



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

JANUARY 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Michael Praetorius† (1571-1621)

Sing a new song, sing to God with a voice of triumph,
Make his praises known to all the nations,
Sing the honor of his name.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
We confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions.
We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships.
We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,
And let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.
Shine your light into our darkened hearts.
Save us from our divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ
Who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

Cantor	Congregation	Cantor
<p style="font-size: small;">Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.</p>		
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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 the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Time with Children

TALLIS' CANON

Go with them, Lord and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,
that in Your Spi - rit, strong and true, their lives may be a gift to you.

At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers. When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

The Lord's My Light

Henry Ruthven (1697-1765)

The Lord's my light and saving health, who shall make me dismayed?

The Lord is the strength of my life, then shall I be afraid?

One thing I of the Lord desired, and will see to obtain.

Then all the days of my life I may within God's house remain.

And now even at this present time, mine head shall lifted be,

Above all those that are my foes and round encompass me:

Therefore unto his tabernacle I'll sacrifices bring,

Of joyfulness I'll sing, yea I to God will praises sing.

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ⁴One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent he will set me high on a rock. ⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. ⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!



1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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Sermon

Songs for Our Time: When Paralysis Sets In

Hymn, No. 179

The people stand to sing.
God Is My Strong Salvation

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my tired soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow,
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows me all my way,
I give my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be!

Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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 of our salvation, Receive these gifts we offer
And bless them for the work of your kingdom, Through Christ, our Lord. 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

The people stand to sing; hymn may be found on page 8.
We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

Benediction and Choral Response

Steal Away
Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home; I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me by the thunder.
Green trees abending poor sinner stands trembling.
The trumpet sounds within my soul.

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Closing Voluntary

Grand Chœuer en Ré Majeur alla Handel, Op. 18

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

*Immediately following worship, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.
Thank you to our hosts today, Zandy Barrett and Cricket Gordon*

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education
Mike Reynolds, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
The Ladies of the Westminster Choir

Deacons Serving Today

Wisdom Afealete, Ellen Bean, Kate Dierenfield, Teddie Granville, Janet Kifner-Arnatt
Candace Marr, Johnpatrick Marr, Jane Morris, Beatriz Nazario

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Rob and Lenore Neiler in celebration of the birth of their second granddaughter, Lucy Jeanne Neiler, born on January 10, 2020.

Notes on Today's Music

‡**Michael Praetorius:** A German composer and the son of a pastor who had been a pupil of Luther, became organist at the Marienkirche, Frankfurt an der Oder, in 1585. From 1595 he served the Bishop of Halberstadt as organist, demonstrating a new instrument there to many famous organists the following year. When his patron became Duke of Braunschweig-Lüneburg, he went with him to Wolfenbüttel and became his Kapellmeister in 1603. This post necessitated much travelling in Germany, which enabled him to earn widespread renown as a conductor of musical performances, an organ consultant, and a knowledgeable expert on practical music and on musical instruments. Praetorius was a Lutheran church composer of amazing industry. Dominating his output is the 9-volume *Musae Sioniae* containing 1,244 chorale settings, but he published many others, including pieces on every conceivable scale from little bicima to massive Polychoral variations with instrumental support. He wrote additional liturgical music pieces and a set of *312 dances*. His 3-volume treatise *Syntagma Musicum* (1619) is an invaluable compendium of information on German music, musical instruments and performance, based on what he heard and saw in his travels.

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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-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

February 9 following 10:30 AM Worship

Friends and visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and our ministries are invited to attend a meeting in the Case Library 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

WEDI 12TH ANNUAL WINTERFEST

February 7 • 6:30 PM-9:30 PM • Rich's Atrium

Join in celebrating the accomplishments of WEDI and learn about the impact of community projects like the West Side Bazaar, a small business incubator, and our After-School and Microloan programs. Information is available on WEDI's plans for the future, including the Bazaar expansion, and meet like-minded community improvement supporters who are willing to dedicate time, energy, and funding to see our community truly become a better place for all. Enjoy authentic ethnic cuisine directly from the West Side Bazaar, live auctions, silent auctions, and live music. For questions regarding sponsorships, advertisements, and donations, contact Grove Potter, gpotter@wedibuffalo.org

WESTMINSTER'S ALCOHOL/OTHER DRUG EDUCATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE.

This 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 (247.3824).

ENERGY

The name ENERGY reflects what we value: Education, Nurture, Encouragement, Readiness, and Growth for Youth.

The ENERGY school-year program gathers 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. 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

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.

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 has not gone through confirmation, please contact Katelyn at katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org to sign up and begin the process of finding a mentor!

NEW TIME FOR DIALOGUE DINER!

We are celebrating a new time for our traditional meal of fellowship on Sundays called "Dialogue Diner." We will now meet AFTER worship two Sundays of the month. Join us for food and fellowship in Parish Hall, Noon until 1 PM. Students grade 6-12 are welcome. ***Our first Dialogue Diner of the year is today at Noon.***

MISSION TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC • FEBRUARY 14-18

High Schoolers! We need your commitment as soon as possible for our upcoming trip with our sister church, First Presbyterian Tonawanda. To register, email Micah at micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERING

After a year of studying the entire breadth of the Bible, there are certainly things that we need to go back and study further. Beginning last Sunday, we launched into a year of studying the parables of Jesus—what he likely meant by them, how who we are affects what meaning we ascribe to the parable itself, and more. We will be reading the following books together: *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine, *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins* by Emmy Kegler, *Bible through the Lens of Trauma* by Elizabeth Boase and Christopher G. Frechlett, and *The Parables as Subversive Speech: Jesus as Pedagogue of the Oppressed* by William Herzog. Each takes the texts of the parables and turn them upside down, inside out, and more

while looking at how class, race, sexual orientation, and more affect the way we read Jesus' parables. Together, we read each of those books while looking at our own lens and experience we bring to the table.

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES

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

January 26

Morocco

Presenter: Claude Welch, (retired) SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Political Science
The Kingdom of Morocco is a tourist's delight! It offers visitors many distinctive sights: the arid Sahara contrasts with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains; inhabitants range from urbane, multi-lingual citizens to rural dwellers involved in subsistence farming or herding and well-preserved Roman ruins contrast with modern cities.

February 2

Climate Change and Impact on Western New York; A Geological Perspective

Climate Speaker: Elizabeth K. Thomas, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, SUNY Buffalo
Hear from a paleoclimatologist and geochemist on how geological archives hold useful information about how the climate system responds to major changes; how we know about both past as well as future climate change and the impacts of climate change in Western New York.

February 16

Buffalo East side 21 Strategy: Blueprinting Growth and Economic Development

Presenter: James W. Pitts, Urban Planner
The Eastside 21 Strategy recognizes that economic prosperity is as much an issue as social, political and cultural challenges. The economic development of the city's Eastside into a healthy, sustainable and wealth building community is essential to a growing local and regional economy.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

January 26

Chris LaMendola will discuss Jonathan Haidt's *The Righteous Mind*. The discussion will center on how people form their beliefs and why it is so difficult for different sides of an opinion to understand each other's point of view.

February 2

My Story

Presenter: 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.

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, February 17 • 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.

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

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Tuesday, February 4 • Lunch, 12:30 PM followed by movies and popcorn at 1:15 PM. Two short films will be shown: *Ave Maria*, (Oscar nominee, 2016) which depicts what happens when five nuns living on the West Bank have their routine disrupted by an Israeli family whose car breaks down outside the convent. *Sing* (Oscar for Live Action, 2017) takes place in Budapest and is based on a true story of an award winning school choir and the new girl facing a difficult ethical dilemma. These are "short" films and there will be time for brief discussion of each. Sign up in the Gallery Room if you will be attending lunch.

KNITTING GROUP

Our next meeting date is Tuesday, January 28, 2-4 PM. The group meets on select 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

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 February. 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

MOZART'S REQUIEM

Sunday, January 26, 2:30 PM

JoAnn Falletta, conductor • Drew Cone, cello

The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus joins the BPO to honor the world's most-celebrated composer with his profoundly moving Requiem, a must-experience for any classical music lover. The masterwork is paired with a staple of the cello repertoire, Concerto in C by Mozart's contemporary, Joseph Haydn, magnificently performed by young artist and Westminster's own Drew Cone.

THEATRE OF YOUTH (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. **Interactive storytelling** This class will activate and enhance gross motor skills, listening, responding and using their own unique imaginations. Grades K-2 • 3 consecutive Saturdays: February 1, 8, and 15, 10 AM-2 PM in Parish Hall.

MeetUP! Sunday, February 2

Noon at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian, 875 Elmwood Avenue

After worship, come enjoy soup served by students to support Friends of Night People.
Plan to MeetUP with us to support this wonderful Presbyterian tradition on Super Bowl Sunday!
Hope you will join us!

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

Gracia Grindal, 1984

South African Traditional, 1984



1. We are march - ing in the light of God; we are march - ing in the light of God.
2. We are pray - ing in the light of God; we are pray - ing in the light of God.
3. We are sing - ing in the light of God; we are sing - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing in the light of God; we are march - ing in the light of God.
We are pray - ing in the light of God; we are pray - ing in the light of God.
We are sing - ing in the light of God; we are sing - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing, oh yes, we are march - ing in the light of God.
We are pray - ing, oh yes, we are pray - ing in the light of God.
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WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS • 2020

Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra • February 9 • 4:00 PM • Lynne Ruda, conductor

Since 1983, the Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra has afforded young string players from Western New York an opportunity to study repertoire and technique under the guidance of gifted teachers and conductors.

The orchestra has performed concerts at dozens of venues around Buffalo, Rochester, and surrounding areas.

The Art of the Spiritual • February 19 • Noon • Lorenzo Parnell, tenor

Lorenzo Parnell, has appeared in opera and musical theater productions throughout Buffalo and Western New York.

He will share his favorite spirituals, including modern interpretations and arrangements.

Salvatore Andolina and Friends • February 23 • 7:30 PM

Salvatore Andolina, clarinet • Claudia Hoca, piano • Tiffany DuMouchelle, soprano

In the greater world of music, crossover artists will always be a rare item. But the challenge to swing freely between classical repertoire and the realm of jazz has been met straight away by the saxophone and clarinet virtuosity of Sal Andolina. As a touring artist, Sal has appeared at major venues across the United States, including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, and in Los Angeles on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. His international performances include a recent recital tour of Japan. In addition to appearing as a soloist with JoAnn Falletta and the BPO, Sal has appeared with the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall with Marvin Hamlisch, performed the Artie Shaw Concerto with Peter Nero of the Philadelphia Pops, and has been a soloist with the Rochester Philharmonic, the Grand Rapids Symphony, Niagara Symphony, Fresno Philharmonic, and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, among others.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 26

8:00 AM Infan /Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship with Communion
 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Bible Study
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 AM Worship
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch
 12:00 PM Dialogue Diner
 6:00 PM Youth Movement

Monday, January 27

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

Tuesday, January 28

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Meeting
 2:00 PM Knitting Group

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, January 29

7:15 AM AA Meeting
 9:00 AM Worship Planning
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 5:30 PM Transition Team
 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

Saturday, February 1

10:00 AM Theatre of Youth

Sunday, February 2

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship with Communion
 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Bible Study
 10:00 AM First Sunday/Youth Service/
 Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship
 10:40 AM First Sunday Sunday School
 11:30 AM Communion Confirmation Class
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 12:00 PM Souper Bowl Sunday
 2:00 PM Choir @ Calvary (Williamsville)



GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges* received as of 1/23/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
GIVING 2020	163	\$470,527	\$129,473
PRESERVE THE PINNACLE	150	\$3,123,022	\$976,978

The "Now & Ever - Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign" is well underway! Thank you to all who have pledged. If you have yet to pledge, we ask that you please return your signed Giving 2020 pledge card and your Preserve the Pinnacle pledge card at your earliest convenience. There is a basket on the table in the Holmes Room where you can place your completed pledge cards or pick up a pledge packet. For your convenience, you may make a pledge, and a pledge payment to Giving 2020, as well as a gift to Preserve the Pinnacle on our secure site at www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving. Our goal for Giving 2020 is \$600,000 and for Preserve the Pinnacle is \$4.1 million. As you prayerfully think about your pledge, please consider increasing your pledge for Giving 2020 by either increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars, or making an overall 5% increase to ensure that we successfully accomplish our goal. Please know that whatever you contribute to the "Now & Ever - Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign" will be greatly appreciated.

*Individual pledges and gifts from foundations.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

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

February 2

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
 The Presentation of the Lord at the Temple
 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

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Meditation

Songs for Our Time: When Paralysis Sets In

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

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Benediction

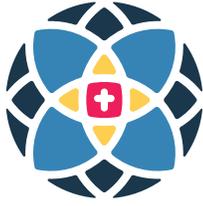
Closing Voluntary

Grand Chœuer en Ré Majeur alla Handel, Op. 18

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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