Sundays After Worship and CrossRoads* Schedule

The Ministries and Mission of WPC

11:20 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

All Summer Sundays classes will meet in the Chapel
with the exception of July 8 and August 5.

July 8	Organ Demonstration Join John Neely in the Choir Loft to learn how 7000 pipes are made to sound.	No CrossRoads
July 15	WPC Building Report	CrossRoads
July 22	Montreat Youth Conference Report	CrossRoads
July 29	Colombia Trip Report	CrossRoads
Aug 5	Ice Cream Social (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)	No CrossRoads
Aug 12	WPW Churchwide Gathering Report	CrossRoads
Aug 19	Faith and Civic Life (J. D. Whitlock)	CrossRoads
Aug 26	Faith and Civic Life: Civil Discourse in Uncivil Times (Sarah Kiewitz)	CrossRoads
Sept. 2	Labor Day weekend – No Adult Ed	No CrossRoads
Sept. 9	Convocation Sunday, Children’s Sunday School Start-up	

* From June through August, a one-workshop CrossRoads class is provided from 11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to children in grades K-6. CrossRoads: Education for the Journey is our workshop-based educational program that allows children to actively experience the Bible story in colorful, stimulating learning.



MADD DAYS at Westminster

Music, Art, Drama, Dance Day Camp

July 30 - August 3

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration is now open for those in grades 3-8 (as of fall 2018). Enjoy choir, handbells, dance, drama, Christian education, and art. The cost for the week is \$80. For more information and to register, visit www.westminsterdayton.org

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR VISITORS THIS MORNING

Thank you for your presence here in worship today. Every Sunday God blesses us with the gift of new visitors. Some of you have come across town or across the country and found your way here today. This may be your first time ever, or first time in a long while to be in a church on a Sunday morning. Or you may be a member of another congregation. Whatever tradition you may have come from, we are delighted to have you here today and invite you to experience our worship, Coffee Hour, Sunday classes, or whatever captures your imagination and need. To learn more about us, visit our website, www.westminsterdayton.org, "Like Us" on Facebook, take a brochure from the pew rack, or contact the Church Office.

We have good news for you: Westminster is a safe place to ask questions and to live the questions of life that have no easy or pat answers. We believe that Jesus welcomes all people, just as they are, and so do we. We understand the life of faith to be a journey better walked together than alone. Westminster is an exciting congregation where you can grow in faith and discover meaningful opportunities to be a part of a community *where loving God and neighbor is transforming lives*. That's our purpose. And that takes all of us.

God's grace and peace to you this day,
Westminster Pastoral Staff and Congregation

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here. During the offertory, we hope you will take the opportunity to provide your name and contact information on the Fellowship Pad when it gets passed to you in the pew. After the service today, please stop by our "Welcome Center" just outside the Sanctuary's double doors. We have a small gift for you today to say, "Thanks for being here today" and for adding to our worshipping community.

PARISH NOTES

The flowers in the Chancel are given in memory of Helen and Norman Frey, and Walter and Magdeline Nekrosius, by Drs. Diane Frey and Scott Nekrosius.

Next Sunday, July 15, come to the Chapel Reception Room and have your **blood pressure checked** from 9:30 to 9:45 and 11:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Please join us following worship for **Coffee Hour**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to enjoy some light refreshments and fellowship. Donation containers for members are placed near the coffee.

Scotland is calling! Save the dates! A Presbyterian Heritage trip to Scotland is being planned for May 1-May 10, 2019. Join us to visit St. Andrews, the ancient ecclesiastical capital of Scotland and the "home of golf," St. John's Chapel in Perth where John Knox preached, Inverness, the seascapes of west Scotland and the Isle

of Mull, the Isle of Iona where Columba landed and founded his monastery nearly 1500 years ago, Glencoe and the sights of Edinburgh including the John Knox House, St. Giles Cathedral, Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle and the shops of the Royal Mile, along with many other memorable sights. The cost of the trip and further details will be forthcoming. The trip will be led by Pastors Sue Hamilton and Denise Weaver; please contact them to express interest.

Stained Glass Window Repair: The window beside the pulpit has been removed for restoration. A temporary window has been put in place until the restored window is returned.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, and sermons are available in the Narthex, from an usher, or on the table by the elevator.

During the service, if you notice someone who appears to require **medical attention**, please *raise your hand or contact the head usher*. Response Team members will care for the person.

If someone asks you for money, we encourage you instead to give them one of Westminster's Emergency Assistance Cards, which are available in the Narthex or the Church Office.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church, Dayton**.

To ask for Prayer, the **Westminster Prayer Ministry** invites you fill out the Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or take it to the Church Office. Requests for prayer received are shared with the Westminster Email Prayer Ministry Team and remain confidential. Please secure permission before sharing an individual's name, or use generic words such as friend, parent, child, or spouse. Requests for prayer can also be emailed to wpcprayers@westminsterdayton.org. To join the Westminster prayer ministry team, please email wpcprayers@westminsterdayton.org.

Need to speak with a pastor after worship? Here is where you can find them: Denise – Narthex; David – Perry St. door.

ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS

Between Jobs, a Westminster support group, assists people looking for work opportunities on their spiritual and vocational search. WPC volunteers also mentor some of these individuals. If you know of someone looking for work, please have them contact Vic Barnett (vic.barnett@daytonaero.com). We will try to support with companies, contacts, and information. If you own a business or are a key decision maker, Between Jobs can use your ideas, a little bit of your time, and your talent.

ADULT EDUCATION

Summer Sundays Continue Today
See Page 6 for Class Listing

DONATIONS

Our iPad **giving kiosks** are located in the Narthex near the Sanctuary doors. They accept contributions for any program of the church. Donations may be made by Visa, Master Card, or Discover credit cards. Donations may even be made anonymously.

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code on the back cover of the bulletin to visit our website and donate now electronically.

INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Infants and Toddlers (Infant - 4 years old) are cared for from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants are provided a beeper by the nursery staff in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, they take part in an activity and enjoy a snack.

We welcome young children to worship in our Sanctuary at Westminster today with cloth worship bags freshly stocked with new quiet, worship-related activities,

including a Children's Bulletin and felt board designed specifically for today's service. Not all bags are the same! Next week, your child will likely find a different, new activity inside his or her bag. The bags can be found in a basket on a bench in the Narthex (main Sanctuary entrance) and upstairs in the balcony. All children are invited to use one throughout the worship time and then return the bag to its original location, taking the papers home with them.

MISSION

From the Garden — Pick up fresh vegetables and plants grown specifically to support an important local mission—helping to feed God's flock beyond our walls. The money donated each Sunday for these delicious, home-grown products is combined with our monthly Hunger Sunday Offering and given to support our local Food Bank. We hope you will enjoy all that is From the Garden. Donations of herbs, flowers, houseplants, perennials, and vegetables are always welcome.

MUSIC

All are invited to sing in our drop-in, no-excuses **Summer Choir**, which continues through September 2. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room and prepare anthems on the spot to sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. You do not have to be involved in the choir regularly in order to participate in the Summer Choir. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends along, too! For more information contact John Neely (john@westminsterdayton.org).

Choir schedules for the next academic year (children, youth, and adults) have been posted on the church website (www.westminsterdayton.org).

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Members known to be in the hospital as of Thursday, July 5: Grandview Hospital—Jim Woodcock, Miami Valley—Mary Ellen Jarrett, Tamra Francis

Richard Baker is on study leave this week and will return to the church Tuesday, July 10.

Nancy Hodgkins and the Senior High Youth and Advisors are traveling to North Carolina to attend the Montreat Youth Conference. They will return on Saturday, July 14.

Sue Hamilton is on vacation this week and will return to the church on July 10.

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Event Schedule

Visit our website at www.westminsterdayton.org for possible calendar changes.

Sunday, July 8				Friday, July 13		
8:30	Nursery (birth - age 4)	108		No Scheduled Events		
9:00	Summer Choir Rehearsal	100				
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary		Saturday, July 14		
11:00	Coffee Hour	FH	12:00	Sexton Family	WP	
11:20	Memoir Writing Group	Library	1:00	Service of Witness to the Resurrection For Rothwell Sexton	Sanctuary	
	Summer Sundays After Worship: Organ Demonstration	Sanctuary				
Monday, July 9				Sunday, July 15		
No Scheduled Events				8:30	Nursery (birth - age 4) 108	
Tuesday, July 10				9:00	Summer Choir Rehearsal 100	
12:00	Staff Meeting	WP	9:30	Blood Pressure Check	CRR	
4:30	Miami Valley Pipe Band Lessons	211	10:00	Worship	Sanctuary	
5:00	Miami Valley Pipe Band	FH	11:00	Blood Pressure Check	CRR	
Wednesday, July 11				11:00	Coffee Hour/Memorabilia Sale FH	
10:00	ID Ministry	Ch/CRR	11:20	Summer Sundays After Worship: WPC Building Report	Ch	
12:00	Women's Therapeutic Lunch	FH		Summer CrossRoads (grades K-6)	101	
Thursday, July 12				12:15	Session Work Day WP	
10:00	Coffee, Caring, and Crafts Circle	WP	CRR—Chapel Reception Room			
6:00	Presbytery Colombia Network	CRR	FH—Fellowship Hall			
				HH—Heritage Hall		
				WP—West Parlor		

MINISTERS

All members of the Church

STAFF

Richard L. Baker, Jr.	Pastor/Head of Staff	Craig Showalter.....	Business Administrator
John W. Neely	Assoc. Pastor for Music	Amanda Newhart	Executive Assistant to Dr. Baker
Nancy S. Hodgkins	Assoc. Pastor for Youth & Mission	Kate Stephenson	Administrative Assistant
Susan G. Hamilton.....	Pastoral Affiliate for Congregational Care	Miranda Watt.....	Administrative Assistant
Denise C. Weaver.....	Interim Assoc. Pastor for Spiritual Growth	Brittany Campbell.....	Administrative Assistant
Jerry Taylor.....	Music Associate	Wayne King.....	Maintenance Supervisor
Jenne Gross.....	Mission Associate	Marvin Fleming.....	Sexton



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