



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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

Prelude in G, op. 37, no. 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

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

I Was Glad

Ian Hubbard (b. 1943)

I was glad when they said unto me: let us go to the house of the Lord.
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem which is built as a city where the pilgrims gather in unity.
There the tribes of the Lord go up to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may those who love you prosper.
Peace be within your walls and prosperity in your palaces.
For the sake of the house of the Lord, I will seek for your good.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

Call to Confession

Rev. Nutter Dowling

Prayer of Confession

**God of peace,
We confess we are a people of fear.
We have let anxiety rule our days,
And worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves,
And focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.
Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,
And renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you.
Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.



Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Stevens

Psalm

Psalm 150

John Harper† (b.1947)

Alleluia! O praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens,
Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.

Alleluia! O praise him with the sound of the trumpet, praise him with lute and harp,
Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipe.

Alleluia! O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing cymbals,
Let everything that lives and that breathes, give praise to the Lord. Alleluia!

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 65:17-19, 24-25

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Learn, Ask, Give More: Healing the Divide

Hymn, No. 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
The people stand to sing.

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Giving 2020

Tim Johnston

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 Rest in the Lord from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto the him, and trust in him, and fret not thyself because of evildoers.

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

Loving God,
Before we give to you, you have given to us.
All we offer we have received from you.
We thank you for your goodness,
and we praise you for your bountiful works,
Though Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

 Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hennessy

**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, No. 450

O Day of Peace
The people stand to sing.

JERUSALEM



Benediction and Congregational Response

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self seek - ing schemes,
 grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple,
 ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in G, op. 37, no. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

Immediately following worship, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room. Thank you to our hosts today, Melissa Balbach, John Bace, and family.

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
 The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education
 The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate
 Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
 Dr. Phillips Stevens, Liturgist
 The Ladies of the Westminster Choir

Deacons Serving Today

Drew Dees, Kate Dierenfield, Teddie Granville, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, Donald Kitungano, John Mahoney, Joan Rice, Ron Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's table are in memory of Frederick M. Vietor, Betty Vietor, Frederick M. Vietor, Jr. given by Joan and Don Nenno.

Notes on Today's Music

†**John Harper** took over the leadership of The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) from Dr. Harry Brama in 1998. He has had a life-long career in church and choral music, starting as a chorister at King's College Chapel, Cambridge under the direction of Boris Ord and Sir David Willcocks. John Harper was Organist and Informator Choristarum at Magdalen College, Oxford, in the 1980s, and he directed the music of St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, and the Edington Music Festival in the 1970s. He has held academic lectureships in musicology at the universities of Birmingham and Oxford, and the Chair in Music at the University of Wales, Bangor. He is currently Director of the new International Centre for Sacred Music Studies (ICSMuS) at Bangor, has published a guide to Western liturgy, and is committed to the preservation of Welsh language, music, and culture.

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WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

November 24 • The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

One Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Christ the King Sunday

Learn, Ask, Give More: No Limits to Love; Luke 23:33-43

December 1 • The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling

First Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Luke 19:1-10

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

Visit our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage.

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS • 2019-2020

Wednesdays@Westminster • November 20 • Noon

Copland's Old American Songs

Steve Edge, Baritone • Matthew Marco, Piano

Westminster Choir Member and Roswell Park Surgeon, Steve Edge, sings Copland's Old American Songs.

Included are popular American hymn tunes, Shaker songs, minstrel songs, and lullabies.

Mind, Heart, Body, Soul: A Fall Recital • November 22 • 7:30 PM

Collin McCrea, tenor • Leonidas Lagrimas, piano

The recital is a musical exploration of the wide ranges of human emotion: comedy, tragedy, love, anger, fear, contentment, and many others. The program includes vocal and solo piano works spanning the Baroque to Contemporary, and a variety of genres including classical, sacred music, jazz, and musical theatre.

Friends of Harmony • December 6 • 7:30 PM

Marshall Kelkenberg, Conductor • Meredith Zimmer, Conductor

The Friends of Harmony, Western New York's premiere barbershop chorus, celebrates music of the Christmas season in their unique, a cappella style. The choir offers performances of varied musical styles throughout the region and compete at regional and national competitions.

Christmas Carols and Classics • December 18 at Noon

The American Caroling Company

No holiday celebration is complete without everyone's favorite carolers.

The American Caroling Company performs traditional and contemporary Christmas classics in Dickens attire.

This truly unique ensemble has performed for Macy's, Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban,

NBC's Rockefeller Tree Lighting, and many others.

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 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

December 1 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 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 (431.9284), 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 PM-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. If you are interested in reading with children, helping with homework, cooking meals, or leading lessons or activities, contact volunteer@wedibuffalo.org

THE ANGEL TREE On Monday, November 25, look for the decorated Angel Tree in the Gallery Room! Your gift donations will be distributed to various agencies around WNY to help those in need. Fulfill a wish from children and

parents from several community agencies. Volunteers are needed to cut out Angels, put tags on the Angels, help people sign out Angels on Sunday mornings before and after church, and to sort gifts for delivery. A sign-up sheet is on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Questions? Contact Ardrey Manning 310-5395.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class is in conjunction with Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church. 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 which to build their own faith. Confirmation is a chance for the student to ask questions, dig deep, and stand in front of our congregation 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 have not gone through confirmation, please contact Katelyn at katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org to sign up and begin the process of finding a mentor!

Confirmand Brunch, Sunday, December 8 Students and Mentors, please come for brunch as we celebrate our growing relationships through the process of confirmation and look ahead to Spring programming. We’ll meet at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church at 12 PM for lunch and fun. Let Katelyn or Micah know your commitment ASAP. kddowling@wpcbuffalo.com or mndowling@wpcbuffalo.org

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Dialogue Diner: November 17 and 24
Youth Movement: 17

Apple Pie Sales: November 17 and 24 at 9 AM and 11:30 AM. The Lock-In creating and baking event is on November 22 and 23. We need parents/students to volunteer. Contact Micah, micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org

Thanksgiving Mission Day! Saturday, November 30 • 9:30 AM-2 PM. We welcome all Westminster, Deerhurst, and Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church students, grades 6-12, to come serve at St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy on the East Side of Buffalo. Eat lunch and debrief at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church. If Interested, email Micah at micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org or 205-616-6780

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: YEAR OF THE BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings, 9:15 AM-10:15 AM in the Parish Hall and Monday evenings 7 PM-8:15 PM in the Case Library. Year of the Bible participants have now read 2/3 of the Bible, moving 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!

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.

November 17

The Westminster Alcohol and Other Drug Education and Referral Committee: Mission Overview and an Introduction to Understanding Addiction. Meet the new team and get an update on their mission. Presenters: Elizabeth Stewart, Psychologist (retired) for NYS OPWDD and Alcoholism Counselor for ECMC’s Medical Detox Unit; Jennifer Read, Professor of Psychology, SUNY Buffalo

November 24

Climate Crisis: Rise Up! Take Action!

More about the impact of the climate crisis and about the ways people and NY State government are taking action to curb climate change.

Presenter: David Kowalski, Research Scientist (retired) & Environmental Activist

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.

November 17

The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life

Presenter: Allan Hayes

In his new book *The Quest for a Moral Life* David Brooks, the author of *The Road to Character*, explores what it takes to lead a meaningful life in a self-centered world.

November 24

Spiritual Life will not be meeting this Sunday. Please join Case Library for “Climate Crisis: Rise Up! Take Action!”

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, November 18 • 1 PM-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 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. There will be a nominal fee for the book.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNITTING GROUP

The next meeting is December 10, 2 PM—4 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

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Tuesday, December 3 • Lunch: 12:30 PM in the Case Library • Lunch: 1:15 PM in the Oak Room

A Christmas program of carols presented by the Nardin Elementary Junior Choir, Mark Mazur, Music Director; Kensia Russell, Assistant Music Director. Please sign up in the Gallery Room if you plan on attending lunch.

(WOW) WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER WINTER RETREAT

Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26, at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. We begin Friday evening with a light supper of chili (one is vegetarian) and ends Sunday morning after worship. It is a weekend filled with many

things (everything is optional): workshops, relaxing, sharing laughter, and getting to know one another better, spending time in your room, or trekking through the (snowy) woods. The cost is \$130 for a double room and \$ 175 for a single. Rooms are assigned on a first come first served basis, depending on when you turn in your reservation form with at least a 50% deposit. The remainder must be paid by the start of the retreat. Cost includes all meals through Sunday breakfast. We car pool from the church parking lot. More details and reservation forms will be available on the Information Table in the Galery Room or at our website. under "Church Life." Please consider joining us!

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 November. Meet & Mingle is a great way to celebrate a special person or occasion. For more information please sign up in the Gallery Room or contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

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.

Mad Skills: Intro to Scene Study for Teens, December 7 and 14 in the Parish Hall. For the teen who wants to explore the world of the play and relationships between characters.

DID YOU KNOW...

A full ten percent of all *Preserve the Pinnacle* Capital Campaign funds raised will be designated in support of

Mission and Outreach projects. The Session has approved several projects in collaboration with the Bailey Green Community Restoration Project. Many of our WPC neighbors who live East of Main Street face the complex and inter-related challenges of poverty, limited housing choices, and children at risk. Your own individual gift and pledge to the capital campaign will help support this important collaboration. Please give generously.

Pick up your Now & Ever Giving 2020 and Preserve the Pinnacle Pledge Packets

This Sunday, November 17, you are invited to pick up your *Now & Ever Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle* Pledge Packet and join an information session in the Oak Room immediately following 10:30 AM worship. Leaders from the *Giving 2020* and *Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaigns* will share information and inspiration about these special giving opportunities and will be available for questions. On Sunday, **November 24, 2019, Generosity Sunday**, please join us for **ONE Service at 10:30 AM** (there will be no 8:15 AM worship). Together on this special day, we will return our gifts to *Giving 2020* and *Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign* as we show our love and gratitude to God for the many blessings of this church. After worship, stay and celebrate with a special Meet & Mingle hosted by the Ministry of Generosity.

"Now & Ever Ampersand" Please stop in the Holmes Room and write your hopes, dreams, and prayers of gratitude to God for Westminster Presbyterian Church on a ribbon. Weave your ribbon through the ampersand chicken wire to join all the prayers and hopes of our church family as we re-center ourselves this generosity season. A special thank you to John Montague for designing and creating the ampersand.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 17

- 4th Generosity Sunday
- 8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care
- 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
- 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
- 9:00 AM Apple Pie Sales
- 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:15 AM Year of the Bible
- 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 AM Bibles & Bagels
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 10:40 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
- 11:45 AM Giving/Capital Campaign Information Session
- 12:00 PM Racial Justice Comm. Meeting
- 12:00 PM CE & Youth Meeting
- 6:00 PM Youth Movement offsite

Monday, November 18

- 1:00 PM WEDI Staff Meeting
- 1:00 PM WOW Bible Study
- 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

- 4:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, November 19

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 9:00 AM Management Meeting
- 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds
- 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
- 5:30 PM Budget & Finance Meeting
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, November 20

- 7:15 AM AA Meeting
- 9:00 AM Worship Planning
- 12:00 PM Wed. @ WPC - Steve Edge
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 6:00 PM Session Meeting
- 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, November 21

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
- 6:00 PM Handbells
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 22

- 12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
- 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
- 6:00 PM Apple Pie Lock-in Begins
- 7:30 PM Collin McCrear Recital

Saturday, November 23

- 1:00 PM Virginia Paul Piano Recital

Sunday, November 24

- Christ the King Sunday
- Generosity Dedication Sunday
- 9:00 AM Apple Pie Sales & Pick -Up
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The Gospel of the Lord.

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Meditation

Learn, Ask, Give More: Healing the Divide

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, No. 450

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

The people stand to sing.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in G, op. 37, no. 2

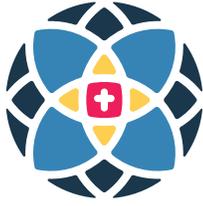
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