



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD AT THE TEMPLE

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.

All Children will meet in the Holmes Chapel at 10:30 AM for Children's Worship. They will join their families at the end of the service.

Opening Voluntary

Variations on HYFRYDOL

Albert Travis (b. 1940)

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

Entrance Responsory

Gerre Hancock

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him
The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in; from this time forth and evermore.
Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly pray that,
As your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple,
So we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord;
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right,
Nor spoken truth from the heart with love.
We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip,
Our words and deeds cause pain.
Forgive us by the power of your mercy,
That we might stand in the goodness of Christ
And walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.
Cantor

Congregation

Cantor

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)



Congregation

Cantor

Congregation





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.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 84:1-8

Peter Hallock[†] (1924-2014)

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. ²The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. ³Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. ⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. ⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. ⁶They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. ⁷Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. ⁸Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. ⁶With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!



Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Living Beatitudes

Rev. Hennessy

Hymn, No. 5

The people stand to sing.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements. Unfermented grape juice is used.

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor. By your power you created all that is, making a universe out of chaos, and ruling over all things in love. Throughout the ages you called your people to love and serve you, and to be your light among the nations. When we failed you, you did not fail us and sent prophets to call us back to your ways. We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus to be the Light of the world. He came to heal our brokenness and to set before us the ways of justice and peace. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He was born to dwell among us, full of grace and truth; in him we have seen your glory. He lived for you, spoke your truth, and showed your love. Lavished with gifts from the magi, he gave his life for others. Baptized by John in the Jordan, he poured out his mercy for all. Turning water into wine at a wedding, he transformed sorrow into joy. In his death on the cross, he overcame death. Rising from the tomb, he raised us to eternal life, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

The people sing.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Illumine our hearts, O God, with the radiance of Christ's presence, that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world. Send us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor, to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

Words of Institution

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.



Sharing the Bread and the Cup

We distribute the elements of communion 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. Westminster serves only gluten-free and dairy-free bread. Please take the aisle nearest you to the communion station at the front of that aisle, and return to your seat by the same aisle.

Voluntary at Communion

The Purification

Rachel Aarons (b. 1984)

All prophets hail thee, from of old announcing,
By the inbreathed Spirit of the Father,
God’s Mother, bringing prophecies to fullness,
Mary the maiden.

Thou the true Virgin Mother of the Highest,
Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,
Meekly accepting for a sinless offering
Purification.

In the high temple Simeon receives thee,
Takes to his bent arms with a holy rapture
That promised Savior, vision of redemption,
Christ long awaited.

Glory and worship to the Lord of all things
Pay we unresting, who alone adored,
Father and Son and Spirit, in the highest
Reigneth eternal. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

**Loving God,
We thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
United us with Christ, and given us a foretaste
Of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
To live and work to your praise and glory,
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

The people stand to sing; hymn may be found on page 10.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

O SANCTISSIMA

Benediction and Choral Response

Nunc Dimittis in D Major

Roland Martin (b. 1955)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

Closing Voluntary

Fantasia on O SANCTISSIMA

James Biery (b. 1956)

*Immediately following worship, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.
Thank you to our hosts today, Tom and Carol Greetham.*



Worship Leaders

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

Elders Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Melissa Balbach, Zandy Barrett, Bob Bodjak, Laurel Braun, Mary Callaghan

Deacons Serving Today

Peter Ahrens, Ellen Bean, Mark Hall, Evan Izatt, Stephen Johnson
Donald Etulo, Aaron Makin, Jane Morris, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Charles J. Hahn by his family and friends.

Notes on Today's Music

†**Peter Hallock** is a towering figure in modern Episcopal church music. During his 40 years at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, he produced a remarkable legacy: a daunting number of published and unpublished compositions, including numerous motets as well as large-scale anthems with instrumental accompaniment. A three-year cycle of psalm settings for choir with congregational antiphons is the most popular Psalter in common use in both the Episcopal and Lutheran denominations in the United States.

The popularity of Compline at St. Mark's, which he founded, spawned a revival in interest in this service, now included in the prayer books of Lutheran and Episcopal denominations worldwide. His musical accomplishments have been recognized by numerous degrees and honors: Doctor of Sacred Music, honoris causa, from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (the Episcopal seminary of the western United States); Associate of the Royal School of Church Music; Associate of the Royal College of Music; Master of Music in Organ Performance and Composition (University of Washington); Canon Precentor (emeritus), St. Mark's Cathedral; and Canon of Honor, Diocese of Olympia. Dr. Hallock was the first lay person in the Episcopal Church to be given the title of Canon Precentor, indicating his importance not only as a composer and musician, but also as a contributor to the liturgy of St. Mark's and the Diocese of Olympia.

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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

February 9

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Psalm 112:1-9; Matthew 5:13-20; *Magnificat Faith: Salt and Light*

February 16

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Psalm 119:1-8; Matthew 5:21-37; *Magnificat Faith: More Than Checking Boxes*

February 23

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Psalm 99; Matthew 17:1-9; *Magnificat Faith: Ordinary Awe*

February 26 • Ash Wednesday

The Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling
The traditional service of imposition of ashes, and celebration of the Lord's Supper
will be held at 12 Noon and 6 PM in the Holmes Chapel.
At 6PM, the Westminster Schola will lead this service marking the beginning of the solemn season of Lent.

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

Visit us on Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church • Buffalo

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

Sunday, 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

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERING

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

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling will lead.

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.

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.

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

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES

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

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 9

A New Future for the Buffalo Central Terminal

Presenter: Monica Pellegrino Faix AICD, Executive Director, Central Terminal Restoration Corporation

An overview of efforts to “save” the Buffalo Central Terminal and the steps to create a new future as a thriving hub of community events and activity. “What really excites me, besides being an amazing building, is the opportunity to connect to the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood,” said Pellegrino Faix, “We want to find out what is going to make a great opportunity for the neighborhood, as well as a reuse that saves the building.”

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

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.

February 9 and 16

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 exploring what it means to be human. “Spirituality is discovered in that space between paradox’s extremes, for there we confront our helplessness and powerlessness, our 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, 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, February 25, 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

MEETUP TODAY • SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Noon at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue.

After worship today, 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!

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. **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 8 and 15, 10 AM-2 PM in Parish Hall.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

John Fawcett, 1773

Sicilian melody, 18c.



1. Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2. We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound;
3. So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the world a - way,



Let us each your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace:
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound:
Fear of death shall not ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey:



Oh, re - fresh us, oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

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.

Celtic Music and Art • March 18 at Noon

Beth Hennessy, Speaker • Bill Hennessy, Irish Penny Whistle

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the Hennessys will share music, prayers, and stories from their time vacationing and studying in Ireland.

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.

NOW & EVER PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Westminster Presbyterian Church wishes to gratefully acknowledge and thank the following members and friends who have committed to the Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign as of January 29, 2020.

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Leslie Salathe	Gail Donaldson	Christopher and	Roger Mark Seifert
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Westminster Presbyterian Church receives Sacred Sites grant from the New York Landmarks Conservancy

Westminster Presbyterian Church has received a \$30,000 grant from the Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Program. The matching grant is part of the Church's \$4.1 million *Preserve the Pinnacle* Capital Campaign and will help fund repair and restoration of the historic building's steeple and roof. The Sacred Sites Fund has provided over \$11.1 million of grant funding to over 800 houses of worship throughout New York State. In addition, the Sacred Sites Program has provided outreach services and technical advice to over 1,400 individual religious institutions. As Westminster prepares to raise the additional \$30,000 of matching funds needed to receive the grant award, we look forward to the new momentum that this grant will create in helping the Church to reach its Capital Campaign goal.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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 Sunday School/Youth Service
 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

Monday, February 3

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

Tuesday, February 4

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Meeting
 12:30 PM Knitting Group
 1:15 PM Passages Program
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, February 5

7:15 AM AA Meeting
 9:00 AM Worship Planning
 1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
 3:45 PM Capital Campaign Cabinet Meeting
 4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
 5:15 PM Now & Ever Note Writing
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 6:30 PM Winterfest 2020

Saturday, February 8

10:00 AM Theatre of Youth

Sunday, February 9

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
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 AM Worship
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 11:45 AM Inquirer Class
 12:00 PM Dream Group
 4:00 PM GBYSO Concert



GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges* received as of 01/30/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
GIVING 2020	172	\$477,132	\$122,868
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.



Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord. ⁶With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Living Beatitudes

Rev. Hennessy

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

The people stand to sing; hymn may be found on page 10.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

O SANCTISSIMA

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fantasia on O SANCTISSIMA

James Biery (b. 1956)

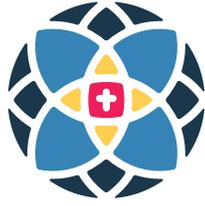
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