



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY
PASTOR



Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalms 112:1-10

David Hurd[†] (b. 1950)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments! ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever. ⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. ⁶For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord. ⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. ⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor. ¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 58:6-12

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.

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



Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Magnificat Faith: Salt and Light

Dr. Yorty

Hymn

The people stand to sing. Hymn may be found on page 11.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before thy face.
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Lead me, Lord, in true holiness, teach me to love and trust in thee.
Thou art our God, the God of our salvation, all nations shall praise thy holy name.

Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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





Prayer of Dedication

Loving God,
We give thanks for all you have given to us
And praise you for your astounding goodness.
Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies
For the ministry of your church.
Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom,
And give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided,
Through Christ our Lord.
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

The people stand to sing. Hymn may be found on page 12.
You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH

Benediction and Choral Response

Father, Give Thy Benediction

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Father, give thy benediction, give thy peace before we part;
Still our minds with truth's conviction, calm with trust each anxious heart.

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare for an Occasion

David Lawrence Wood (b. 1960)

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

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Mike Reynolds, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
The Westminster Schola

Deacons Serving Today

Wisdom Afealete, Betsy Biggar, Janet Christie, Kate Dierenfield, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham,
Steve Jaworski, Joan Rice, Ron Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Cleora Schrag Klein and Ernest John Klein, Jr.
by Pam and Lance Pollock, Rob Pollock, Anne, Neil, and Max Wechsler.

Notes on Today's Music

Born in Brooklyn, New York, †**David Hurd** was a boy soprano at St. Gabriel's Church in Hollis, Long Island, New York. Educated at Oberlin College and the University of North Carolina, he has been professor of church music and organist at General Theological Seminary in New York since 1976. In 1985 he also became Director of Music for All Saints Episcopal Church, New York. Hurd is an outstanding recitalist, improviser, and a composer of organ, choral, and instrumental music. In 1987 David Hurd was awarded the degree of Doctor of Music, *honoris causa*, by the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. The following year he received honorary doctorates from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California, and from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. His *I Sing As I Arise Today, the collected hymn tunes of David Hurd*, was published in 2010.

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WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

February 16

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Psalm 119:1-8; Matthew 5:21-37

Magnificat Faith: More Than Checking Boxes

February 23

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Psalm 99; Matthew 17:1-9

Magnificat Faith: Ordinary Awe

February 26 • Ash Wednesday

The Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling

The traditional service of imposition of ashes, and celebration of the Lord's Supper
will be held at 12 Noon and 6 PM in the Holmes Chapel.

At 6PM, the Westminster Schola will lead this service marking the beginning of the solemn season of Lent.

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

Visit us on Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church • Buffalo

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, February 9

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship with Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Conversation
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Inquirer Class
12:00 PM Dream Group
4:00 PM GBYSO Concert

Monday, February 10

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

Tuesday, February 11

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Meeting
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY
5:00 PM Worship, Music, and Arts

5:30 PM Personnel Meeting

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

7:15 AM AA Meeting

9:00 AM Worship Planning

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

5:30 PM Transition Team Mtg

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, February 13

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

8:00 AM Ministry of Generosity Meeting

12:00 PM Climate Conference Facilitators

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY

6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 14

7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP

12:00 PM Noontime AI-Anon

4:00 PM Youth Mission Trip

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY

Saturday, February 15

10:00 AM Theatre of Youth

Sunday, February 16

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

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9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship

10:40 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS • 2020

Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra • Today at 4:00 PM • Lynne Ruda, conductor

Since 1983, the Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra has afforded young string players from Western New York an opportunity to study repertoire and technique under the guidance of gifted teachers and conductors. The orchestra has performed concerts at dozens of venues around Buffalo, Rochester, and surrounding areas.

The Art of the Spiritual • February 19 • Noon • Lorenzo Parnell, tenor

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

Salvatore Andolina and Friends • February 23 • 7:30 PM

Salvatore Andolina, clarinet • Claudia Hoca, piano • Tiffany DuMouchelle, soprano

In the greater world of music, crossover artists will always be a rare item. But the challenge to swing freely between classical repertoire and the realm of jazz has been met straight away by the saxophone and clarinet virtuosity of Sal Andolina. As a touring artist, Sal has appeared at major venues across the United States, including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, and in Los Angeles on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. His international performances include a recent recital tour of Japan. In addition to appearing as a soloist with JoAnn Falletta and the BPO, Sal has appeared with the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall with Marvin Hamlisch, performed the Artie Shaw Concerto with Peter Nero of the Philadelphia Pops, and has been a soloist with the Rochester Philharmonic, the Grand Rapids Symphony, Niagara Symphony, Fresno Philharmonic, and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, among others.

Celtic Music and Art • March 18 • 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.



GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges* received as of 02/06/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
GIVING 2020	179	\$487,372	\$112,628
PRESERVE THE PINNACLE	151	\$3,126,703	\$976,978

The "Now & Ever - Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign" is well underway! Thank you to all who have pledged. If you have yet to pledge, we ask that you please return your signed Giving 2020 pledge card and your Preserve the Pinnacle pledge card at your earliest convenience. There is a basket on the table in the Holmes Room where you can place your completed pledge cards or pick up a pledge packet. For your convenience, you may make a pledge, and a pledge payment to Giving 2020, as well as a gift to Preserve the Pinnacle on our secure site at www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving. Our goal for Giving 2020 is \$600,000 and for Preserve the Pinnacle is \$4.1 million.

As you prayerfully think about your pledge, please consider increasing your pledge for Giving 2020 by either increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars, or making an overall 5% increase to ensure that we successfully accomplish our goal. Please know that whatever you contribute to the "Now & Ever - Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign" will be greatly appreciated.

*Individual pledges and gifts from foundations.

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

Today following 10:30 AM Worship

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

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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

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

ENERGY

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

WEST SIDE BAZAAR

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERING

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

Starting February 16

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling will lead.

This year's Bible Study will focus 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmands will meet for their first official Spring lesson on February 23 after worship. We will eat together with Dialogue Diner and then will break into our small groups to launch into our confirmation curriculum. As a reminder, the other dates for brunch are: March 4, 8, and 15. Watch for individual emails about location and pick-up times. Confirmation Sunday is March 22 and we can't wait to celebrate!

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 per month. On February 23, join us for food and fellowship in Parish Hall, Noon until 1 PM. Students grade 6-12 are welcome.

MISSION TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

FEBRUARY 14-18

High Schoolers! We need your commitment as soon as possible for our upcoming trip with our sister church, First Presbyterian Tonawanda. To register, email Micah at micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES

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

February 9

A New Future for the Buffalo Central Terminal

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

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

February 16

Buffalo East Side 21 Strategy: Blueprinting Growth and Economic Development

Presenter: James W. Pitts, Urban Planner

The Eastside 21 Strategy recognizes that economic

prosperity is as much an issue as social, political and cultural challenges. The economic development of the city's Eastside into a healthy, sustainable, and wealth building community is essential to a growing local and regional economy. Pitts is an urban planner with an accomplished record using sustainable design to revitalize and rebuild low income communities in both the public and private sectors.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

February 9

Soul Making Explorations

Presenter: The Reverend Dr. Tom Yorty

We encourage you to purchase a copy of the current *Traffic East* magazine in which Tom, inspired by an interview Anderson Cooper had with Stephen Colbert and influenced by William Wordsworth and John Keats, shares his own personal experiences and perspective, including the opening and closing lines:

"When I was growing up, my father's drinking led to a slowly evolving crisis in our family."

"...our hearts bend into souls, if we let them, fitting the shape of our lives as we learn from the things we wish most had not happened but discover one day we are grateful for."

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, February 17

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

KNITTING GROUP

Our next meeting date is Tuesday, February 25, 2-4 PM. The group meets on select days throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other handmade items for members of the church. Contact Fran Holmes for information or dates, mfranholmes@verizon.net

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. It was the summer of 1962. 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. ***Interactive storytelling*** This class will activate and enhance gross motor skills, listening, responding and using their own unique imaginations. Grades K-2 February 15, 10 AM-2 PM in Parish Hall.

PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

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

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

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

LANCASHIRE

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887

Henry T. Smart, 1836



1. Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
2. Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
3. Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,



loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;



Through prayer - ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,



to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966



1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2. I want to see the bright - ness of God. I want to look at
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - - sus. God set the stars to give light to the
Je - - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness, shine on my
Je - - sus. When we have run with pa - tience the



world. The star of my life is Je - - sus.
path, and show me the way to the Fa - - ther.
race, we shall know the joy of Je - - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - - sus.

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH

Marty Haugen, 1986

Marty Haugen, 1986

Leader:

Congregation:



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: Salt for the King - dom of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: Light for the Cit - y of God!
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple: Bring forth the King - dom of God!
4. We are a blessed and a pil - grim peo - ple: Bound for the King - dom of God!

Leader:

Congregation:



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: Life in the Cit - y of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the Cit - y of God!
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the Cit - y of God!
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: Love is the Cit - y of God!

Refrain:



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the King - dom of peace;



Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit - y of God!



2020 Vision: Climate Leap Forward

A Forum to Meet the Climate Crisis

Saturday, February 29 • 9 AM - 3 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church • Buffalo
Cost: \$10 • Students: \$5 • Lunch provided

The Bible calls communities and nations to preserve the earth. A leading voice for climate responsibility, The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, will share models for activism in the church across the nation and explore with us the climate challenges to Western New York. We will discern how God calls us to collective action and send participants back to their congregations to encourage commitment and action to climate justice.

Space is limited; please register online at wpcbuffalo.org/climate

Agenda:

Keynote and Questions with Rev. Dr. Jim Antal
Breakout Group Discussions
Group Reports to Plenary
Rev. Dr. Antal's Response and Charge
Concluding Worship

Clergy Session and Breakout Groups and Facilitators Include:

Youth Strike - Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling
Creation Justice for Congregations - Roger Cook & Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling
Eco-Justice on West and East Sides of Buffalo - Joshua Wallace
Our Sacred Waters - Lynda Schneekloth
Renewable Energy (Wind/Solar) - Bob Ciesielski
WNY as a Region for Climate Refugees - Brendan Mehaffy
Climate Disaster Relief Responsibility - Rev. Amos Acree
Is Climate Change Real: What Scientists Tell Us - Dave Kowalski, PhD

*The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, author of the acclaimed book, *Climate Church, Climate World*, is immediate past President of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church Christ and a long-time activist, speaker, author.*

This conference is made possible in part by a grant from the Lilly Endowment.

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 58:6-12

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Magnificat Faith: Salt and Light

Dr. Yorty

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 12.

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare for an Occasion

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