



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

MARCH 1, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY
PASTOR



Worship in the Sanctuary • 10:30 AM

Welcome to this Place of Christian Worship

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

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 OLD HUNDRETH

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

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

Song of Creation

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Let the earth glorify the Lord,
Praise Him and highly exalt Him forever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
And all that grows upon the earth,
O springs of water, fields, and streams,
O whales, and all that move in the waters,
All birds of the air, praise Him.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
And all you flocks and herds,
O men and women everywhere,
Praise Him and highly exalt Him forever.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn that follows. Hymn may be found on page 11.

The heavens declare the glory of God.
The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

The plants and trees show God's presence.
Let us join with creation in praising God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world and those who live in it.

God has founded it on the seas,
And established it on the rivers.

Hymn in Procession

Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession

Rev. Hennessy



Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.



Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Defiant Hope - Our Faithful Response to the Climate Crisis

Dr. Antal

Hymn

The people stand to sing. Hymn may be found on page 12.
Come to Tend God's Garden

KING'S WESTON

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

With a Glorious Eye

Christina Harmon[†] (b. 1944)

God looks on nature with a glorious eye,
And blesses all creation with the sun,
Its drapery of green and brown earth ocean lie,
In morning as creation just begun,
That saffron east foretells the rising sun,
And who can look upon that majesty,
Of light brightness and splendour nor feel won,
With love of him whose bright all seeing eye,
Feeds the days light with Immortality.



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 to the Lord's Table

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines. And God will remove from this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples; God will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and take away the disgrace of the people from the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day: this is our God, our salvation; this is the Lord for whom we have waited. Let us be glad and rejoice, for the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

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, loving God, creator and sustainer of all life. You spread out the dazzling canopy of the heavens and established the deep foundations of the earth; you lifted up mountains and hills, high and stately, and poured out oceans and rivers, flowing free. You made all the creatures of the earth to show your glory, and human beings, in your image, to care for this world, your good gift, our beautiful and precious home. When human violence, corruption, and greed laid waste to your good creation you sent a great flood to wash away the stain of sin. With the covenant sign of the rainbow, you promised never to let the earth be destroyed again. Then, in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent Jesus Christ to redeem and restore the earth, healing its brokenness, making all things new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with all creatures great and small, 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 Word made flesh. Christ is the Word that brought order to chaos, bringing all things into being, breathing Spirit into dust. Christ is the Light that overcame the darkness, shining from the dawn of creation to the daybreak of your eternal realm. Christ is the Water that quenches our thirst, flowing from the hearts of believers and springing up into eternal life. Christ is the Bread that rises from the earth, feeding the poor and hungry, giving us wisdom and strength for each day. Christ is the Vine that connects all creation, binding us together in the unity of the Spirit, causing us to bear fruit for the world. Christ is the Life that death could not destroy, who gave his life in love for the world, who lives and reigns forever.

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, and one with all who share this meal, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be Christ's body for the world. Keep us faithful until that time when they will not hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain, when the earth will be full of your glory as the waters cover the sea. Hasten the coming of the day when the wolf shall live in peace with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

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

As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter (b. 1945)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: he made them ev'ry one.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Prayer After Communion

**We give you thanks, eternal God,
That you have fed us in this sacrament.
Fill us with a vision of your new creation,
Where all may have life abundantly;
Through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

The people stand to sing. Hymn may be found on page 13.
God Marked a Line and Told the Sea

OLD HUNDRETH

Benediction



Closing Voluntary

Toccata on OLD HUNDRETH

Denis Bédard



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

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Guest Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
The Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education
The Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate
Cornelia Dopkins, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
The Westminster Schola

Deacons Serving Today

Wisdom Afealete, Drew Dees, Kate Dierenfield, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham,
Evan Izatt, Candace Marr, Johnpatrick Marr, Beatriz Nazario, Ron Sutz

Elders Serving Today

Doug Fabian, Jane Hamilton, Lucinda Hohn, Kathleen Kelly, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Mary Callaghan

Chancel Flowers

The flowers are given in loving memory of Carol Jayne Potter by her family.

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

Notes on Today's Music

Organist and composer **Christina Harmon**[†] is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Southern Methodist University and has done further study at Union Theological Seminary, the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, and the University of North Texas. She has worked as an organ and theory instructor at Southern Methodist University, the University of North Texas, Dallas Baptist University, and the University of Texas at Dallas. Many of Harmon's former students are now professional organists and prize winners. She served Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas thirty-seven years as organist and for twenty years as composer-in-residence.

Harmon's work as a composer and performer appears on several CD recordings. As a performer, she has appeared in concert at many significant churches throughout the United States and Europe. In 1986, she founded the French and British Organ Music Seminars, which have become events of international status in which organists from all over the world study and perform on some of the greatest European organs. In addition she is the editor of six DVDs, which feature the Parisian organs and organists of Ste-Clotilde and St-Sulpice.

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NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

To learn more about our programming or mission, please fill out a Welcome Card (found in the pew). If you need assistance at any time, please ask a Deacon or staff member.

- As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the LGBTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries.
- Bibles and children's worship guides are available at the Sanctuary entrances. For the hearing impaired, receivers are available in the Conference Room.
- Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8-11:30 AM in the school building (across the garden).

CHURCH LIFE

INQUIRER CLASS

March 22 following 10:30 AM Worship

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

This service provides support to assist members and friends with issues and questions related to abuse of alcohol or other drugs. If you or someone you love needs help, call for free and confidential advice. Jen Read (228.7526) and Elizabeth Stewart (585.217.7878), Co-Chairs; Dave Carstensen (884.5403), Jane Morris (571.481.1839), Ellen Smith (431.9284), Phil Stevens (247.3824).

ENERGY

The name ENERGY reflects what we value: Education, Nurture, Encouragement, Readiness, and Growth for Youth. The ENERGY school-year program gathers at Westminster and offers a robust place for children, whose families are refugees and recently immigrated to this country, to develop English-language skills, self-confidence, and cultural awareness. Students receive a one-on-one experience with trained volunteer tutors and staff. If you are interested in reading with children, helping with homework, cooking meals, or leading lessons or activities, contact volunteer@wedibuffalo.org

ENERGY DONATIONS

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERING

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

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling leads this year's Bible Study on the parables of Jesus. In addition to learning what he likely meant by them, we will explore how our individual lens affects what meaning we ascribe to the parable itself. Our study will use supplemental readings that take the texts of the parables and turn them upside down, inside out, and more, while looking at how class, race, sexual orientation, and more affect the way we read Jesus' parables.

DIALOGUE DINER!

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

YOUTH MOVEMENT

Sunday, March 15, Noon-3 PM

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation continues to meet this Sunday. After will break into small groups to launch into the confirmation curriculum. As a reminder, the other dates for brunch are March 8 and 15. Watch for emails about location and pick up times. Confirmation Sunday will be March 22; we can't wait to celebrate!

MAINE MISSION TRIP

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

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES

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

Spiritual Life will join Case Library for this presentation.

March 1

Responding to the Climate Emergency-Suggested Spiritual Practices

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Theologian and Climate Activist. This discussion will explore the spiritual practices we need to build a clean, safe, healthy and viable future. How can the church support individuals, families, leaders,

and communities as they become more resilient? How can church provide the safety and support people need to make this transition? How can we respond with gratitude and hope as God calls our generation to devote our skills, assets, and time to make the changes science says we must and technology says we can? Change like this is extraordinarily difficult to accomplish, but also absolutely essential.

March 8

Fraud, Scams, and You

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

March 1

Responding to the Climate Emergency—Suggested Spiritual Practices

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Theologian and Climate Activist.

Spiritual Life will join Case Library Conversations today for this important and informative program. See Case Library listing for program details.

March 8

Risking Reputation

Presenter: Debbie Katz

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

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 16

1 PM-2:30 PM in the Case Library

The Women of Westminster invite you to a Brown Bag Lunchtime Bible study on the 3rd Monday of each month. This year we will explore the Horizons Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there, we consider a moment from Jesus’ life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. There will be a nominal fee for the book.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MEET AND MINGLE

Please join us on Sundays following 10:30 AM Worship. Enjoy snacks and fellowship in the Holmes Room with friends old and new! Sponsors, shoppers, and hosts are

needed for Meet & Mingle in March. Meet & Mingle is a great way to celebrate a special person or occasion. For more information please sign up in the Gallery Room or contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

KNITTING GROUP

Our next meeting dates are March 10 and 24, 2-4 PM. The group meets on select days throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other handmade items for members of the church. Contact Fran Holmes for information or dates, mfranholmes@verizon.net

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Tuesday, March 3

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

Topic: *Teaching in Tanganyika*

Presenter: Cornelia Dopkins

Before the Peace Corps was up and running a group of Harvard students, interested in the African independence movements, volunteered to teach in Tanganyika. Tanganyika had just become independent of the UK in 1961 and had yet to annex the island of Zanzibar to become today’s Tanzania. *Sign up in the Gallery Room if you will be attending lunch.*

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

THEATRE OF YOUTH (TOY) stimulates the imagination, nurtures the creative spirit, and enhances the education of young people by engaging them in relevant, child-centered, and professionally-produced live theatre programs.

Three Bears Three Ways

Acting out a Story • Saturdays March 14, 21, and 28
10 AM-1 PM in Parish Hall • Grades 1-3

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

PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Westminster Presbyterian Church receives Sacred Sites grant from the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

Westminster 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.

TUESDAYS IN LENT: MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Tuesdays, March 3 through March 31

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

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

March 3 • Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

Mandate from the Book of Genesis to Care for Creation

March 10 • Dr. David Kowalski

The Uniting of Religion and Science to Combat Climate Change

March 17 • Revs. Micah and Katelyn Nutter Dowling

Becoming an Earth Care Congregation

March 24 • Mr. Brendan Mehaffy

Preparing For and Welcoming Climate Refugees to Buffalo and WNY

March 31 • Revs. Micah and Katelyn Nutter Dowling

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

RSVP is necessary; for reservations, visit wpcbuffalo.org/lent

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 1: Lent I

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship with Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Climate Church Workshop
10:00 AM Youth Service/ First Sunday
Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Transition Team Meeting
with Session
12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch
4:00 PM Compline

Monday, March 2

4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program

Tuesday, March 3

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Meeting
12:30 PM Passages Lunch
1:15 PM Passages Program
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
5:00 PM Personnel Meeting

6:00 PM 1st Lenten Dinner & Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, March 4

7:15 AM AA Meeting
9:00 AM Worship Planning
1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
3:45 PM Capital Campaign Meeting
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
5:30 PM Transition Team Meeting
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

9:00 AM WEDI Meeting
12:00 PM Art Gala Set Up
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program

Saturday, March 7

11:00 AM Gene Vitagliano Memorial Service
12:00 PM Gene Vitagliano Reception
7:00 PM WECP Art Gala & Auction

Sunday, March 8: Lent II

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship with Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship with Shanley Baptism
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Transition Team Meeting with
11:45 AM Session Youth Committee Meeting
12:00 PM Confirmation Brunch
12:00 PM Dream Group

Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit

LAUDA ANIMA

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1989

John Goss, 1869



1. Stars and pla - nets flung in or - bit, gal - ax - ies that
2. Skies a - dorned with sun - set splen - dor, si - lent peaks in
3. Life in won - drous, wild pro - fu - sion, seed and fruit, each
4. Hu - man - kind, earth's deep - est mys - tery, born of dust but
5. Gra - cious God, we bring be - fore you gifts of hu - man
6. Christ, the word be - fore cre - a - tion as cre - a - tion's



swirl through space, Pow - ers hid with - in the at - om,
calm re - pose, Gold - en fields a - wait - ing har - vest,
flower and tree, Beast and fish and swarm - ing in - sect,
touched by grace, Torn a - part by tongue and col - or,
life a - lone, Truth that throbs through song and sto - ry,
fin - al goal, Once you came for earth's re - demp - tion;



cells that form an in - fant's face: These, O God, in
foam - ing surf and fra - grant rose: Earth, its boun - ty
soar - ing bird, re - joic - ing, free: These, your crea - tures,
yet a sin - gle, striv - ing race: We, in whom you
vi - sions caught in paint and stone: These, O God, we
by your Spir - it make earth whole. Then, O God, the



si - lence praise you; by your wis - dom they are made.
clothed with beau - ty, ech - oes all cre - a - tion's praise.
join in cho - rus, prais - ing you in word - less song.
trace your im - age, add our words to na - ture's song.
glad - ly of - fer, gifts to praise the Giv - er's name.
new cre - a - tion will your praise for - ev - er sing.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

Compline • March 1 • 4 PM

The Westminster Schola leads this candlelit service of renaissance music and sung scripture.

March 8 • The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Psalm 121, Genesis 12:1-4a; Protector, Defender

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

Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42; You're an Evangelist!

March 22

8:15 AM, The Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling • 10:30 AM, The Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling

Come to Tend God's Garden

KING'S WESTON

John A. Dalles, 1992

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925



1. Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to sow,
2. As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur - rows rise
3. May God's gar - den flour - ish, may our toil suc - ceed,



plant - ing fields of jus - - tice, watch - ing mer - cy grow!
stems of flesh be - gin - nings, stretch - ing toward the skies!
may God bless our ac - - tions, ev - ery word and deed!



In an ar - id waste - land, spread a ver - dant health!
Gra - cious - ness, our mead - ow, joy - ful - ness, our root,
Serv - ing Christ each sea - son, with God's di - a - gram,



In a land of tu - mult, cul - ti - vate God's peace!
u - ni - ty, our fo - liage, righ - teous - ness, our fruit!
char - ted by the Spir - it, for the task at hand!

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Celtic Music and Art • March 18 • 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 traveling 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.

A Musical Feast: Russian Music for Piano and Viola • April 25 • 7:30 PM

David Rose, Viola • Dmitri Novgorodsky, Piano
Hailed as a "breathtaking" and "stunning" pianist, Dmitri Novgorodsky has performed in Russia, Ukraine,
Kazakhstan, Israel, France, Austria, Spain, Turkey, and Taiwan.

The Westminster Handbells in Concert • April 26 • 4:00 PM

The Westminster Handbell Choir • Walter S. Mayo, Director
Buffalo State Jazz Ensemble • George Davis, Director
Bells resound at our handbell choir's annual concert. Each year, the group presents their sacred and
secular favorites and collaborates with other local artists, including the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus,
the Hamburg High School Steel Drum Band, and ballet artists.

God Marked a Line and Told the Sea

OLD HUNDREDTH

Thomas H. Troeger

Attr. Louis Bourgeois



1. God marked a line and told the sea its surg - ing tides and
 2. God set one lim - it in the glade where tempt - ing, fruit - ed
 3. The line, the lim - it and the law are pat - terns meant to
 4. But, dis - con - tent with fi - nite powers, we reach to take what
 5. We are not free when we're con - fined to eve - ry wish that



waves were free to trav - el up the slop - ing
 branch - es swayed, and that first lim - it stands be -
 help us draw a bound be - tween what life re -
 is not ours, and then de - fend our claims by
 sweeps the mind, but free when free - ly we ac -



strand, but not to o - ver - take the land.
 - hind the lim - its that the law de - fined.
 - quires and all the things our heart de - sires.
 force and swerve from life's in - tend - ed course.
 - cept the sa - cred bounds that must be kept.

NOW & EVER

GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges* received as of 02/27/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
GIVING 2020	193	\$515,342	\$84,658
PRESERVE THE PINNACLE	159	\$3,211,585	\$888,415

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



Psalm

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

¹Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? ²You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; ³and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. ⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. ⁵Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Defiant Hope – Our Faithful Response to the Climate Crisis

Dr. Antal

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 13.

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on OLD HUNDRETH

Denis Bédard

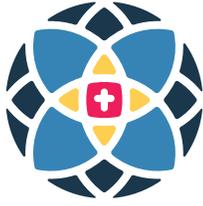
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The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

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