



Westminster Presbyterian Church

One thing is clear: the temple was not (as the word might seem to indicate to many people today) principally a place where the faithful assembled to pray or read Scripture. This is the main purpose of a synagogue or church, but not of an ancient temple. A temple in the ancient Near East was essentially the house of the deity. The god or goddess was actually deemed to take up residence inside the temple. Temples were therefore lavishly appointed, so as to provide truly royal surroundings in which the deity might abide in splendor.
— James L. Kugel, *How to Read the Bible: A Guide to Scripture, Then and Now*

July 15, 2018
8th Sunday after Pentecost
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Service for the Lord's Day

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Meditation

George Thalben-Ball

(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 Susan G. Hamilton

*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 288 - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Ellacombe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant us, O merciful God, for his sake,
to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life,
to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)



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 hope.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Exodus 3:1-7

Pew Bible, p. 50 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM - "I Owe My Lord a Morning Song"

John F. Bell

I owe my Lord a morning song for God has meant (designed) this day.
Through fears of night and hidden light God moves and wills my way.

I owe my Lord a morning song for Jesus rose at dawn;
He made death die and would not lie that others might live on.

I owe my Lord a morning song; the Spirit gave me voice,
Nor did God force my soul to praise but honored me with choice.

I owe my Lord a morning song. How can I help but sing
When God is all in all, and I am one with everything.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Psalm 84

Pew Bible, p. 543 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 207 - "How Lovely, Lord"**

Merle's Tune

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker, Jr.

Standing on Holy Ground

Focus: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. —Psalm 84:1-2

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 - "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

John Rutter

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them everyone.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

*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 538 - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

*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 - Overture and The Rejoicing

George Frideric Handel

(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: Virginia Miller
CPR/AED: Dyan Thomas, Jeff Thomas

Head Greeter: Peggy Sisson
Bus Driver: Becky Bower

Music Participants: Summer Choir – Nick Raines, Baritone – Kathleen Durig and Marcia Wood, Flutists – John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, the wife of an Anglican bishop, wrote nearly 400 hymns, the most famous of which are those written to teach children the meaning of various parts of the Apostles' Creed. The simple yet picturesque words of "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (today's Offertory Anthem) help to describe the phrase "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth," which is based on Genesis 1:31: "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."

Westminster Prayer Ministry

To ask for prayer, 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.

Add your prayer to our Prayer Wall, located in the Sanctuary near the Chancel on the east wall. You will find blank prayer papers and pencils in the four mini-desks built into the wall. Write your prayer on the paper, roll up the paper, and insert it between the bricks of the wall. These prayers are completely private, between you and God. After the first Sunday of each month, the wall will be cleared and all prayer papers will be respectfully burned. Prayer Wall postcards are now available to send to someone for whom you prayed. They are located in the Prayer Wall mini-desks and the Narthex.

I will call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me: give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you. Psalm 141:1-2a.

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 Jim Woodcock by Dixie Bowsher.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in memory of Jim Woodcock by the BFG Presby Group.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in memory of Rothwell "Stoney" Sexton by Sally Sexton.

Don't miss the opportunity to have your **blood pressure checked** in the Chapel Reception Room immediately following worship.

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 **Bellbrook Presbyterian Church**.

Need to speak with a pastor after worship? Here is where you can find them: Richard – Narthex; Sue – Perry St. door; Denise and Nancy – Fellowship Hall.

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 insert 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.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is currently responding to areas in the United States and worldwide that have been affected by disasters. You may make a donation to support the relief effort by using the PDA envelope in the pew rack or by giving online. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, and write PDA in the memo line.

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 for children, youth, and adults have been posted on the church website (www.westminsterdayton.org).

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please help your pastors help our members, especially in times of illness or accident. When you, a relative, or friend enter the hospital, or are scheduled for inpatient or outpatient surgery, please phone the Church Office with that information - name, place and date.

Members known to be in the hospital as of Thursday, July 12: Miami Valley Hospital—Joan Swanson. Recently hospitalized and released: Tamra Francis, Ada Candor, and Mary Ellen Jarrett.

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Event Schedule

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

Sunday, July 15			Wednesday, July 18		
8:30	Nursery (birth - age 4)	108	10:00	ID Ministry	Chapel/CRR
9:00	Summer Choir Rehearsal	100	12:00	Women's Therapeutic Court Lunch	FH
9:30	Blood Pressure Check	CRR			
10:00	Worship	Sanctuary	Thursday, July 19		
11:00	Blood Pressure Check	CRR	10:00	Coffee, Caring, and Crafts Circle	WP
	Coffee Hour	FH	Friday, July 20		
11:20	Summer Sundays After Worship:		No Scheduled Events		
	Building Report	Chapel	Saturday, July 21		
	Craig's Treasures—Building and Grounds		10:30	Service of Witness to the Resurrection	
	Memorabilia Sale	FH		for Marilyn Williams	Sanctuary
	Summer CrossRoads (grades K-6)	101	11:30	Williams Family Reception	FH
12:15	Session Work Day	WP	Sunday, July 22		
Monday, July 16			8:30	Nursery (birth - age 4)	108
No Scheduled Events			9:00	Summer Choir Rehearsal	100
Tuesday, July 17			10:00	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00	Staff Meeting	WP	11:00	Coffee Hour	FH
4:30	Miami Valley Pipe Band Lessons	211	11:20	Summer Sundays After Worship:	
5:00	Miami Valley Pipe Band	FH		Montreat Youth Conference Report	Chapel
5:30	Mission Committee Meeting	Library		Summer CrossRoads (grades K-6)	101
6:00	Deacons Meeting	WP	12:15	MADD Camp Training	Chapel
	Personnel Committee Meeting	CRR			
6:30	Evangelism, Hospitality, and Membership				
	Meeting	207-209			
	Tuesday Book Club	Bride's Room			

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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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 August 5.

TODAY	WPC Building Report	CrossRoads
	Jim Latham will present an update on the building's historical status, Dan Stack and Brian Sharp will discuss the outdoor lighting project, and Sara Frease will report on the window restoration project.	
	"Treasures Sale of Building and Grounds Memorabilia" in Fellowship Hall in conjunction with the Summer Sundays presentation by Building and Grounds. Items include organ pipes galore, the temporary panels from the restoration of the Te Deum Window, and more than a few other trinkets collected from around the building.	
July 22	Montreat Youth Conference Report	CrossRoads
	Join us as the youth and adult advisors share stories and pictures from the Montreat Youth Conference.	
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

* 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