

2024 Christmas Flower Memorials

- ♥ In loving memory of Wilma Washburne, from Madeline Wilson, Jeremy Southgate and Audrielle Wilgate.
- ♥ In loving memory of Gordon McLean and Mildred Sweet, from Tracy McLean Ehrler and family.
- ♥ In loving memory of our parents, Jess & Katherine Messaros; Carlos & Frances Matthews and Peggy's brother Alan Matthew, from Peggy & Marc Messaros.
- ♥ In loving memory of my husband Arthur Schooley, from Jean Schooley.
- ♥ In loving memory of my parents Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Sears, from Sandra Gruneich.
- ♥ In loving memory of her parents Dr. & Mrs. Edward H. Jones Jr. and her brother Douglas Edward Jones, from Nancy Jones Keogh.
- ♥ In memory of Adam R. Carlyon & Geraldine Carlyon, from Bob Carlyon.
- ♥ In loving memory of Jon M. Daugherty, from Ellen Daugherty.
- ♥ In loving memory of Phillip B. Keller, from Kris Keller and family.
- ♥ In loving memory of Phil Buehl. In memory of Dan D'Avello, from Joan Buehl and family.
- ♥ In loving memory of Love Ones, from Patricia Schumacher.
- ♥ In loving memory of Charles & Marilyn Labbe; In honor of Millard & Martha Manning, from Ed and Laurel Labbe.
- ♥ In loving memory of Cindy Park Mapes. David Park, Richard & Marylyn Park and Roy Boush, from Lisa & Carlton Boush.
- ♥ In loving memory of Suzanne D. Henninger, from Joe D. Henninger.
- ♥ In loving memory of Robert J. "Bob" Werner, from Shirley Werner and family.
- ♥ In memory of Marge Rodabaugh, Ray Rodabaugh, Kenneth Wright and George Kyprianou, from Brian Rodabaugh and Andrew Kyprianou.
- ♥ In loving memory of John Holcomb & Dianne Peterson, from Marcia Holcomb & Dave Peterson.
- ♥ In loving memory of Bill, Jo and Dave Barnes, from Bruce & Pookie Barnes.
- ♥ In loving memory of Elizabeth Cole's parents and James Cole's grandparents: Carl J. Arnold & Ellen G. Arnold. In Honor of Elizabeth Cole from James Cole.
- ♥ In memory of Love Ones, from Sandra Tuccillo.
- ♥ In loving memory of Thomas W. Fisher Jr. from Polly, Tim, Kathy and Andrew.
- ♥ In memory of their grandparents, from Kate Huisinga and Mike Grau.
- ♥ In loving memory of Glenn & Ruth Clark and Whitey Wahl, from Marian Wahl.

Merry Christmas

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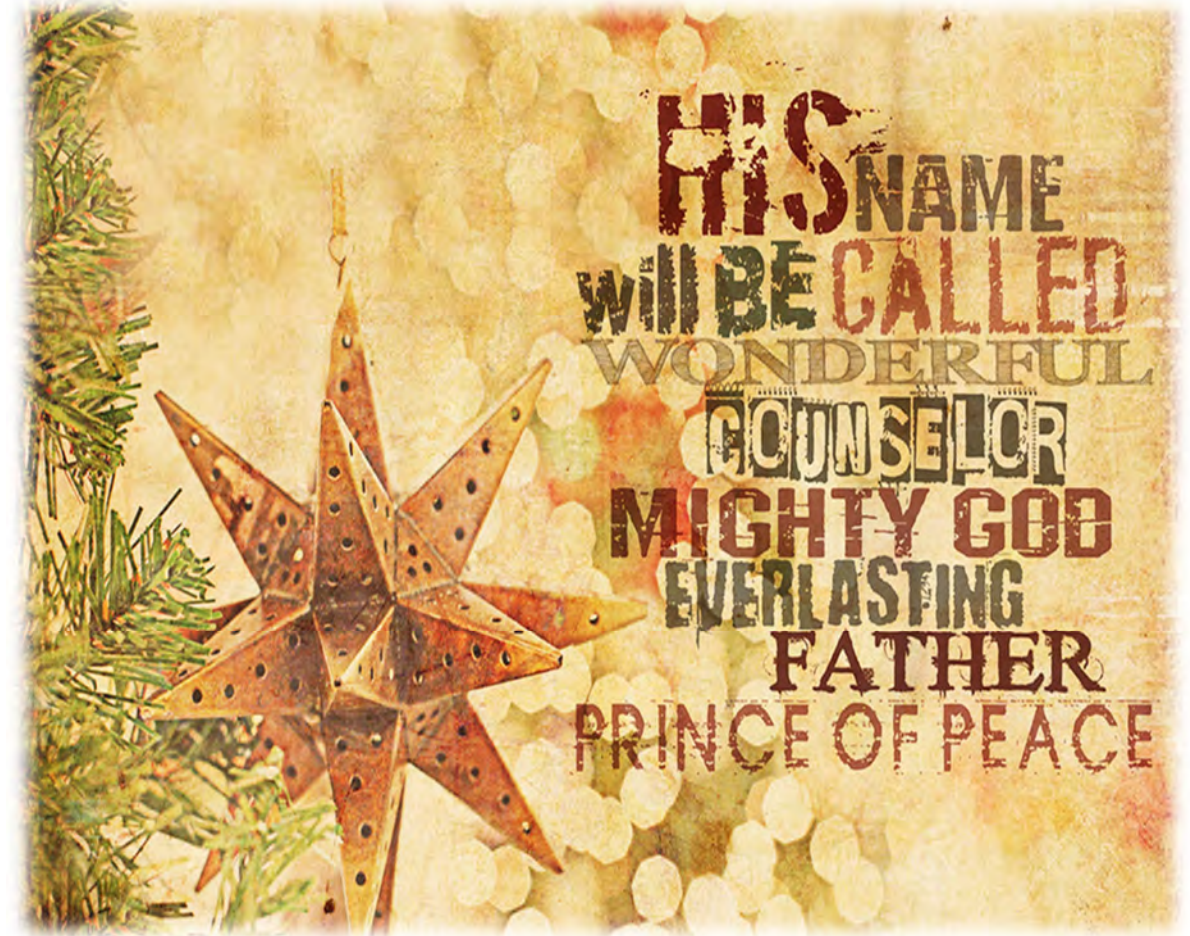
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December 29, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



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Welcome to Westminster,

We are an open affirming congregation sharing God's love in West Akron.
No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

Sunday Food collection will take place January 5th during worship service. Much needed items are bread, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce and personal care items such as bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels etc. Some of these items cannot be purchased with food stamps. Monetary donations are always welcomed.

We invite you to join us in taking down the Greens on January 5, 2025. Your help after worship would be greatly appreciated, and together we can accomplish this important task efficiently.

Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich will make a presentation on "Senior Safety" on Tuesday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m. in Wright Herberich Hall. The presentation will cover internet "phishing," "scams," checking and bank fraud, and other safety issues that Seniors face. The presentation will last approximately one hour.

Music at WPC presents: Organ Day, has been changed to Saturday, January, 18th at 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. in the sanctuary. Have you ever wondered what goes on inside the heart of the pipe organ? Come explore the organ with Nik Stakepole and get an up close look at the pipes, the console, and the mechanisms that make our mighty instrument sing! Get a chance to play the organ and get pictures sitting at the console! For more information: email Nik Stackpole, stackpolemusic@gmail.com.

This Week's Music at WPC:

Scan or take a picture of the QR code with your smart phone and learn some musical history and context.



Calendar of Church Building Events For December 29–January 5, 2024

Sunday, 12/29

10:30 am Worship & YouTube Livestream
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

Tuesday, 12/31 New Years Eve

Office Closed

Wednesday, 1/1 Happy New Year 2025

Office Closed

Thursday, 1/2

10:00 am WPC Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 91442 (in the Tween room)

Saturday, 1/4

8:00 am Food For Life (Kitchen)

Sunday, 1/5

10:30 am Worship/Food Collection & YouTube Livestream
11:35 am Taking down the Greens
11:45 am Coffee/Birthday Cake Fellowship (WHH)

*Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

We pray silently...
And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that
Christ taught us, saying in one voice:

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 40 "Joy to the World!" ANTIOCH

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary "Improvisation of Joy to the World" Nik Stackpole

Today's Worship team is Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);
Raphael Peoples (liturgist); Nik Stackpole (organist);
Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual); and Ushers

*At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your 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 as you are able.*

Voluntary "In Quiet Joy," Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

*Call to Worship Raphael Peoples

Praise the lord!
Praise God in the heavens.
Praise the Lord from the earth!
Young and old alike,
men and women together.
Praise the lord!

*Hymn 49 Once in Royal David's City IRBY

Call to Confession

Because we have passed through the waters of baptism,
we dare to bare our souls before God
and reveal the bitterness that dwells in our hearts.
Trusting in God's grace,
let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder,
you surround us with signs of your glory
and surprise us with your presence,
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.
Forgive our dullness and make us alert
to the ways you make yourself known,
that we might be witnesses to your good news
and proclaim your extravagant love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ God saves us,
not because of any good works that we have done,
but according to God's mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
People of God, rejoice!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
As the Lord has forgiven us,
let us also forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Response 567

Glory 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.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you.
Last one to sign, please leave at the end of the pen. Thank you.*

Offertory

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (*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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

By the breath of your Spirit inspire us, that in the hearing of your Word
we may be filled with new understanding and fresh desire to please you
in all we do, for the sake of your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

Hymn 46

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

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The Second Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

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

Sermon

“Lost and Found”

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby