



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

MARCH 8, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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. Deacons are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

Opening Voluntary

Fantasia

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

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

And Can It Be

Dan Forrest[†] (b. 1978)

And can it be that I should gain,
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be,
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Call to Confession



Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
 We come before you
 In need of forgiveness and grace.
 You call us to trust in you completely,
 But we do not.
 We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
 We justify our actions and words,
 Though we know they are not what you require.
 We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
 Preferring old habits to risky change.
 Forgive us, we pray.
 Help us to be born again
 into the life of Christ,
 Trusting that you have included us by grace
 In the family of faith.
 In Christ's name we pray.
 Amen.

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

Cantor Congregation Cantor

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Congregation Cantor Congregation

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to Violet Mae Shanley, daughter of Allyson and Kyle Shanley.

The following prayers are said in unison when indicated by the leader:

**O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you, and, with the church
Through all the ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Holy God: remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in You.
Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy;
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The people remain seated to sing.

Baptism Hymn

ST. CLEMENT

Ac - cept, O Lord, our ded - i - ca - tion To fill with love the grow - ing mind,
That in this church and con - gre - ga - tion The young a faith for life may find.

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

Psalm 121

Plainchant

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? ²My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. ⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; ⁵The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, ⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. ⁸The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.

Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

John 3:16-17

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Protector, Defender

Hymn

The people stand to sing. Hymn may be found on page 11.

Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eye

SANDON

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Paid It All

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots,
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I
Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white,
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

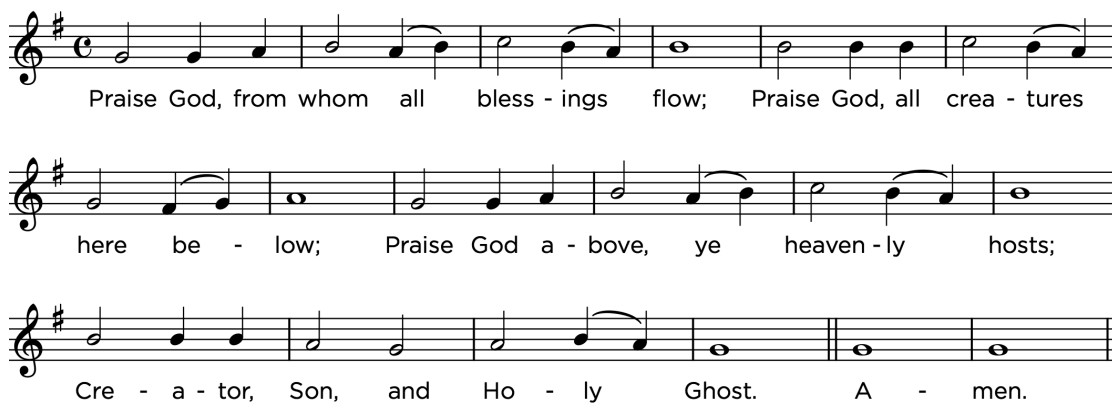
And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Presentation of the Gifts

HAMBERG

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





Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,
We dedicate to you not only these gifts,
But also ourselves, in deep gratitude
For your call on our lives,
Your guidance in the baptismal journey,
And for blessing us
That we may be a blessing to others.
Accept what we bring
For your own good purposes.
In Christ we pray. 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, No. 371

The people stand to sing.
Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Benediction and Choral Response

A Prayer of Saint Benedict

Mark D. Templeton (b. 1974)

O gracious holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive thee,
Diligence to seek thee, patience to wait for thee, eyes to behold thee,
A heart to meditate on thee, and a life to proclaim thee.
Through the power of the holy spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*Immediately following worship, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.
Thank you to our hosts today, Gail Donaldson and Marge Keller.*

Worship Leaders

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

Deacons Serving Today

Peter Ahrens, Betsy Biggar, Steve Jaworski, Stephen Johnson, Donald Etulo,
Janet Mascio, Jane Morris, Roberta Nickelsen, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The Lenten arrangement at the Lord's Table is given in loving memory of Robert J. Genco by his wife, Frances Genco.

Sunday flower donations will continue after Easter. If you would like to purchase 2020 Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, please contact Sue Adams, hugwalker1@gmail.com or 883-7597.



Notes on Today's Music

†**Dan Forrest** has been described as having “an undoubted gift for writing beautiful music...that is truly magical” (*NY Concert Review*), with works hailed as “magnificent, very cleverly constructed sound sculpture” (*Classical Voice*), and “superb writing...full of spine-tingling moments” (*Salt Lake Tribune*). His music has sold millions of copies, and has become well established in the repertoire of choirs in the U.S. and abroad.

Dan's choral works have received numerous awards and distinctions, have been premiered in major venues around the world, and have been featured on national radio and TV broadcasts. His major works *Requiem for the Living* and *Jubilate Deo* have quickly become standard choral/orchestral repertoire of ensembles around the world, and his newest major work, *LUX: The Dawn From On High*, is now receiving similar critical acclaim.

He holds a doctorate in composition and a master's degree in piano performance. His academic background includes several years as a professor and department head in higher education.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

March 15 • The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

You're an Evangelist!

March 22 • 8:15 AM, The Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling

Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise and Shine

March 22 • 10:30 AM, The Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling

Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14

Be the Light

March 29 • The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Psalm 130; John 11:1-45

Grace upon Grace

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday • April 5

8:15 AM, Worship with Communion

9 AM, Breakfast

10:30 AM, Worship with Communion

Palm Sunday Evensong • April 5 • 4 PM

The Westminster Choirs present Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* to begin Holy Week.

Maunder Thursday • April 9 • 6 PM

The Westminster Schola leads this service marking the night of the Last Supper.

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross April 10 • 12 PM

Garrett Martin improvises on each station, alternating with readings by Paul Claudel.

Tenebrae, Service of Shadows • April 10 • 7:52 PM

The Westminster Choirs lead this service at sundown on the day of Christ's Crucifixion.

Festival Service of the Resurrection • April 12 • 10:30 AM

The Westminster Choirs and Brass Octet celebrate the Resurrection on Easter morning.

NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

To learn more about our programming or mission, please fill out a Welcome Card (found in the pew). If you need assistance at any time, please ask 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.
- Bibles and children's worship guides are available at the Sanctuary entrances. For the hearing impaired, receivers are available in the Conference Room.
- Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8-11:30 AM in the school building (across the garden).

CHURCH LIFE

INQUIRER CLASS

March 22 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, or sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

ENERGY DONATIONS

The ENERGY program is looking for a "no longer loved" entertainment center. We would like to convert it to a child's play kitchen to be used at the WEDI Bazaar. If you have one to donate, we will pick it up. Please call Betsy Biggar, 716.803.2100.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERING

Sundays, 9 AM-10:15 AM in the Parish Hall

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling leads this year's Bible Study on the parables of Jesus. In addition to learning what he likely meant by them, we will explore how our individual lens affects what meaning we ascribe to the parable itself. Our study will use supplemental readings that take 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.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

Sunday, March 15, Noon-3 PM

Eat a great lunch in Parish Hall, then enjoy energizing, games before we clean up an Eastside Neighborhood as part of our Vision for Creation Care theme in 2020. No cost, but please email Micah, micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org with your commitment.

DIALOGUE DINER!

Sunday, March 29, Noon at Bob and John's La Hacienda, 1545 Hertel Avenue. Dialogue Diner is all new with a lunch fellowship after church. Come eat great food, share a laugh, and catch up with your youth group! Grades 6-12 are invited.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation continues to meet this Sunday. We break into small groups and launch into the confirmation curriculum. As a reminder, the other date for brunch is March 15. Watch for emails about location and pick up times. **Confirmation Sunday will be March 22.**

MAINE MISSION TRIP

Please pray for vision forward and bring ideas for Fall 2020. Let us think 6 months ahead at all times! Contact micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES

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

Spiritual Life will join Case Library for this presentation.

March 8 • **Fraud, Scams, and You**

The AARP Fraud Watch Network helpline took over 30,000 calls in 2019. Hear about the latest scams and fraud, learn how you can protect yourselves, and what you can do to help others. Presenters: Randy Hoak, Assoc. State Director for AARP, New York; Lynn Orłowski, Medicare Sales Representative

March 15 • *Connecting Lives Through the Gift of Blood, Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation.*

A discussion of the importance of blood, organ, tissue, and eye donations that enhance lives and decrease the number of deaths of those waiting for a transplant. Presenters: Amanda Habermehl, Connect Life (formerly UNYTS) Manager of Hospital Development
Barbara Breckenridge, Director of Patient Services and Community Outreach, Kidney Foundation of WNY

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

March 8 • *Risking Reputation*

Presenter: Debbie Katz

Lent is a time we ask ourselves the following questions: "What should I have done that I did not do? What risk should I have taken that I was afraid to take?" Before Jesus enters Jerusalem, he asks the crowd with his disciples in Matthew 8:34, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me." Using Amy-Jill Levine's Lenten study, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, we'll look at the events of the last week of Jesus' life. On today's theme, we wrestle with the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

March 15 • *The Spirituality of Imperfection*

Presenter: Jane Morris

The poet John Keats once described the ideal state of the psyche as negative capability, the "ability of being in uncertainties, mysteries, and doubts without any irritable reaching after fact and reason." Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham describe the spirituality of imperfection as a spirituality of not having all the answers and explores what it means to be human. "Spirituality is discovered in that space between paradox's extremes, for there we confront our helplessness, powerlessness, and woundedness. In seeking to understand our limitations, we seek not only an easing of our pain, but an understanding of what it means to hurt and what it means to be healed."

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 16

1 PM-2:30 PM in the Case Library

The Women of Westminster invite 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

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 March. 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

KNITTING GROUP

Our next meeting dates are March 10 and 24, 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

MARCH MEETUP!

Saturday, March 21 • 10:30 AM • Buffalo Maritime Center
Join Westminster friends at the Buffalo Maritime Center to learn about the exciting plans and progress being made on the replica of Gov. DeWitt Clinton's 1825 Packet Boat, "The Seneca Chief." The boat will be constructed in Longshed Building at Canalside. You'll also be able to see historic watercraft and ongoing projects. We'll meet up at 10:30 AM at 90 Arthur St. After our visit, join friends for lunch at the West Side Bazaar. All are welcome! Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Tuesday, April 7

Lunch, 12:30 PM • Presentation, 1:15 PM

Topic and presenter to be announced

Passages is a monthly group that focuses on the spiritual, intellectual, and physical interests of older adults. Friends are always welcome. Please sign up for lunch and program on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

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.

Three Bears Three Ways

Acting out a Story • Saturdays March 14, 21, and 28

10 AM-1 PM in Parish Hall • Grades 1-3

Learn how to act out a very well-known story in a theatrical way. Participants learn how to animate their voices and bodies to tell the tale of The Three Bears. Teamwork and sequential memory skills will be challenged and strengthened! Visit theatreofyouth.org for additional information.

PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

The *Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign* is thankful to announce the receipt of a \$15,000 grant from The Baird Foundation. This grant is in support of our application for funding and is designated for capital improvements. In awarding the grant The Baird Foundation recognized the important role that the Westminster Campus plays in the City of Buffalo. Citing "our valued campus space for community discussions, early childhood education, unique concerts, and our long tradition of providing an expansive array of services, and for simply offering a safe and welcoming place for people to gather".

TUESDAYS IN LENT: MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Tuesdays, March 3 through March 31

Dinner at 6 PM
Presentation and Q&A from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options will be available

This year's Tuesday night Lenten Dinner series will focus on the Biblical charge we, as followers of Jesus, have to care for the earth. This series follows our 2020 Vision: Climate Leap Forward, at which national climate activist, the Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, talked about the urgency the people of God face with regard to climate change and the specific actions we can take in our congregation. This series will launch Westminster and our individual homes into a deeper awareness of climate change, and how we, as individuals and as a church, can do something about it.

March 10

Dr. David Kowalski

The Uniting of Religion and Science to Combat Climate Change

March 17

Revs. Micah and Katelyn Nutter Dowling

Becoming an Earth Care Congregation

March 24

Mr. Brendan Mehaffy

Preparing For and Welcoming Climate Refugees to Buffalo and WNY

March 31

Revs. Micah and Katelyn Nutter Dowling

Becoming Earth Care Activists in our Homes and at the Policy Table

RSVP is necessary.
For reservations, visit wpcbuffalo.org/lent
or sign-up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

STAYING HEALTHY: A FEW CHANGES AROUND OUR CHURCH BUILDING

To try to be more health conscious, you might notice a couple of changes around our building and policies. As a staff, we met this week to discuss ways to keep germ-spreading to a minimum and are actively re-evaluating our policies as we monitor various illnesses, including the Coronavirus. At every entrance to our building there are hand sanitizer stations, please take advantage of these stations regularly. Jeff has gone through our sanctuary and high traffic areas with a sanitizer and we continue to wipe down doorknobs, railings, and tables.

Anyone who prepares food has been directed to wear gloves and wash hands frequently. We suggest smiling and waving instead of shaking hands during the Passing of the Peace while in worship. We are working out alternative plans for Communion and Meet and Mingle.

We are currently organizing teams to do grocery and meal shopping trips for anyone who is in need of a delivery while sick. Please contact Jamie in the office to set up meal planning. Finally, please stay at home if you are feeling ill and worship along with our live stream available on both our Facebook page and our website.

Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes

SANDON

John Campbell, 1877

Charles Henry Purday, 1860



1. Un - to the hills we lift our long - ing eyes with year - ing sighs.
2. God will not let our ser - vant feet be moved; safe we will be.
3. God is our keep - er, change - less through the years, a shel - ter strong.
4. From ev - ery e - vil, God will keep our lives, from ev - ery sin.



Who will pro - vide the help we sore - ly need? Who hears our
God will sup - ply, for all our nights and days, se - cu - ri -
God is our shade, pro - tec - ting ev - ery hand, through a - ges
God will pre - serve and guard our go - ing out, our com - ing



cries? From our Cre - a - tor comes our cer - tain aid.
- ty. God does not sleep when we are tak - ing rest.
long. Sun will not strike or harm through - out the day,
in. Ev - er a - round, with - in, we will a - dore



Our help is from our God, who all things made.
God's cov - e - nant en - dures through ev - ery test.
Nor moon by night, those liv - ing by God's way.
our God who holds and guides for - ev - er - more.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 8, Lent II

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 Bible Study
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Shanley Baptism
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Transition Team Meeting/Session
11:45 AM Youth Committee Meeting
12:00 PM Confirmation Brunch
12:00 PM Dream Group

Monday, March 9

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
6:30 PM Pundit Club meeting

Tuesday, March 10

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Meeting

2:00 PM Knitting Group
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
5:00 PM Worship, Music, and Arts
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
6:00 PM 2nd Lenten Dinner & Program
7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
3:00 PM Confirmation Retreat
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

Saturday, March 14

10:00 AM Theatre of Youth

Sunday, March 15, Lent III

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 Bible Study
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
12:00 PM Youth Movement Lunch/
Eastside Clean up
12:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Parade
2:00 PM BOU Rehearsal

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GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges* received as of 03/06/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
GIVING 2020	203	\$521,067	\$78,933
PRESERVE THE PINNACLE	163	\$3,213,335	\$886,665

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

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Celtic Music and Art

March 18 • Noon

Brigid: From Goddess to Saint

Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate, Westminster Presbyterian Church, will explain why we need to celebrate this great Irish heroine.

Rev. Bill Hennessy, Pastor, North Presbyterian Church, will perform *Irish Aires* on the Penny Whistle.

Mozart’s Solemn Vespers

March 27 • 7:30 PM

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra, Artist-in-residence

Sonja Inglefield, Harp • Barry Crawford, Flute

The Choirs of Westminster Presbyterian Church • Glen Cortese, Conductor

For their annual masterworks presentation, the Westminster Choirs are joined by artist-in-residence, the Western New York Chamber Orchestra.

A Musical Feast: Russian Music for Piano and Viola

April 25 • 7:30 PM

David Rose, Viola • Dmitri Novgorodsky, Piano

Hailed as a “breathtaking” and “stunning” pianist, Dmitri Novgorodsky has performed in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Israel, France, Austria, Spain, Turkey, and Taiwan.

The Westminster Handbells in Concert

April 26 • 4:00 PM

The Westminster Handbell Choir • Walter S. Mayo, Director

Buffalo State Jazz Ensemble • George Davis, Director

Bells resound at our handbell choir’s annual concert. Each year, the group presents their sacred and secular favorites and collaborates with other local artists, including the Buffalo Gay Men’s Chorus, the Hamburg High School Steel Drum Band, and ballet artists.



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 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? ²My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. ⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; ⁵The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, ⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. ⁸The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 3:16-17

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Protector, Defender

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. 371

The people stand to sing.

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Benediction

Closing Voluntary



Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

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