



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

JANUARY 5, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY
PASTOR



Worship in the Sanctuary • 10:30 AM

Welcome to this Place of Christian Worship

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

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

Opening Voluntary

Two settings of *Vom Himmel Hoch*¹

Ernst Flügel[†](1844-1912)
J.S. Bach^{††}(1685-1750)

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

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. 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.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 68

What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of love and compassion,
You have come into the world
And yet we have not recognized you.
Forgive our lack of insight
And open our eyes to see you here and now,
That we may receive your grace
Through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

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



Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.

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

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Voluntary

O Gracious Light²

Traditional

Sermon

Becoming Human

Hymn, No. 62

The people stand to sing.

Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

EPIPHANY SONG

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

We Three Kings of Orient Are
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Traditional

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name.

In sending Christ the Light of the world, you revealed your glory to the nations. You sent a star to guide seekers of wisdom to Bethlehem, that they might worship Christ. Your signs and witnesses in every age lead people from every place to worship him. We praise you that in him we become your children, baptized into your service.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko

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.

We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live. We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.



Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we break bread and share one cup giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ. As you raised our Lord from death and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves to you to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

The people sing.

Thomas Pavlechko



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived for us, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations. By your Spirit draw us together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory, and hold before you now our prayers for the church, the world, and ourselves...

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

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

Words of Institution

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

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

Prayer After Communion

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

Sending Hymn, No 66

The people stand to sing.
We Three Kings of Orient Are

Three Kings Of Orient



Benediction and Congregational Response

Go, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

1. Go, all ye faith-ful, All who know the Sav-ior. Car-ry the
mes-sage far be-yond these walls. Hold, forth the Christ-light.
Con-quer ev-ery dark-ness. Go forth, O church of Je-sus! Pro-claim the one who
frees us! Speak peace! Reach out in mer-cy, in kind-ness, and love.

Closing Voluntary

In Dir ist Freude from *Orgelbüchlein*

J.S. Bach

Immediately following worship, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
 The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education
 Marcia Buhl, Liturgist
 Jaclyn Brown, Mezzo-Soprano
 Jasper Brown, Piano
 Jeffrey Crane, Organist

Deacons Serving Today

Teddie Granville, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, Stephen Johnson, John Mahoney,
 Beatriz Nazario, Roberta Nickelsen, Joan Rice, Roy Stewart

Elders Serving Today

Melissa Balbach, Zandy Barrett, Mary Callaghan, Roger Seifert, Mimi Steadman

The Christmas tree in the Narthex is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Speth.

Notes on Today's Music

†**Ernst Flügel** was born in Stetting, Germany. He taught singing at the *Gymnasium* and in 1879 was appointed Kantor at the Bernhardinkirche in Breslau. His setting of “Vom Himmel Hoch” has the chorale melody in the pedal under three voices which chase each other along in canon in the manual part. This setting was probably written to be used as an introduction to the singing of the hymn since it only states the hymn tune once, it is in the same key as the hymn and the melody in the pedal plays the hymn tune at the tempo at which it would have been sung in Herr Flügel's time.

†**J.S. Bach** was particularly interested in this chorale and wrote several organ settings of it. This morning's is from his *Orgelbüchlein*, a collection of choral settings written around 1714 when Bach was in Weimar. This “Vom Himmel Hoch” is an energetic statement of the chorale tune singing over intertwining counterpoint between the alto and tenor voices and a pedal part that moves along resolutely in eighth notes. To conclude, you will hear the original hymn to which these chorale preludes would have been introductions.

¹**From Heaven Above to Earth I Come** begins the text of the old German chorale that is the basis of this morning's opening voluntaries. Martin Luther wrote the text, and the tune is from the *Geistliche Lieder* of 1539. The Presbyterian Hymnal has four of the original fourteen verses at #54.

²**Phos Hilaron** (Ancient Greek: Φῶς Ἰλαρόν, romanized: *Fós Ilarón*) is an ancient Christian hymn originally written in Koine Greek. Often referred to by its Latin title *Lumen Hilare*, it has been translated into English as *O Gracious Light*. It is the earliest known Christian hymn recorded outside of the Bible that is still in use today. The hymn is part of vespers in the *Byzantine Rite*, and also included in some modern Anglican and Lutheran liturgies.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

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

January 12

Baptism of the Lord

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling

New Deacons and Elders Installation/Ordination

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

Reception to follow.

January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Songs for Our Time: Hope for the Hopeless

Psalm 40:1-11

January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS • 2020

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.

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.

Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra

February 9 • 4:00 PM

Lynne Ruda, Conductor

Since 1983, the Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra has afforded young string players from Western New York an opportunity to study repertoire and technique under the guidance of gifted teachers and conductors.

The orchestra has performed concerts at dozens of venues around Buffalo, Rochester, and surrounding areas.

The Art of the Spiritual

February 19 at noon

Lorenzo Parnell, Tenor

Lorenzo Parnell, has appeared in opera and musical theater productions throughout Buffalo and Western New York. He will share his favorite spirituals, including modern interpretations and arrangements

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!

YOUTH MOVEMENT

The next Youth Movement will be an Epiphany party today at 6 PM. We will meet at AMF Lancaster Bowling Lanes, 4913 Transit Road, Depew, NY, 14043. For our Yankee Swap, please bring a wrapped gift that you would enjoy and \$10 dollars to bowl. Pick up is 8:30 PM.

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.

REVEREND KATELYN NUTTER DOWLING INSTALLATION

Please mark your dates for this important time in the church as we formally celebrate Rev. Nutter Dowling here with us on January 12. There will be a service at 2 PM and a reception to follow. Watch for more information in the days to come as to how our students can be a part of this special day.

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 5

Climate Topic: Wind Energy and the Climate Crisis

Presenter: Ellen Banks, Conservation Chair, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter. Learn about some of the myths and fears surrounding wind turbines and the scientific evidence for their safety for human and environmental health.

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 5

Using Top 5 Regrets of the Dying to Shape your Personal Resolutions/Goals for 2020

Presenter: Allan Hayes. We will discuss how we might design our own resolutions based on the findings of a palliative care nurse who found consistency among her patients when it came to their regrets.

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 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

Roof, Spire and Ceiling Repair... Stained Glass Preservation... Pipe Organ Restoration... Mission Projects...
 Since 1854, Westminster has been a special place to worship God, to live according to Biblical lessons and to work for fairness for all people. Our campus and buildings here in the heart of the city are a historic treasure and an effective means of providing mission through everyday use by a wide range of community groups. After two years of extensive research and preparation the WPC Capital Campaign was officially launched to the congregation on Sunday, October

27th. With a goal of \$4.1M we have thus far received commitments of \$2.9M. We please need your commitment now. Capital Campaign gifts can be paid over a three-year period but we please need your commitment as soon as possible so as to allow for planning and negotiating the best possible repair and preservation costs from vendors. If you would like more information about the options for giving, including designated memorial gifts, please contact Sawrie Becker, WPC Director of Development email: sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org, 716.884.9437 ext. 315 or speak with one of the Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign Co-chairs; Bob Bojdak, Tim Johnson, 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 can also be contacted and will be pleased to assist you. There are many ways to give and we please need your commitment to the Capital Campaign now. Please help us Preserve the Pinnacle and the WPC Campus, which serves as a much respected voice for justice and progressive values.

On behalf of the Capital Campaign,
 Roger Seifert, Co-chair

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Tuesday, January 7 • Lunch: 12:30 PM in the Case Library

Topic: Gender Development

Speaker: Tom Mazur Co-director, Center for Psychosexual Health

Mr. Mazur is an expert in the psycho-social development of children and youth in the areas of sexuality, gender identity, as well as disorders of sexual development. He is currently co-director of the Center for Psychosexual Health. The goal of Tom's presentation is not only to educate us but also answer questions each of us may have regarding such new terms as LGBTQ and more, including pronoun confusion and the new gender linguistics.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 5

- 9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
- 10:30 AM Worship W/Communion
- 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
- 6:00 PM Youth Movement

Monday, January 6

- 4:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting
- 4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
- 6:30 PM Year of the Bible- Celebration/ Graduation

Tuesday, January 7

- 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 Worship, Music & Arts
- 5:30 PM Personnel Meeting
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
- 7:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, January 8

- 7:15 AM AA Meeting
- 8:00 AM Generosity Meeting
- 9:00 AM Worship Planning
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 3:45 PM Capital Campaign Meeting
- 4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

- 7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP
- 12:00 PM Noontime AI-Anon
- 4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
- 6:00 PM Choir Retreat

Saturday, January 11

- 9:00 AM Choir Retreat
- 9:00 AM Officer Training

Sunday, January 12

- 8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care
- 8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion
- 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
- 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Session Meeting
- 10:30 AM Worship-Deacon/Elder Ordination/Installation
- 10:40 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
- 11:45 AM Racial Justice Committee Meeting
- 12:00 PM Dialogue Diner
- 12:00 PM Dream Group
- 2:00 PM Rev. Nutter Dowling Installed



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