



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

JANUARY 19, 2020

SECOND 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.

Time with Children

TALLIS' CANON

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

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 40

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

¹I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry. ²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord. ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. ⁵Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you. ⁶Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count. ⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you); ⁸Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come. ⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'" ¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know. ¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation. ¹²You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever, ¹³For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me. ¹⁴Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.



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Sermon

Songs for Our Time: Hope for the Hopeless

Hymn, No. 339

The people stand to sing.
Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
Who from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still to us extends his grace.
Heaven and earth by him were made;
All is by his scepter swayed;
What are we that he should show
So much love to us below?
God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Savior's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by his Spirit pure.
Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
Praise him till he calls thee home;
Truth his love for all to come.

Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je-sus Christ whose pow'r up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it!



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.



Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks, O loving God,
That you have placed in the hearts of your
Faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.
Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation
And restore all people to Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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

Sending Hymn, No. 379

The people stand to sing.
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

Benediction and Choral Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Trumpet Tune

Nicholas Bowden

Immediately following worship, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.
Thank you to our hosts today, Lucinda Hohn and Ellie Seib.

Worship Leaders

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

Deacons Serving Today

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

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Sue Adams in loving memory of Rose Danforth
in honor of her birthday, January 23.

Notes on Today's Music

†**George Thomas Surtees Talbot** was an English clergyman, musician, composer and writer. The son of the Rev. Thomas Talbot, Vicar of Christ Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Annie Surtees Marsden, Talbot was born in Durham and studied at Christ Church, Oxford. He was ordained deacon in 1901 and priest in 1902 and served as curate of St. Chad's, Far Headingley (1901-1903), before being appointed Vicar Choral of York Minster in 1904. In 1915 he was appointed Vicar of All Saints' church in Huntington, Yorkshire.

Talbot was a composer of church music, including settings of *Psalms 150* ("O praise God in his holiness") and *Psalms 62* ("My soul rests in God alone"). He was also the author of *Hints on the study of the great composers. Selected lists of the music*, (1914) and *Graded lists of the music of the great composers, a guide for teacher and students* (1914).

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 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

WEDI 12TH ANNUAL WINTERFEST

February 7 • 6:30 PM-9:30 PM • Rich's Atrium

Join in celebrating the accomplishments of WEDI and learn about the impact of community projects like the West Side Bazaar, a small business incubator, and our After-School and Microloan programs. Information is available on WEDI's plans for the future, including the Bazaar expansion, and meet like-minded community improvement supporters who are willing to dedicate time, energy, and funding to see our community truly become a better place for all. Enjoy authentic ethnic cuisine directly from the West Side Bazaar, live auctions, silent auctions, and live music. For questions regarding sponsorships, advertisements, and donations, contact Grove Potter, gpotter@wedibuffalo.org

WESTMINSTER'S ALCOHOL/OTHER DRUG EDUCATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE

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

BOOKCASES NEEDED FOR ENERGY/ FLY PROGRAMS

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

WEST SIDE BAZAAR

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

ENERGY

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

NEW TIME FOR DIALOGUE DINER!

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

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

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY 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. Today, 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 read each of those books while looking at our own lens and experience we bring to the table.

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES

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

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 19 and 26

Chris LaMendola will discuss Jonathan 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

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Tuesday, February 4 • Lunch, 12:30 PM followed by movies and popcorn at 1:15 PM.

Two great Academy Award Short films will be shown: *Ave Maria* (2016) which depicts what happens when five nuns living on the West Bank have their routine disrupted by an Israeli Family whose car breaks down outside the convent. While observing restrictions of their respective faith traditions, they work together to problem solve. The second film, *Sing* (2017) takes Place in Budapest and is based on a true story of an award winning school choir and the new girl

facing a difficult ethical dilemma. These movies were both nominated in the short film category the years they were produced. Since these films are "short" there should be time for brief discussion of each. Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room if you will be attending lunch.

KNITTING GROUP

Our next meeting date is Tuesday, January 28, 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

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 January. 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

PRESERVE THE PINNACLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Capital Campaign Cabinet is thankful in reporting that several additional pledges were received during the week adding \$90,000 for a total received to date of \$3,111,422. This represents 146 pledges and gifts towards our goal of \$4,100,000. If you have not yet made your Capital Campaign commitment, please do so at the earliest opportunity so that the many repair, restoration, mission, and preservation projects and plans underway can be fully executed.

Our WPC campus and buildings are a historic treasure here in the heart of the City of Buffalo providing mission through everyday use by a wide range of community groups.

If you would like more information about options for giving, including designated memorial gifts, please contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org 716.884.9437, ext. 315 or speak with one of the *Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign* Co-chairs; Bob Bojdak, Tim Johnston, or Roger Seifert. Capital Campaign Cabinet Members; John Bace, Melissa Balbach, Robert Constantine, Tony Decillis, Camie Greene, Chris Greene, Lucinda Hohn, Fran Holmes, Sarah Williams and Tom Yorty can also be contacted and will be pleased to answer questions and guide you. Please help us close the gap and consider your gift to the Capital Campaign today. On behalf of the Capital Campaign Cabinet, Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to space scheduling conflicts, the Valentine's Day MeetUp scheduled for February 14, sponsored by the Membership Committee, has been postponed. Date to be determined.

I Waited Patiently for God

AZMON

The Iona Community, 1993

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828



1. I wait - ed pa - tient - ly for God, for God to hear my prayer;
2. God raised me from a mir - y pit, from mud and sink - ing sand,
3. And on my lips a song was put, a new song to the Lord.
4. Great won - ders you have done, O Lord, all pur - posed for our good.



and God bent down to where I sank and lis - tened to me there.
and set my feet up - on a rock where I can firm - ly stand.
Man - y will mar - vel one to name, I bow in grat - i - tude.
Un - a - ble ev - ery one to name, I bow in grat - i - tude.

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.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 19

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 Deacon Meeting
 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Bible Study
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 AM Worship
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 11:45 AM Racial Justice Committee Meeting
 1:00 PM AGO Meeting

Monday, January 20

MLK Day - WECF Closed
 1:00 PM WOW Bible Study
 1:00 PM WEDI Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 21

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Meeting
 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds

4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 4:45 PM Invested Funds
 5:30 PM Budget & Finance Meeting
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, January 22

7:15 AM AA Meeting
 8:00 AM WEDI Board Meeting
 9:00 AM Worship Planning
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
 4:30 PM UPK Meeting
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Session Meeting
 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, January 23

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 8:30 AM UPK Meeting
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 6:00 PM Handbells
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 24

12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
 4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
 5:00 PM WOW Winter Retreat
 7:30 PM David Rose Recital

Sunday, January 26

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
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch
 12:00 PM Dialogue Diner
 6:00 PM Youth Movement

NOW & EVER & GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges* received as of 1/17/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
GIVING 2020	160	\$468,702	\$131,298
PRESERVE THE PINNACLE	146	\$3,111,422	\$988,578

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.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

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

January 26

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Songs for Our Time: When Paralysis Sets In

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 40

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Meditation

Songs for Our Time: Hope for the Hopeless

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God" when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. All of the bread distributed is gluten free. Please take the center aisle to the communion station, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.

Sending Hymn, No. 497

The people stand to sing.

With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing

ST. CLEMENT

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Trumpet Tune

Nicholas Bowden

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education

The Reverend Micah Nutter Dowling, Director of Youth Ministries

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