



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

GENEROSITY SUNDAY

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

Prelude

Gaillard Battaglia
Brother James' Air
Sonata
Three Pieces
Minuet

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860-1925)
Anonymous
Tylman Susato (1510-1570)
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Opening Voluntary

Otley

Malcolm C. Wilson (b. 1957)

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

Choral Fanfare for Christ the King

H. Hamilton Smith (b. 1948)

He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.
All kings shall pay him homage. All nations shall serve him. Alleluia.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away.
And his kingdom shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

The Rev. Beth Hennessy

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus
The king and model for our lives.
We have been quick to call on others
To follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same.
We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness
Yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion.
Forgive us, O God.
Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike
In word, in deed, and in spirit. 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

Cameron Airhart, Co-chair, Giving 2020

Psalm

Psalms 46

Martin Luther (1483-1586)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; ³Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. ⁴The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. ⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁶God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day. ⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. ⁸The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. ⁹Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things he has done on earth. ¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. ¹¹"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." ¹²The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.



Scripture Lesson

Mimi Steadman, Chair, Ministry of Generosity Committee

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.



Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Invitation to the Offering

Michele Mahaffey, Co-chair, Giving 2020

The ushers will collect our weekly gifts and offerings.

Offertory Anthem

Psalms 100

David Hurd[†] (b. 1950)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise! Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.



Presentation of the Gifts

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God,
 You have looked upon your people
 With mercy, generosity, and love.
 You have granted your favor to your people,
 Offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom.
 And so we offer these gifts
 For your hurting and broken world.
 May they be multiplied to do your service.
 May we be strengthened to do your work.
 In the name of Jesus the Christ,
 Who multiplied gifts and fed multitudes.
 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.

Meditation

Now & Ever: No Limits to Love

Discerning our Financial Commitment for 2020

Roger Seifert, Co-chair, Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign

Procession of Pledges

At this time, you may place your Giving 2020/Preserve the Pinnacle Pledge Card in any of the baskets in any aisle. If you are not prepared to make a pledge to the Preserve the Pinnacle Campaign, simply complete the portion of the Pledge Card for your Giving 2020 to Westminster's Mission and Ministry. We understand that some need to reflect more on their gift to the 3 year Capital/Mission Preserve the Pinnacle Campaign.



Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter (b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies...

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light...

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild...

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven...

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

Prayer of Dedication for Our Gifts for 2020 and Preserve the Pinnacle

Bob Bojdak, Co-chair, Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value,
The treasure of abundant life.
Bless our gifts that we offer you this day for the years to come.
With them may we share your love and proclaim the reign of peace
And justice in your kingdom. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions
The people stand to sing.

NEW DIMENSIONS



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of chang - ing ways,
2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions and de - spair,
3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self seek - ing schemes,
4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions, old and young,
5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with - draw in pain,



who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?
grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



ow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple,



God of rain - b



ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.



ours the jour -



Benediction and Choral Response

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

My good Lord's done been here! Blessed my soul and gone away.
When I get to heaven and my work is done,
Going to sit down with my sister Mary and chatter with the darling son.
Going down to the river of Jordan one of these days.
Going to sit at the welcome table. There, I will see my savior's face.
Hold up the Baptist finger, hold up the Baptist hand,
When I get in the heavens, going to join the Baptist Band.

Closing Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley (1712-1786)

*Immediately following worship, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room.
Thank you to our hosts today, members of the Ministry of Generosity.*

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Claude Welch, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
The Westminster Handbell Choir, Walter S. Mayo, Director
The Westminster Choir
Buffalo Brass
Matt Miraglia and Rich Reiderer, trumpet
Allison Dings, French horn
Rob King, trombone
Mark Jones, tuba
Andy Ziemba, percussion

Deacons Serving Today

Peter Ahrens, Ellen Bean, Stephen Johnson, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Donald Etulo, Candace Marr,
Johnpatrick Marr, Jane Morris, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of his wife, Nancy Stover Sutz,
on her birthday, November 24 by Ron Sutz.

The flowers at the Pulpit are given in loving memory of Nina and William Kolbe given by their daughters,
Elaine Mattar and Phyllis Margrey.

Notes on Today's Music

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 and 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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WESTMINSTER PRESENTS • MUSIC AND THE ARTS • 2019-2020

Friends of Harmony • December 6 • 7:30 PM

Marshall Kelkenberg, Conductor • Meredith Zimmer, Conductor

The Friends of Harmony, Western New York's premiere barbershop chorus, celebrates music of the Christmas season in their unique, a cappella style. The choir offers performances of varied musical styles throughout the region and compete at regional and national competitions.

Christmas Carols and Classics • December 18 • Noon

The American Caroling Company

No holiday celebration is complete without everyone's favorite carolers.

The American Caroling Company performs traditional and contemporary Christmas classics in Dickens attire.

This truly unique ensemble has performed for Macy's, Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban, NBC's Rockefeller Tree Lighting, and many others.

Christmas at Westminster • December 20 • 7:30 PM

The Choirs of Westminster • The Western New York Chamber Orchestra

The Buffalo Brass • QED Vocal Ensemble • The Westminster Handbell Choir • Rosanna Moore, Harp

Garrett F. Martin, Conductor • Walter S. Mayo, Handbell Choir Conductor

Westminster presents Buffalo's favorite new holiday tradition with something for everyone! Nearly 100 musicians will ring in the Christmas season with classical masterworks, handbell favorites, and treasured congregational Christmas Carols.

Bring your family and friends!

Family Service • December 24 • 5:15 PM

A service of harp, choirs, and carols for all ages.

The QED Vocal Ensemble will present Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*.

83rd Annual Lessons and Carols

December 24 • 10 PM

The Westminster Choirs pay tribute to the traditional Lessons and Carols service format which began at Truro Cathedral, Cornwall. Nine scripture texts alternating with choral anthem and congregational carols help prepare for the birth of Jesus.

The Choirs of Westminster, The Western New York Chamber Orchestra, The Buffalo Brass, The QED Vocal Ensemble, and the Westminster Handbell Choir lead us in this festival service and one of Western New York's Christmas traditions.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

8:15 AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

December 1 • First Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Luke 19:1-10

December 8 • Second Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Messiah Sunday • Matthew 3:1-12

December 15 • Third Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Children's Christmas Pageant

December 29 • First Sunday after Christmas Day

One Service at 10:30 AM

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday

Visit our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage.

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 to 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

December 1 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 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 Monday through Friday from 3:30 PM-6 PM 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. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 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

THE ANGEL TREE On Monday, November 25, look for the decorated Angel Tree in the Gallery Room! Your gift donations will be distributed to various agencies around WNY to help those in need. Fulfill a wish from children and parents from several community agencies. Volunteers are needed to cut out Angels, put tags on the Angels, help people sign out Angels on Sunday mornings before and after church, and to sort gifts for delivery. A sign-up sheet is on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Questions? Contact Ardrey Manning 310-5395.

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 have not gone through confirmation, please contact Katelyn at katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org to sign up and begin the process of finding a mentor!

CONFIRMAND BRUNCH

Sunday, December 8

Students and Mentors, please come for brunch as we celebrate our growing relationships through the process of confirmation and look ahead to spring programming. We'll meet at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church at 12 PM for lunch and fun.

Let Katelyn or Micah know your commitment ASAP.

kddowling@wpcbuffalo.com or mndowling@wpcbuffalo.org

DIALOGUE DINER

Dialogue Diner is a weekly breakfast and fellowship for students 6th-12th grade. We will start back December 8 and go through the 22nd. Come start your Sunday off with good food and good community. We meet in the Parish Hall kitchen from 9:30AM to 10:15AM before heading to worship together at 10:30AM.

APPLE PIE SALES

November 24 at 9 AM and 11:30 AM. Pick-up your apple pies following today's worship

THANKSGIVING MISSION DAY!

Saturday, November 30 • 9:30 AM-2 PM. We welcome all Westminster, Deerpark, and Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church students, grades 6-12, to come serve at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy on the East Side of Buffalo. Eat lunch and

debrief at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church.
If Interested, email Micah at micahnd@wpcbufalo.org
or 205-616-6780.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: YEAR OF THE BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings, 9:15 AM-10:15 AM in the Parish Hall and
Monday evenings 7 PM-8:15 PM in the Case Library.
Year of the Bible participants have now read 2/3 of the
Bible, moving through readings in Old and New Testament,
Psalms, and Proverbs. We're now working our way through
Paul's letters in the New Testament, and we are beginning
our journey with the Prophets in the Old Testament. It's not
too late to join our group!

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION SERIES

Sundays, 9 AM-10:15 AM in the Case Library
Case Library Conversations presents opportunities to hear
from community leaders, experts, and members on local,
national, and global issues. These offerings are always lively
and intelligent. Participants are invited to dialogue, discuss,
and respectfully disagree.

November 24

Climate Crisis: Rise Up! Take Action!

More about the impact of the climate crisis and about the
ways people and NY State government are taking action to
curb climate change.

Presenter: David Kowalski, Research Scientist (retired) &
Environmental Activist

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sundays, 9 AM-10:15 AM in the Heritage Room
Spiritual Life creates opportunities to explore and reflect
together upon the interior life of faith. Discoveries and
questions come from topics such as deep listening,
gratitude, compassion, grace, and grieving. Poetry and art
are frequently woven into a presentation.

November 24

***Spiritual Life will not be meeting this Sunday. Please join
Case Library for "Climate Crisis: Rise Up! Take Action!"***

December 1

If you had a Lilly Grant, what would you do?

Presenter: Fred Cooley

In this program, Spiritual Life will build on Tom Yorty's Lilly
Grant experiences. Given the finances that were available
to our pastor and the time frame, we will have the pleasure
of designing our own trip. The trip can be "eternal," such
as going somewhere and doing something, or more of an
"internal" trip, like spending a month on the top of Mt. Baldy
in California and participating in a guided contemplative
meditation run by guru Joseph Goldstein or a comparable
master of the contemplative arts. There might or might not
be a stated outcome, whether a poem, wisdom,
photographs, recorded interviews, or any number of hoped-
for results.

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, November 18 • 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
in the Case Library. 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

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

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Tuesday, December 3 • Lunch: 12:30 PM in the Case Library
Lunch: 1:15 PM in the Oak Room

A Christmas program of carols presented by the Nardin
Elementary Junior Choir, Mark Mazur, Music Director; Kensia
Russell, Assistant Music Director. Please sign up in the
Gallery Room if you plan on attending lunch.

(WOW) WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION EVENT

Tuesday, December 3 • 6 PM in the Case Library

Our pot luck dinner is a time for fellowship as we prepare
gift bags for shut-ins, many of whom receive this bag as
their only Christmas celebration. A list of items to bring for
the bags and to sign up for what dish you will bring to share
is available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

ADVENT DINNER

Sunday December 15

Join us in the Parish Hall following 10:30 AM Worship to
enjoy a delicious turkey dinner, and wonderful side dishes
which will please all ages. Vegetarian meals are available
with advance request. \$12 for ages 9 and over (no charge
for 8 and under) \$45 for a family. Reservation forms will
soon be available.

(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.
More details and reservation forms will be available on the
Information Table in the Gallery Room or at our website.
under "Church Life." Please consider joining us!

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 November. 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

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.

Mad Skills: Intro to Scene Study for Teens, December 7 and 14 in the Parish Hall. For the teen who wants to explore the world of the play and relationships between characters.

DID YOU KNOW...

A full ten percent of all *Preserve the Pinnacle* Capital Campaign funds raised will be designated in support of Mission and Outreach projects. The Session has approved several projects in collaboration with the Bailey Green Community Restoration Project. Many of our WPC neighbors who live East of Main Street face the complex and inter-related challenges of poverty, limited housing choices, and children at risk. Your own individual gift and pledge to the capital campaign will help support this important collaboration. Please give generously.

GIVING 2020 AND PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pick up your Now & Ever Giving 2020 and Preserve the Pinnacle Pledge Packets

Today is Generosity Sunday and you can still pick up your Now & Ever Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Pledge Packet in the Oak Room before worship. Together on this special day, we will return our gifts to Giving 2020 and Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign as we show our love and gratitude to God for the many blessings of this church. After worship, stay and celebrate with a special Meet & Mingle hosted by the Ministry of Generosity.

“Now & Ever Ampersand” Please stop in the Holmes Room and write your hopes, dreams, and prayers of gratitude to God for Westminster on a ribbon. Weave your ribbon through the ampersand wire to join all the prayers and hopes of our church family as we re-center ourselves this generosity season. A special thank you to John Montague for designing and creating this piece of art.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday
Generosity Dedication Sunday
9:00 AM Apple Pie Sales & Pick -Up
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:15 AM Year of the Bible
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

Monday, November 25

4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
5:00 PM CMH Board Meeting
7:00 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, November 26

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, November 27

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

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!
WECP & WPC Closed

Friday, Nov 29

WECP & WPC Closed

Saturday, November 30

9:30 AM Youth • Thanksgiving Mission Day

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:15 AM Year of the Bible
10:30 AM Worship W/Communion
11:15 AM Inquirer Class
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
4:00 PM Compline



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