



# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

OCTOBER 13, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY  
PASTOR



## Worship in the Sanctuary • 10:30 AM

### Welcome to this Place of Christian Worship

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

### Opening Voluntary

Fanfare

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*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

Fight the Good Fight

John Gardner (1917-2011)

Fight the good fight with all they might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.  
Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: his boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

#### Call to Worship

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

#### Hymn in Procession, No. 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

#### Call to Confession

Rev. Nutter Dowling

#### Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and grace,  
We are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always.  
We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude.  
We harbor resentment for what we lack.  
We blame you; we blame others.  
We doubt your compassion, even your power.  
We find it hard to give ourselves away to you,  
Or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
For attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving.  
Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit.  
Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save.  
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*





## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalm

Psalm 66

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise. <sup>2</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you. <sup>3</sup>All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name." <sup>4</sup>Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people. <sup>5</sup>He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him. <sup>6</sup>In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him. <sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; <sup>8</sup>Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. <sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. <sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. <sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

### Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

<sup>1</sup>These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

### Gospel Acclamation

*The people stand.*



### Gospel Lesson

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Sermon

Going Deeper: the Grateful Leper



## Hymn, No. 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak  
*The people stand to sing.*

CANONBURY

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Anthem

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

Thee We Adore

T. Frederick Candlyn (1892-1964)

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,  
Who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail.  
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
Cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing flood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
Who living bread to all doth here afford!  
O may our souls forever feed on thee,  
And thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
To gaze on thee unveiled, and thy face,  
The vision of thy glory and thy grace.

### Presentation of the Gifts

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

### Prayer of Dedication

**Like the shepherds in Bethlehem's field,  
Like the leper healed who returned to Jesus,  
Like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church,  
We praise and glorify your name, O God.  
You have given us more than we could have imagined!  
For tidings of joy, for wholeness received,  
For the gift of belonging, we thank you.  
Make of us, as well as these gifts,  
Offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless,  
And signs of your power to reconcile and redeem.  
We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hennessy

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
And the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



## **Sending Hymn, No. 416**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
*The people stand to sing.*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

## **Benediction and Choral Response**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

## **Closing Voluntary**

Crown Imperial

William Walton (1902-1983)

*Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.  
Thank you to Dana and Drew Pierce who are hosting Meet & Mingle today in honor of the Baptism of their daughter, Eleanor.*

## **Worship Leaders**

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

## **Deacons Serving Today**

Ellen Bean, Teddie Granville, Stephen Johnson, Donald Etulo, Candace Marr, Johnpatrick Marr,  
Roberta Nickelsen, Roy Stewart

## **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Peter Danforth in loving memory of Rose Danforth.

The flowers at the Pulpit are given by Peter McNally in memory of his parents, Edward J. McNally and Marie P. Bently.

The flowers at the Lectern are in honor of the Baptism of Eleanor Marie Pierce, given by her family.

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

## **Wednesdays@Westminster • October 16 • Noon**

*On the Road with the Romantic Poets*

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

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

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

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra includes faculty from the Fredonia School of Music at SUNY Fredonia as well as professional musicians from Buffalo, Rochester, Erie, and beyond. Consisting of 40 players, the orchestra is flexible to perform much of the standard orchestral repertoire, opera, and new chamber works, including those written by composer Glen Cortese, who also serves as artistic director.

## **Tom Donahue Harp Guitar Performance • October 25 • 7:30PM**

*A Bond Of God & Music*

EMI-Japan recording artist, Tim Donahue returns to WPC for a concert of solo pieces performed on Tim's exclusive instrument, the electric harp guitar. Composed specifically for this Westminster performance, the program expresses how God's love is the force that bonds musical notes together, creating art that touches the soul and glorifies The Creator.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

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

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

### CHURCH LIFE

#### INQUIRER CLASS

##### December 1 following the 10:30 AM Worship Service

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

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

#### WEST SIDE BAZAAR

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

#### ENERGY

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

**The Confirmation Kick-Off Brunch • TODAY at Noon in the Case Library.** Confirmands and Mentors are welcome to attend our kick-off brunch. We will give details for the upcoming journey of confirmation for our Westminster and Lafayette students.

To sign up, please email Micah, [micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org) or Katelyn, [katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org)

#### BIBLES AND BAGELS • OCTOBER 20 • 9:45 to 10:30 AM

Westminster has a tradition of giving out bibles to those in grades 3–8. We will be hosting a Bible and Bagels activity time for the entire church. There will be a time to share your favorite bible verses, a bible bookmark craft, and plenty of joy to go around on this day. If you have a 3rd or 7th grader, please contact Katelyn. Whether you have students or not, plan on attending the breakfast to celebrate these students!

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

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

Bible, moving through readings in Old and New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. We're now working our way through Paul's letters in the New Testament, and we are beginning our journey with the Prophets in the Old Testament. It's not too late to join our group!

### **CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES**

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

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

#### **October 13**

***Please join Spiritual Life this Sunday for TED Talk with Chris LaMendola. See below for details.***

#### **October 20**

*The Crying Need for Academic Freedom Today*

A bedrock value in American higher education is the right of faculty and students to express themselves without fear of administrative or other repercussions. In a time of deepening partisanship and a sharpened sense of entitlement, as well as declining college budgets, this right faces new and serious challenges from the Left and the Right on American campuses.

Presenter: Bruce Dierenfield, Professor of American History, Canisius College

### **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

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

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

#### **October 13**

*TED Talk with Chris LaMendola*

Technology, Entertainment, and Design (TED) is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas in the form of short, powerful talks. TED's agenda is to make great ideas accessible and spark conversation. TED is a global community, welcoming people from every discipline and culture who seek a deeper understanding of the world and believes passionately in the power of ideas to change attitudes, lives, and, ultimately, the world.

#### **October 20 and 27**

*Dying*

Presenter: Fred Cooley

There are many people who spend a lot of time with dying people, for example Hospice nurses, and they have much to tell us. We will use our two sessions to explore our personal experiences with death and reflect on readings from Hospice nurse Sallie Tisdale.

### **WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY**

**Monday, October 21 • 1-2:30 PM in the Case Library.**

Women of Westminster cordially invites you to a ***Brown Bag Lunchtime Bible study on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Case Library.*** This year we will explore the 2019-2020 Horizons Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A*

*Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.* Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there, we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions. There will be a nominal fee for the book.

## **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **KNITTING GROUP**

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

### **MEET AND MINGLE**

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

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

**Tuesday, November 5 • Lunch: 12:30 PM in the Oak Room  
Program: 1:15 PM in the Case Library**

Speaker and topic will be announced. A sign up sheet will soon be on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

### **October MeetUP event: Westminster Nature Walk**

Hunter's Creek Park, Saturday, October 26 at 10 AM  
Hunter's Creek Park is located approximately 45 minutes south of Buffalo near East Aurora in the Hamlet of New South Wales. Featuring hilly, forested terrain, it offers lovely trails with vistas of the gorge which are favored by hikers, bikers, and anyone wishing to experience the beauty of Western New York. Our trail guide will be Westminster's Doug Braun; we will meet at the upper parking area off Centerline Rd. For those interested, lunch will follow at an East Aurora establishment. Sign up in the Gallery Room or contact Doug with questions: 716.310.8902, [dlrbraun@gmail.com](mailto:dlrbraun@gmail.com)

### **HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFE**

Sundays, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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

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

## NOMINATIONS WANTED

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

## AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Theatre of Youth Company, Inc. (TOY) stimulates the imagination, nurtures the creative spirit, and enhances the education of young people by engaging them in relevant, child-centered, and professionally-produced live theatre programs. **AUDITION BOOK CAMP** for students in Grades 6-12, Friday October 18, 6 PM-9 PM and Saturday, October 19, 10 AM-1 PM in the Parish Hall. Advance your audition experience by learning from a panel of Buffalo theatre professionals.

# A WELCOME BACK GATHERING

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 • 11:30-12:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

Over a light lunch, we will share our mutual experiences of renewal: Tom and Carol's walking in the footsteps of the romantic poets; and ours, as we deepened our understanding of those poets, while enhancing our exploration of WNY's natural assets.

## WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

**October 20 • The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty**

Going Deeper: Persistence Prayer-The Widow and the Judge • Luke 18:1-8

**October 27 • The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty**

Going Deeper: The Self Aware Prayer of the Sinner • Luke 18:9-14

**November 2 • All Saints' Sunday • The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty**

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper • The Reading of the Necrology

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## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, October 13

8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care  
8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion  
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:00 AM Capital Campaign Volunteers  
9:15 AM Spiritual Life  
10:30 AM Worship/Pierce Baptism  
10:40 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
12:00 PM Confirmation Kick-off Brunch  
12:00 PM Dream Group  
1:00 PM Buffalo Opera Unlimited Rehearsal

### Monday, October 14

6:00 AM WECP/WPC Closed

### Tuesday, October 15

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
8:00 AM Ministry of Generosity  
9:00 AM WECP Book Fair  
9:15 AM Management Meeting  
10:00 AM Garden Group  
3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds  
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program Start Up  
4:45 PM Invested Funds  
5:00 PM Worship, Music & Arts

5:30 PM Budget & Finance Meeting

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

### Wednesday, October 16

7:00 AM WECP Book Fair  
7:15 AM AA Meeting  
9:30 AM Worship Planning  
12:00 PM Wed. @ WPC/Tom Yorty  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting  
3:45 PM Capital Camp. Meeting  
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
5:30 PM Personnel Meeting  
7:00 PM WECP Back to School Night  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Thursday, October 17

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

### Friday, October 18

7:00 AM WECP Book Fair  
12:00 PM Noontime AI-Anon

4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program  
6:00 PM TOY-Audition Boot Camp  
7:30 PM WNY Chamber Orchestra Concert

### Saturday, October 19

10:00 AM TOY-Audition Boot Camp

### Sunday, October 20

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations  
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:00 AM Capital Campaign Volunteers  
9:15 AM Year of the Bible  
9:15 AM Spiritual Life  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 AM Bibles & Bagels  
10:30 AM Worship  
10:40 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Welcome Back Tom and Carol  
12:30 PM Racial Justice Comm. Meeting  
12:30 PM Joint CE and Youth Comm. Mtg.  
6:00 PM Youth Movement @ Clarence Pumpkin Patch



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

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

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Or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.  
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Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save.  
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*Time for silent prayer.*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

The musical notation for the Kyrie is presented in two staves. The first staff shows the Cantor's part for the first two phrases: "Lord, have mer - cy." and "Lord, have mer - cy." followed by the Congregation's part for the third phrase: "Christ, have mer - cy." The second staff shows the Congregation's part for the first phrase: "Christ, have mer - cy." followed by the Cantor's part for the second phrase: "Lord, have mer - cy." and the Congregation's part for the third phrase: "Lord, have mer - cy." The lyrics are written below the notes, and the parts are clearly labeled as Cantor or 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 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

### Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

*Text can be found on page 4.*

### Gospel Lesson

*The people stand.*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 17:11-19

*Text can be found on page 4.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Meditation

Going Deeper: the Grateful Leper

## 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. 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*The people stand to sing.*

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## Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

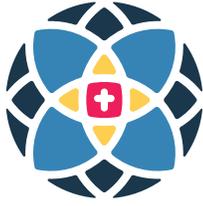
Crown Imperial

William Walton (1902-1983)

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