



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

JANUARY 12, 2020

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY
PASTOR



Worship in the Sanctuary • 10:30 AM

Welcome to this Place of Christian Worship

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

Opening Voluntary

Allegro Maestoso from *Water Music*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Nutter Dowling

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

My Lord has Come

Will Todd† (b. 1970)

Shepherds, called by love and angels, no place for them but a stable.
Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven, no place for them but a stable.
Lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels, no place for them but a stable.
His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me. My Lord has come.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God, you show no partiality,
Yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting.
Forgive our intolerance
And help us to see as you see,
That we may be found acceptable in your sight
Through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

Cantor	Congregation	Cantor
<p>Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.</p>		
Congregation	Cantor	Congregation
<p>Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.</p>		

Assurance of Pardon



Response

The people stand to sing.

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be -
 - gin - ning is now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Time with Children

TALLIS' CANON

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

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 29

Ray Francis Brown (1897-1964)

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. ³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁸The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. ⁹And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore. ¹¹The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.



Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.



Gospel Lesson

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Who is Jesus—and Who are We?

Hymn, No. 494

The people stand to sing.

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON

During the third stanza, all Deacons and Elders who are to be ordained and installed should move to the front of the Sanctuary.

Installation and Ordination of Elders and Deacons

To be ordained to the Office of Deacon and installed as a member of the Board of Deacons:
Betsy Biggar, Janet Christie, Evan Izatt, Steve Jaworski, Mark Hall, Aaron Makin

To be installed on the Board of Deacons:
Peter Ahrens, Donald Etulo

To be ordained to the Office of Elder and installed as members of the Session:
Doug Fabian, Janet Kifner-Arnett, Dennis Penman,

To be installed on the Session:
Bob Bojdak, Laurel Braun, Peter McNally, Elenora Seib, Phil Stevens

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make His church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God.

Within our common ministry some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the Word, ruling elders, or deacons. In affirming these special ministries we remember that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must be the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you, must be the slave of all people." We remember, too, that Jesus said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life to set others free."

The pastor will then address those to be ordained and/or installed:

Friends, God has called you by the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior and acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

I do.



Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed Faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ under the authority of Scripture and continually be guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity and will you abide by its discipline?
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

I will.

The pastor will address those to be ordained and/or installed as elders:

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

The pastor will address those to be ordained and/or installed as deacons:

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

The congregation will be asked:

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as elders and deacons chosen by God through the voice of the congregation to lead in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Those being ordained to office of Elder or deacon will kneel.

The pastor will pray:

Set apart, O Lord, these your servants to the work to which they have been called by the voice of your church. Give them wisdom and compassion. Grant them your grace, that they may be good and faithful servants, empowered by the Holy Spirit and disciplined by that faith which is informed by sound learning. Give them such favor with the congregation and community that they may lead and serve to the end that the power of the gospel might renew and build for your purposes. Grant them such blessings that they may know their labors are not in vain, but are for Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Those kneeling will stand.

You are now elders and deacons in the Church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God through him. **Amen.**

God of Grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

Robert Lee (b. 1951)

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
Let's go down to the river to pray.



Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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

Prayer of Dedication

**Great, saving God,
 You have gathered us into one baptism,
 Regardless of our backgrounds and conditions.
 Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings.
 May they join with others to become a mighty river,
 Bringing your peace and healing to the world. 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. 497

The people stand to sing.
 With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing

ST. CLEMENT

Benediction and Choral Response

Wade in the Water

Allen Koepke (b. 1939)

Wade in the water, children, God is gonna trouble the water.
 The River Jordan chills the body, and not the soul.
 If you get there before I do, tell my friends I'm coming too.

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

Worship Leaders

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

Deacons Serving Today

Wisdom Afealete, Peter Ahrens, Ellen Bean, Teddie Granville, Stephen Johnson
 Donald Etulo, Candice Marr, Johnpatrick Marr, Ron Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Claude Welch in loving memory of his daughter, Lisa Welch.

The flowers at the Pulpit are given by Wisdom and Rachel Afealete in memory of his father, Emmanuel Kwamivi Afealete, who is forever in our hearts.

Notes on Today's Music

‡**Will Todd**, British composer and pianist, has worked at the Royal Opera House, the Lincoln Center in New York, London's Barbican, and with Welsh National Opera, award-winning choirs *The Sixteen*, *BBC Singers*, and *Tenebrae*. He travels extensively world-wide, workshopping with choirs, and conducting performances of his works.

Todd's music is valued for its melodic intensity and harmonic skill, often incorporating jazz colours; his choral music is much in demand from amateur as well as professional performers.

He is best-known for his choral works; his jazz-inspired *Mass in Blue* has been performed hundreds of times since its premiere in 2003. He won second prize in the 2002 International Giuseppe Verdi Opera Competition, and his anthem, *The Call of Wisdom*, was commissioned for HRH The Queen's Diamond Jubilee service at Westminster Abbey. Todd's *Passion Music*, his second jazz-inspired choral work, was premiered in London in March 2018.

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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

Today! Installation of The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling • 2 PM in the Sanctuary

Reception to follow in the Holmes Room and Oak Room

January 19 • Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Songs for Our Time: Hope for the Hopeless; Psalm 40:1-11

January 26 • Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Songs for Our Time: When Paralysis Sets In; Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

Visit us on Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church • Buffalo

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS • 2020

The Holocaust Remembered in Music and Poetry

January 15 • Noon

Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, Poet • Anna Mundy, Flute

Music and poetry by artists who perished in the Holocaust frame our annual remembrance.

Local clergy will offer their reactions and prayers.

Bach's Cello Suites

January 24 • 7:30 PM

David Rose, Viola

David Rose has performed internationally as a member of the San Francisco Symphony, Vancouver Symphony, Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, and G27 Chamber Orchestra in Toronto. As a baroque performer, he was a member of the Pacific Baroque orchestra, and has toured and recorded with Toronto's Tafelmusik. He currently serves as head of the string area at SUNY Fredonia, and teaches at the Rocky Ridge Young Artists Seminar in the Colorado Rockies, as well as the Fredonia Summer String Festival.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

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

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

CHURCH LIFE

INQUIRER CLASS

February 9 following 10:30 AM Worship

Friends and visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and the ministries we support 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

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).

BOOKCASES NEEDED FOR ENERGY/ FLY PROGRAMS

Any size (particularly small ones!) will be appreciated. Please drop off at the church. Any questions, contact Betsy Biggar at 716.803.2100.

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 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

NEW TIME FOR DIALOGUE DINER!

We are celebrating a new time for our traditional meal of fellowship on Sundays called "Dialogue Diner." We will now meet AFTER worship two Sundays of the month. Join us for food and fellowship in Parish Hall, Noon until 1 PM. Students grade 6-12 are welcome. Our first Dialogue Diner of the year will be Noon on Sunday, January 26.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

After a year of studying the entire breadth of the Bible, there are certainly things that we need to go back and study further. On January 19, we will be launching 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'll read each of those books while looking at our own lens and experience we bring to the table.

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

January 12

Journey to Ghana

Rachael and Wisdom Afealete will share pictures and stories about their recent trip to Ghana.

January 19

The Northern Capitals and Russia

Presenters: Marcia Buhl and David Carstensen

Marcia and David will share pictures and stories from their trip with Clarence Presbyterian Church last summer; destinations included Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg, and Moscow. David will compare and contrast the Moscow he visited in 1993 when adopting their Ukrainian son, Alexei, with today's modern Moscow.

January 26

Morocco

Presenter: Claude Welch, (retired) SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Political Science

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

January 12

If You Had a Lilly Grant, What Would You Do? (Group discussion) In this program, we will consider Tom Yorty's Lilly Grant experiences and, given the same time frame, design our own journey. We will actively explore the opening sentence of our mission: "Spiritual Life creates opportunities for Westminster members and friends to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith." If you are interested in what we do, this is a great opportunity to join us and find out!

January 19 and 26

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

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, January 20 • 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

KNITTING GROUP

Our next meeting dates are Tuesday, January 14 and 28, 2-4 PM. Our group meets on occasional days throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other handmade items for members of

the church. Contact Fran Holmes for information or dates, mfranholmes@verizon.net

JANUARY MEETUP

Looking for a post holiday pick-me-up? Let's meet up at the West Side Bazaar, 24 Grant Street, on Saturday, January 18 at 11 AM. Come browse and find interesting items for sale from around the world and stay for lunch. Bring friends! We'll have a tour and hear of the exciting expansion planned for the Bazaar. Sign up in the Gallery Room. Contact Carol Greetham, carolgreetham@gmail.com with questions.

(WOW) WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER WINTER RETREAT

Friday, January 24, through Sunday, January 26, at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. We begin Friday evening with a light supper of chili (one is vegetarian) and ends Sunday morning after worship. It is a weekend filled with many things (everything is optional): workshops, relaxing, sharing laughter, and getting to know one another better, spending time in your room, or trekking through the (snowy) woods. The cost is \$130 for a double room and \$175 for a single. Rooms are assigned on a first come first served basis, depending on when you turn in your reservation form with at least a 50% deposit. The remainder must be paid by the start of the retreat. Cost includes all meals through Sunday breakfast. We car pool from the church parking lot. Reservation forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or at our website. under "Church Life."

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.

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

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 December. 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

SAVE THE DATE!

Valentine's Day MeetUP • Friday, February 14, 2020. For Adults: Lively Music, Tasty Drinks, Great Food! For Children: Games, Music, Kids' Food. More information to come!

PRESERVE THE PINNACLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Capital Campaign Cabinet is pleased to report that as of January 8th we have confirmed 192 gifts and pledges in the amount of \$3,069,537 towards the target goal of \$4,100,000. If you have not yet made your Capital Campaign commitment, please do so at the earliest opportunity so that the many repair, restoration, and preservation projects and plans underway can be fully executed. Our historic campus and buildings are a treasure here in the heart of the City of Buffalo providing mission through everyday use by a wide range of community groups.

If you would like more information about options for giving, including designated memorial gifts, please contact Sawrie

Becker, Director of Development, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org 716.884.9437, ext. 315, or speak with one of the Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign Co-chairs: Bob Bojdak, Tim Johnston, or Roger Seifert; Capital Campaign Cabinet Members: John Bace, Melissa Balbach, Robert Constantine, Tony Decillis, Camie Greene, Chris Greene, Lucinda Hohn, Fran Holmes, Sarah Williams, and Tom Yorty.

Please help us close the gap and consider your gift to the Capital Campaign today.

On behalf of the Capital Campaign Cabinet, thank you.
Roger Seifert, Co-chair

NOW & EVER

GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges received as of 1/8/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
GIVING 2020	150	\$459,330	\$140,670
PRESERVE THE PINNACLE	192	\$3,069,537	\$1,030,463

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 insure 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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 12

8:00 AM Infant / Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship with Communion
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Session Meeting
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
12:00 PM Dream Group
2:00 PM Rev. Nutter Dowling Installation

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

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 Church Life Committee
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

11:00 AM January Meet Up

Sunday, January 19

8:00 AM Infant / Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship with Communion
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Deacon Meeting
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Racial Justice Committee Mtg.
1:00 PM AGO Meeting

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That's why, as new members married here in November 2019, we pledged our money and our time to Westminster. We encourage you to do the same—Westminster deserves our generosity.

- James Zawodzinski and Ryan O'Laughlin



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

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Gospel Lesson

The people stand for the reading of the Gospel.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Who is Jesus—and Who are We?

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. 497

The people stand to sing.

With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

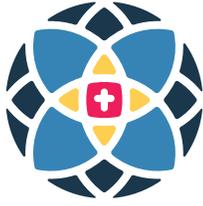
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