



# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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DEDICATION OF WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND ARTS

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8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY  
PASTOR



## Worship in the Sanctuary • 10:30 AM

### Welcome to this Place of Christian Worship

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those present, for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

### Opening Voluntary

Earth and All Stars

arr. Timothy Shepard (b. 1960)

*It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent during the Opening Voluntary as we collectively prepare for worship.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hennessy

### Order of Worship

### Chiming of the Trinity

*The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.*

### Introit

O Sing to the Lord a New Song

John Purifoy<sup>††</sup> (b. 1952)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done great things!  
His right hand and His Holy arm have won the victory.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord ye lands, break forth into joyful song and sing His praises!  
Sing praise to the Lord with the Lyre and sound of melody,  
With trumpet and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the Lord, the king.  
Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world, and those who dwell therein.  
Let the floods clap their hand. Let the hills sing for joy together!

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn that follows.*

Happy are those whose help is in the name of the God of Jacob,  
Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**The Lord reigns forever, for all generations.**

**Praise the Lord!**

### Hymn in Procession, No. 264

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Rev. Nutter Dowling

**Dressed in fine linen,  
We feast sumptuously every day,  
While others long o satisfy their hunger.  
We have Moses and the prophets,  
Yet we remain unconvinced,  
Waiting for some human warning.  
Forgive us.  
In your mercy, convince and comfort us,  
And lead us to righteousness.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*





## Poem

Alton Bay, NH

Tom Yorty<sup>†</sup>

“Of all the pantheon, Great Mother Nature has been...the hardest to kill.” - C.S. Lewis

A taught sheet rippling,  
A river, a rock, a stone jar filled  
With holy water. Today liquid  
Glass, reflective, in this morning hour,  
Of sky, while sun edges  
Higher, of mountainside and shoreline,  
Houses and boathouses,  
Boats, shadowed docks, and  
The vast chorus of trees  
As cast in a carnival mirror, no, a Monet  
Pond painting of bridge and lilies.

Thoreau wrote, in the city we itch,  
In Nature, we hear our hearts beat.  
Here at this end of the bay  
Where Merrymeeting gets its name,  
The distance to the other side,  
Perhaps a half-mile, the gliding  
Slate gray water, courses  
Through the artery of the bay,  
Cleanses the soul, restoring  
The body with ancient wisdom  
That carved these lakes and islands.

The trees apparitional in the reflection,  
Aura-like hovering over/in/through  
The water, shimmer, color bleeds  
Into color in the green wash  
Of coniferous shade. The reflection  
Extends, then, as the planet rotates, recedes,  
Divides the image of the bay of the lake  
The Abenakis named Winnepesaukee,  
Into earth, air, water from cloud-veil sky  
Discreet, yet inseparable, in this slurry  
Of spirit and material world.

Hewn by ice and earth we are  
Of sand and wood and leaf  
Of turtle shell and pickerel fin,  
Of fur, feather, lichen and lace  
Of Queen Anne.  
Something larger lives and loves  
Because of this, because of  
Land, lake, sky and sea.  
And speaks to us, reveals to us,  
Announces in and between us  
The longing to be known.

## Gospel Acclamation

*The people stand.*



## Gospel Lesson

*The people stand.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 16:19-31

<sup>19</sup>There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." <sup>27</sup>He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." <sup>30</sup>He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." <sup>31</sup>He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Gospel Acclamation





## Sermon

Who Is at Our Gate?

## Hymn

All the Music Sung and Played Here

*The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 14.*

NETTLETON

## Litany to Commission the Westminster Choirs

### The Commissioning

**Director of Music:** "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!"

**Choirs:** "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful. Praise God's name with dancing, making melody to the Lord with timbrel and lyre!"

**Pastor:** In our moments of greatest joy and greatest sorrow, our souls sing. We pause now to commission our choirs, for they lead us in our songs of praise and pleading to the God who puts music in our hearts.

**Choirs:** May God give us faith to sing always, "Alleluia!"

**Pastor:** As these singers lift their voices in song, may our liturgy and worship reveal more completely God's presence, power, and love.

**Choirs:** May God give us faith to sing always, "Alleluia!"

**Pastor:** Choirs, you have indicated by your presence and commitment that you desire to be of service in Christ's great kingdom through the gifts and ministry of music. Are you willing to grow with each other through musical learning and spiritual awareness to bring others to Christ and nurture those already in the faith?

**Choirs:** Yes, we are willing.

**Pastor:** Will the congregation please stand and affirm the service of these dedicated worship leaders?

**Congregation:** **We give thanks for your ministry of music in the life of this church. We pray that, through your work and the leading of the Holy Spirit, our lives may become rooted in the mind of Christ. May your witness through music be an inspiration to all who worship in this community and a humble and deserving sacrifice to our risen Lord.**

## Recognition of Service to the Music Ministries of Westminster

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Anthem

*The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God.*

O Praise God in His Sanctuary

Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

O praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the timbrels and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.



## Presentation of the Gifts

*The people stand as the Deacons come forward and remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication.*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## Prayer of Dedication

**God who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with everything,  
 Use these, our offerings, to take hold of, and show us, the life that really is. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with 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 trespasses,  
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;  
 For thine is the kingdom and the power  
 And the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped  
*The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 15.*

LOBE DEN HERREN

## Benediction and Choral Response

God of All Lovely Sounds

Frederick Swann (b. 1931)

God of all lovely sounds, grant us a share in your great harmonies of earth and air.  
 May we, your choristers, strive with hearts aflame to offer music worth of your great name. Amen.

## Closing Voluntary

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.  
 Thank you to our hosts today, the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee.*

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Beth Hennesy, Pastoral Care Associate, Preacher  
 The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education  
 Rebecca Montague, Liturgist  
 Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
 The Westminster Choir  
 The Westminster Handbell Choir; W.S. Mayo, Director

## Deacons Serving Today

Wisdom Afealete, Peter Ahrens, Drew Dees, Teddie Granville, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham,  
 John Mahoney, Beatriz Nazario, Joan Rice

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Claude Welch in loving memory of his wife, Jeannette Ludwig.

## Notes on Today's Poet

*While Tom and Carol travel along the road of the Romantic poets on a Lilly National Clergy Renewal Grant, we will read, each Sunday before the Scripture reading for the day, lines from a romantic poet. Tom and Carol are in Alton Bay, NH, with his sister and brother in law.*

**†Alton Bay, NH by Tom Yorty.** "I wrote this poem one summer morning three years ago looking out on this beautiful finger of water jutting south west on Lake Winnepesaukee; I have watched it for over thirty years. It has many faces and on this day was calm and elegant and soothing and strong – a living entity, part of something much bigger, part of the oneness of creation and longing I imagined to be known – which is the deep longing of all living things."

## Notes on Today's Music

**†John Purifoy** is a composer and arranger with various published choral anthems, cantatas, and keyboard collections and works recorded by Carol Lawrence, Anita Kerr, the Chicago Master Chorale, and other artists. His work for chorus and orchestra, *We Hold These Truths*, narrated by Alex Haley, won the 1987 Freedoms Foundation Award for musical programs. He is the composer and lyricist of the stage musical, *Lambarene*, which received a workshop production at the state theatre of New Jersey in 1991. John lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, with his wife Vicki, a television news producer, and two teenage sons, Drew and Michael.

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## The Westminster Choir 2019-2020

*Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries*

Bobbie Billings-Neal	1985	Sarah Gordon	2012	Michael Mahoney	2018	Carmella Salvatori	2017
Kyle Botsford	2017	Jaime Goldfuss	2013	Cynthia Mayo	1982	Thomas Salvatori	2017
Jaclyn Brown	2017	David Hohn	1997	Walter S. Mayo	1988	Tom Salvatori	2017
Don Colligan	2019	Lucinda Hohn	1997	Paula Mazur	1997	Jack Saviola	2017
Valerie Cooley	1957	Hillary Hunt	2014	Collin McCrea	2019	Stephen Schaefer	1984
Christine Curtis	1975	Jeffrey Hunt	2018	Scott Nachbar	2013	Hannah Taylor	2013
Rhys Curtis	1975	James Judd	2017	Laura Noack	2017	Tom Thompson	2019
Christopher Derisley	2018	Kathleen		Gene O'Hara	2016	Victoria Tomasulo	2017
Avis Devine	2014	Keenan-Takagi	2017	Brian Page	2014	Nancy Van Baak	2014
Bill Devine	1992	Douglas Kirkpatrick	1966	Donna Paxson	2005	Kathy Vitagliano	1998
MaryAlice Devine	1991	Douglas Kohler	2011	Charles Rice	2013	Julie Zenger	2014
Stephen Edge	2016	Sarah Krzyzanowicz	2018	Todd Ruth	2016	Meredith Zimmer	2017
Heidi Fors	2014	David Lewis	2010	Patrick Saiff	2019	Brian Zunner	2019

## The Westminster Handbell Choir 2019-2020

*Walter S. Mayo, Director*

Bonnie Smith	Colleen Hohman	Dot Brown	Kyle Botsford
Bruce Dierenfield	Debby LaMendola	Doug Kohler	Rhys Curtis
Chris Curtis	Donna Estrich	Janice M. Peters	
Cindy Mayo	Donna Mueller	Katie Izard	

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS 2019-2020

### Blessing of the Animals and Choral Evensong • October 6 • 4 PM

The Westminster Choir welcomes all creatures to this special service of Evensong.

### Wednesdays@Westminster • October 16 • Noon

On the Road with the Romantic Poets

Rev. Tom Yorty shares pictures, stories, and reflections from his Summer 2019 tour of New England, the UK, and Italy.

### Les Illuminations • October 18 • 7:30 PM

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra • *Artist-in-residence* • Glen Cortese, Conductor

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra includes faculty from the Fredonia School of Music at SUNY Fredonia as well as professional musicians from Buffalo, Rochester, Erie, and beyond.

Consisting of 15 to 40 players, the orchestra is flexible to perform much of the standard orchestral repertoire, opera, and new chamber works, including those written by composer Glen Cortese, who also serves as artistic director.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our programming or mission, please fill out a Welcome Card (found in the pews) and return it to a deacon or staff member.

- As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the LGBTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries of Westminster.
- We light our Peace Candle to pray for peace—both in our own neighborhoods and across the world.
- Bibles and children's worship guides are available at the Sanctuary entrances.
- For the hearing impaired, wireless receivers are available in the Church Conference Room.
- Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the school building (across the garden).
- If you need assistance at any time, please ask a Deacon.
- Please pick up your generosity envelopes, which are available on the table in the Holmes Room.

### CHURCH LIFE

#### INQUIRER CLASS

##### TODAY following the 10:30 AM Worship Service

Friends and visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and the ministries we support are invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. We will share details of Westminster's history, discuss current outreach and mission programs in the city and region, and answer any questions. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. For more information, please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Westminster's Alcohol/Other Drug Education and Referral service** provides support to assist members and friends with issues and questions related to abuse of alcohol or other drugs. If you or someone you love needs help, call for free and confidential advice. Jen Read (228.7526) and Elizabeth Stewart (585.217.7878), Co-Chairs; Dave Carstensen (884.5403), Jane Morris (571.481.1839), Ellen Smith (882.2064), Phil Stevens (839.3357).

#### WEST SIDE BAZAAR

Check out The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for lunch and shopping. Sunday and Monday: Closed. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11 AM–7 PM. Friday: 11 AM–8 PM, Saturday: 10 AM–8 PM.

#### ENERGY

The name ENERGY reflects what we value: Education, Nurture, Encouragement, Readiness, and Growth for Youth. The ENERGY school-year program gathers Monday through Friday from 3:30–6 PM at Westminster and offers a robust place for children, whose families are refugees and recently immigrated to this country, to develop English-language skills, self-confidence, and cultural awareness. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, students receive a one-on-one experience with trained volunteer tutors and staff; with two extra days, we have the opportunity to offer our students

additional enrichment, including boys/girls club and long-term STEM projects. Engaging conversations over a meal, patient review and repetition during homework time, partner reading, and writing help to develop our students' language skills. If you are interested in reading with children, helping with homework, cooking meals, or leading lessons or activities, reach out to [volunteer@wedibuffalo.org](mailto:volunteer@wedibuffalo.org)

**RECOVERING FROM AN ILLNESS OR SURGERY?** Or if you are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Contact Jamie Adamczyk at 884.9437, ext. 326 or [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org),

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

if you've ever thought "I wonder what the students do when they leave before the sermon on Sunday mornings," now is the time to find out! We are in need of additional Sunday School teachers for the fall. Our goal is to have 4 teachers set up for each semester so teachers can switch as we know schedules are tight. You will have a curriculum, a co-teacher, and Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling will be readily available to help and answer any questions you might have. Contact Katelyn at [katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org) as soon as possible!

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are kicking off a Confirmation Class in conjunction with Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in September. Confirmation is a "rite of initiation" that welcomes young people that have grown up in the faith (or not) to take the Presbyterian Church as their own set of beliefs and polity. For many students, church has been something they've gone to because of you—their parents. This is a wonderful gift you have given your child: a solid foundation on top of which to build their own faith. Confirmation is a chance for the student to ask questions, dig deep, and hopefully, at the end of the process, stand in front of the church and proclaim the PCUSA to be their church of their own free will and choosing. If your student is in grade 8 or above and they have not gone through confirmation, please contact Katelyn at [katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org) to sign up and begin the process of finding a mentor!

**The Confirmation Kick-Off Brunch!** Sunday, October 13, Noon in Case Library. Confirmands and Mentors are welcome to attend our kick-off lunch. We will give details for the upcoming journey of confirmation for our Westminster and Lafayette students. To sign up, please email Micah, [micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org) or Katelyn, [katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org)

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY: YEAR OF THE BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings, 9:15–10:15 AM and Monday evenings 7:00–8:15 PM. Both classes meet in the Case Library.

As we begin September, Year of the Bible participants have reached yet another milestone: we have now read 2/3 of the Bible! We continued to meet regularly over the summer as we moved through readings in Old and New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. We're now working our way through Paul's letters in the New Testament, and we are beginning our journey with the Prophets in the Old Testament. It's not

too late to join our group! We meet Sunday mornings 9:15–10:15 AM and Monday evenings 7:15–8:15 PM; both classes meet in the Case Library.

### **CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES**

Sundays, 9 AM–10:15 AM in the Case Library

Case Library Conversations presents opportunities to hear from community leaders, experts and members on local, national, and global issues. These offerings are always lively and intelligent. Participants are invited to dialogue, discuss and respectfully disagree. Through conversations we can examine how our life-long adventure in faith informs our response to these local, national, and international issues.

#### **September 29**

*Infrastructure Challenges in Western New York's Growing Communities.* A look at how municipalities like Amherst are working to improve roads, buildings, sewers, and much more to keep up with the demands created by increased population, development, technology, and other trends.

Speaker: Brian Kulpa, Amherst Town Supervisor

**October 6: Please note: This presentation will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 9:30 AM in the room close to the back parking lot entrance.**

*The New Media Landscape.* What is the state of investigative journalism in today's world of reduced media budgets? Can we still get the facts? Hear what is going on and how the gaps are being addressed.

Presenter: Jim Heaney, Editor and Executive Director, Investigative Post

### **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Sundays, 9 AM–10:15 AM in the Heritage Room

Spiritual Life creates opportunities to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith. Discoveries and questions come from topics such as deep listening, gratitude, compassion, grace, and grieving. Poetry and art are frequently woven into a presentation.

#### **September 29**

*The Power of Mindfulness: What You Practice Grows Stronger.* TED Talk by Shauna Shapiro, Chris LaMendola, Presenter. We will view Shauna Shapiro's TED Talk on the power of mindfulness in which Dr. Shapiro draws on modern neuroscience and ancient wisdom to demonstrate how mindfulness can help us make positive changes in our brains and in our lives.

**October 6: *Spiritual Life will join Case Library Conversation Series at First Presbyterian Church.***

#### **October 13**

*My Story with Leslie Deich.* In My Story, we get to know someone on a deeper level than we would in everyday conversation. The presenters spend about 15 minutes on their history and then focus on a theme that is important to them. The remaining time is for questions and open conversation. Join us to get to know Leslie Deich, who has been part of our Westminster community for three years.

Leslie moved to Buffalo a little more than three years ago from City Island, New York, where she was born and raised. She moved to Buffalo for a position at M&T Bank and

feels blessed that she discovered her new church family at Westminster. Leslie and her partner Denise maintain homes in both City Island and Buffalo.

### **WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY**

**Monday, October 15 • 1-2:30 PM in the Case Library.**

Women of Westminster cordially invites you to a ***Brown Bag Lunchtime Bible study on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Case Library.*** This year we will explore the 2019–2020 Horizons Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.* Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there, we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions. There will be a nominal fee for the book.

## **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **KNITTING GROUP**

Our next meetings are Friday, October 11, 1 PM, and Tuesday, October 22, 7 PM. Our group meets on occasional days throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other handmade items for members of the church. Contact Fran Holmes for information or dates, [mfranholmes@verizon.net](mailto:mfranholmes@verizon.net)

### **MEET AND MINGLE**

Please join us on Sundays following 10:30 AM Worship. Enjoy snacks and fellowship in the Holmes Room with friends old and new! Sponsors, shoppers, and hosts are needed for Meet & Mingle in September, October, and November. Meet & Mingle is a great way to celebrate a special person or occasion. For more information and to sign up to help, please sign up in the Gallery Room or contact Sawrie Becker, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org)

### **PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS**

**Tuesday, October 1 • Lunch: 12:30 PM in the Oak Room**

**Program: 1:15 PM in the Case Library**

*Naming the Ties that Divide Us: A Discussion on Race and White Privilege.* Rev. Beth Hennessy will revisit the subject that was the topic of her thought-provoking August sermon. Beth will facilitate a discussion and invite participants to share their own experiences. Information and a sign up sheet will soon be on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

### **HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFE**

Sundays, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Stop by the Oak Room for a cup of coffee or tea as you make your way to Adult Education programs between the worship services, or sit and enjoy with friends after worship.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Westminster is a vibrant faith community because of the time and commitment our members dedicate. We are thankful for our volunteers, and encourage everyone to consider participating in our church life by volunteering your time and talent. If you are interested in the following opportunities please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, or email [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org)

*Meet & Mingle Coordinator:* 1-2 hours a month. Reach out to members to schedule hosts/shoppers/donors for the Meet & Mingle weekly fellowship hour.

*WECP Coffee & Donuts:* 2 hours a month. Greet WECP Parents with coffee, a donut, and a smile on the second Thursday or Friday of each month.

### NOMINATIONS WANTED

The Nominating Committee is calling for thoughtful nominations for elder and deacon positions. Three Year terms will start January 2020. People may self nominate or nominate others. The nominee must be a church member and willing to serve in one of these special leadership roles in the church. Nomination forms are on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. and should be submitted to Sherrie Bernat, sbernat@roadrunner.com, 716.536.4906, or placed in the nominating committee mailbox or offering plate.

**AROUND OUR COMMUNITY** Theatre of Youth Company, Inc. (TOY) stimulates the imagination, nurtures the creative spirit, and enhances the education of young people by engaging them in relevant, child-centered, and professionally-produced live theatre programs. TOY believes meaningful childhood experiences in the theatre develop confidence in creative thinking skills, cultivate empathy and establish a life-long connection to the arts.

**IMAGINATION CELEBRATION** for students in Grades K-2, Saturdays, September 28, October 5, and October 12 in the Parish Hall, 10 AM-Noon. In this class, children will play pretend. An exploration of creativity through theatre vocabulary and exercises will open minds and also engage children in essential skills like listening, responding, working as a group and being a courageous decision maker. For participant tickets and more information, visit [www.theatreofyouth.org](http://www.theatreofyouth.org)

## WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

**Sunday Worship • 8:15 AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion • 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

**October 6 • World Communion Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 1 Symphony Circle**

**One Worship Service at 11:00 AM • The Rev. Thang Van Lian, Preacher; Luke 17:5-10**

Rev. Thang Van Lian, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar, will visit Western New York in early October as one of a number of “international peacemakers” selected by the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) to witness to the power of non-violence. Rev. Thang comes with first-hand knowledge of the cause to which he testifies. He grew up in a poor, rural village experiencing significant challenges, racial and religious discrimination, and life-threatening situations. Based on this experience, and his 20 years in ministry, Rev. Thang will speak about the Rohingya crisis, the current civil war on ethnic minority groups, the silence of the Myanmar churches, and what a faithful response might look like to the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar today. He also will share the current peace, justice, and development work of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar.

**Blessing of the Animals and Choral Evensong • October 6 • 4 PM at Westminster**

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### Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

Visit our website: [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org) and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, September 29

8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care  
8:15 AM Worship /Communion  
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations  
9:00 AM Deacon Meeting  
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:15 AM Spiritual Life  
9:15 AM Year of the Bible  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
10:30 AM Worship/Worship, Music, and Arts Dedication  
10:40 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM Meet & Mingle  
11:35 AM Acolyte Training  
2:00 PM Buffalo Opera Rehearsal  
7:00 PM CMH Board Meeting  
Year of the Bible

### Monday, September 30

7:00 PM Year of the Bible

### Tuesday, October 1

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
9:00 AM Management Meeting  
10:00 AM Garden Group  
12:30 PM Passages Lunch  
1:15 PM Passages Program  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

### Wednesday, October 2

7:15 AM AA Meeting  
9:30 AM Worship Planning  
1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
6:00 PM Case Library Comm. Meeting  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Thursday, October 3

7:30 AM Wake Up Group  
6:00 PM Handbells  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 4

7:15 PM Wake Up Group  
7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP  
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon

### Saturday, October 5

10:00 AM TOY - Imagination Celebration

### Sunday, October 6 • World Communion at First Presbyterian Church

9:30 AM Case Library Conversations at First Presbyterian Church  
11:00 AM Worship with Communion at First Presbyterian Church  
2:00 PM Buffalo Opera Rehearsal  
2:30 PM Evensong Rehearsal  
4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals/Evensong  
5:00 PM Reception  
6:00 PM Youth Movement

## PASTORAL CARE

During Tom's sabbatical, if you are in need of pastoral care, please contact The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate at 716-697-0919.



## Worship in the Holmes Chapel • 8:15 AM

*The Gathering is an opportunity for worshippers to greet one another and to share prayer concerns.  
An offering plate has been placed on the Communion Table to receive your gifts.*

### Chiming of the Trinity

*The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.*

### Opening Voluntary

Improvisation

Garrett F. Martin

*It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent during the Opening Voluntary as we collectively prepare for worship.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hennessy

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn that follows.*

Happy are those whose help is in the name of the God of Jacob,  
Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**The Lord reigns forever, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!**

### Hymn, No. 264

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

### Prayer of Confession

**Dressed in fine linen,  
We feast sumptuously every day,  
While others long o satisfy their hunger.  
We have Moses and the prophets,  
Yet we remain unconvinced,  
Waiting for some human warning.  
Forgive us.  
In your mercy, convince and comfort us,  
And lead us to righteousness.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

The musical notation for the Kyrie is presented in two staves. The first staff shows the Cantor's part for the first three phrases: "Lord, have mer - cy.", "Lord, have mer - cy.", and "Christ, have mer - cy.". The second staff shows the Congregation's part for the same three phrases. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

### Assurance of Pardon



## Response

*The people stand to sing.*

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the  
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be -  
 - gin - ning is now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalm

Psalm 150

- <sup>1</sup>O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
- <sup>2</sup>Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- <sup>3</sup>Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.
- <sup>4</sup>Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- <sup>5</sup>Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.
- <sup>6</sup>Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

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.

### Poem

“Alton Bay, NH”

Tom Yorty

“Of all the pantheon, Great Mother Nature has been...the hardest to kill.” - C.S. Lewis

A taught sheet rippling,  
 A river, a rock, a stone jar filled  
 With holy water. Today liquid  
 Glass, reflective, in this morning hour,  
 Of sky, while sun edges  
 Higher, of mountainside and shoreline,  
 Houses and boathouses,  
 Boats, shadowed docks, and  
 The vast chorus of trees  
 As cast in a carnival mirror, no, a Monet  
 Pond painting of bridge and lilies.

Thoreau wrote, in the city we itch,  
 In Nature, we hear our hearts beat.  
 Here at this end of the bay  
 Where Merrymeeting gets its name,  
 The distance to the other side,  
 Perhaps a half-mile, the gliding  
 Slate gray water, courses  
 Through the artery of the bay,  
 Cleanses the soul, restoring  
 The body with ancient wisdom  
 That carved these lakes and islands.

The trees apparitional in the reflection,  
 Aura-like hovering over/in/through  
 The water, shimmer, color bleeds  
 Into color in the green wash  
 Of coniferous shade. The reflection  
 Extends, then, as the planet rotates, recedes,  
 Divides the image of the bay of the lake  
 The Abenakis named Winnepesaukee,  
 Into earth, air, water from cloud-veil sky  
 Discreet, yet inseparable, in this slurry  
 Of spirit and material world.

Hewn by ice and earth we are  
 Of sand and wood and leaf  
 Of turtle shell and pickerel fin,  
 Of fur, feather, lichen and lace  
 Of Queen Anne.  
 Something larger lives and loves  
 Because of this, because of  
 Land, lake, sky and sea.  
 And speaks to us, reveals to us,  
 Announces in and between us  
 The longing to be known.



## Gospel Lesson

*The people stand.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 16:19-31

<sup>19</sup>There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." <sup>27</sup>He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." <sup>30</sup>He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." <sup>31</sup>He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Meditation

Who Is at Our Gate?

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction - simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God" when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. All of the bread distributed is gluten free. Please take the center aisle to the communion station, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.*

## Sending Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

LOBE DEN HERREN

*The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 15.*

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate, Preacher  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries

# All the Music Sung and Played Here

## NETTLETON

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2000

John Wyeth, "Repository of Sacred Music," 1813



1. All the mu - sic sung and played here is a gift, O God, from you.
2. All cre - a - tion sings your glo - ry; in the Psalms are pain and praise.
3. You give hymns and songs for sing - ing, hands for clap - ping your good news,
4. Bless the ta - lents we are bring - ing, for we of - fer you our best.



For as long as we have prayed here, we've been blessed by mu - sic too.  
Ma - ry sang your sav - ing sto - ry in her long, ex - pec - tant days.  
Or - gan sound - ing, hand - bells ring - ing, faith - ful hear - ers in the pews.  
If our gifts are not in sing - ing, may our joy - ful noise be blest.



By your Spi - rit, each mu - si - cian finds new depths of faith to share.  
Through the years, with great e - mo - tion, some have reached to you in song.  
With the trum - pet and the cym - bal, with the flute and vi - o - lin,  
If our world is ev - er si - lent, may we sign to you a - bove.



Mu - sic is a gift you've gi - ven and be - comes our thank - ful prayer.  
May we sing with such de - vo - tion; mu - sic helps your church grow strong.  
Faith is found here and re - kind - led; hearts are lif - ted, once a - gain.  
Touched by grace, may each one pre - sent of - fer back your song of love.

# Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

## LOBE DEN HERREN

Joachim Neander

Erneurten Gesangbuch



1. Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
2. Praise God, our guar - dian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
3. Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
4. Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -



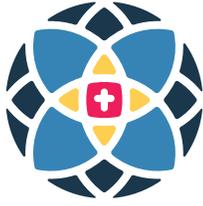
- a - - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
- rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
- cess - - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -  
- mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their



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sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
- cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er



trum - pet and voice - join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.  
al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?  
strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.  
keep this in sight: A - men, A - men nev - er end - ing.



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