



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

**December 13, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**



And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”  
In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none;  
and whoever has food must do likewise.”

-Luke 3: 10, 11

## 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 unable to be 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*

## Opening Voluntary

Concerto in *La minore*  
Max Pipinich, bassoon

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

## 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.*

### Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

*The Fitzgibbons/Mages family – Maureen, Colleen, Sean and Maeve will light the third Advent candle.*

Living Christ, give us faith to trust you.  
**We trust you, we love you, we praise you. Amen.**

### Introit

Matins Responsory

Janette Fishell<sup>†</sup> (b. 1952)

I look from afar and lo I see the power of God coming and a cloud covering the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet Him, and say, "Tell us who art thou?"  
"Tell us, art thou He that should come to reign over thy people Israel?"  
High and low, rich and poor, are with another, go ye out to meet him, and say  
"Are you he that should come?"  
Hear, O Thou Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,  
Tell us, art thou he? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel!  
Glory be to God. Glory to the Son. Glory to the Spirit.

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name  
of the most high God.

**The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

**The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

Trust and do not be afraid.

**The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

**The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen.**

## Processional Hymn, No. 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

### Call to Confession

Cantor:




Be with us now, O Lord, qui - et us, cen - ter us, hear us.

Congregation:



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, an - swer us.



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and lis - ten to us.

### Prayer of Confession

The Lord is near.  
In your presence, Holy God,  
we confess that we need repentance.  
We have broken your commands against idolatry.  
We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.  
We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.  
Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,  
for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news  
and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

### Kyrie *The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)



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

### Assurance of Pardon

### Response

*The people stand to sing.*



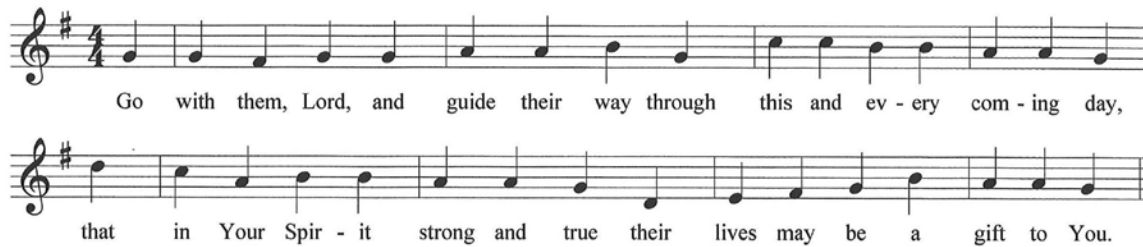
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

## Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

*Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say, "The peace of Christ be with you", and to respond, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21). What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).*

## Time with Children



Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,  
that in Your Spir - it 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

### Scripture Lessons

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

### Anthem

Chichester Service  
*Magnificat*

William Walton (1902-1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

### Sermon

The Connection Between Repentance and Joy

### Hymn, No. 5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
*The people stand to sing.*

PICARDY

### Recognition of Austin Sanders

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God. Worshippers are invited to sign the Friendship Pad located in the aisle seat of each pew and then please pass it to others in the pew.*

Earth Grown Old

Roland Martin\*\* (b. 1955)

Earth grown old, yet still so green,  
Deep beneath her crust of cold  
Nurses fire unfelt, unseen:  
Earth grown old.

We who live are quickly told:  
Millions more lie hid between  
Inner swathings of her fold.

When will fire break up her screen?  
When will life burst thro' her mould?  
Earth, earth, earth, thy cold is keen,  
Earth grown old.

Drew Cone, cello

### Presentation of the Gifts

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;  
praise God a - bove, ye heav-en-ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us,  
we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor  
to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope;  
for the sake of Jesus 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. 12

People, Look East  
*The people stand to sing.*

BESANÇON

## **Benediction and Choral Response**

A Carol

Roland Martin

Once for a shining hour, heaven touched earth,  
Hope was born anew, and peace reigned in the world.

## **Closing Voluntary**

Kyrie: Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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*All are invited to gather for fellowship and refreshments in the Oak Room, following the 11:00AM Service.*

## **Worship Leaders**

**Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

**Reader:** Dr. Phillips Stevens

**Organists:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music

Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

**Acolytes:** Mari Russell

## **Deacons Serving Today**

Mary Callaghan, Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Doug Fabian, Carol Huber, Joan Kuznia,  
Rebecca Read-Lukan, Nancy Stevens

## **Christmas Decorations**

The Decorations in the Chancel are given graciously by a generous Westminster member.

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

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Bob and Jane Greene, Ginie and Dean Rockwell, and Gyda Marie Higgins by Chris and Camie Greene.

*Purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends. Look for the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.*

## **NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC**

†**Dr. Janette Fishell** is a recitalist and teacher of international standing. She has performed in many of the world's greatest concert venues and has been a featured recitalist and lecturer at five national conventions and five regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists. The author of numerous articles and a book on service playing published by Abingdon Press, she is widely recognized as a leading authority on the organ music of Czech composer Petr Eben. She holds degrees in organ performance from Indiana University and Northwestern University. Currently Professor of Organ and Chair of the Organ Department at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, Dr. Fishell teaches applied organ and courses in the Sacred Music curriculum. From 1989 to 2008 she headed the Organ Performance and Sacred Music degree programs at East Carolina University and was Director of Music/Principal Organist at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, NC. Her numerous compact disc recordings include performances of the music of Marcel Dupré, Petr Eben and J.S. Bach as well as duet literature performed with her husband, British organist Colin Andrews.

††**Roland E. "Ron" Martin** is a member of the music faculty of The Buffalo Seminary, Daemen College, and the University at Buffalo. He is organist and Director of Music at St. Joseph University Church, Buffalo and the founder and director of Speculum Musicae, an ensemble for early music, and Music Director of the Freudig Singers of Western New York. He has also served as conductor/music director at Opera Sacra for many of its productions.

## WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary

### December 20 - Advent IV

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
*Five Star Customer Review*; Luke 1:39-45

## Christmas Eve at Westminster

### 5:15PM: Family Service

featuring WPC Senior Choristers presenting Benjamin Britten's  
*Ceremony of Carols* with harp.

### Christmas Eve Concert and Service

Westminster's Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, and Organ.  
The Westminster Choir will present Bach's, *Magnificat*  
followed by a candlelit Festival Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols.  
10PM: Concert Prelude      10:45PM: Lessons & Carols

### December 27 - Please Note! One Service at 11AM

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
*Jesus the Boy Torah Scholar* ; Luke 2:41-52

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

### Fridays @ Westminster! Come for Music, Stay for Lunch

Each Friday, a 30 minute lunchtime concert featuring local Buffalo artists will play in our historic Sanctuary, from Noon until 12:30PM. A Food Truck will be at Westminster each Friday, so stay for lunch! Donations benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

December 18: Käthe Wright Kaufman, organ, Food Truck: 716

**Taizé Service-Friday, December 18** Westminster will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer and contemplation on the third Friday of each month.

### Juliana Curcio, mezzo-soprano & Robert Miller, classical guitar

Monday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Holmes Chapel  
Triumphant Returns: Williamsville natives Juliana Curcio (now in New York City) and Robert Miller (now in San Francisco) present an eclectic program of music for solo voice and classical guitar.

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### Masterworks Service

Sunday, March 13

The Choirs of Westminster and musicians of the BPO present two choral and orchestral masterworks: Andrew Carter's *Benedicite* and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*.



## Amahl & The Night Visitors

Based on Italian folk tales of the Nativity and Epiphany, Gian Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* is a retelling of the story of the Magi from the point of view of a young disabled boy named Amahl.

At Westminster in the Sanctuary.

Tickets: \$16 Adults/\$8 Children

Friday, January 8 at 7PM

Saturday, January 9 at 3PM

Sunday, January 10 at 11AM in worship (no charge)

Sunday, January 10 at 3PM

For Tickets: <http://bit.ly/1NcfsEF> Presented by: Nickel City Opera

## Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon.

### MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program - creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or [carol@wedibuffalo.org](mailto:carol@wedibuffalo.org) for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

The West Side Bazaar: 25 Grant Street. Lunch and shopping.

Friday: 11 AM – 8PM, Saturday, 10 AM – 8PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11AM – 7PM

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral Service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Ken Carter 833-9287, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

Westminster Members: If you are recovering from an illness/surgery or are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years from 9:30AM to 12:30AM in the WECP building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECP) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.

- 3–5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved pre-school teachers. The three through five year class meets in the Early Childhood building. The children and their teachers walk to the building together and in cold weather, the children need their coats.
- 1st - 5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops: Creation Station, Hollywood and Apostles Playhouse
- 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 8th grader Confirmation Class meets 9:45-10:45AM in Parish Hall balcony
- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

### PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lunch at 12:30PM in the Oak Room, 1:15PM program in the Case Library. The first Tuesday of each month. These programs vary between speakers, music concerts and films with a focus on the intellectual, physical and spiritual life

of retired adults. Please sign up on the table in the Gallery Room, or RSVP to Jamie, 884-9437 or [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org) Save the Date: Passages January 5th Come join us when Passages goes to the movies. We will view *The Other Son* a film by Lorraine Levy set in Jerusalem.

### THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

*The Senior Choristers*, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Senior Choristers produce a high volume of quality choral repertoire each week for use in worship and concert.

*The Junior Choristers*, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel, with the assistance of Ms. Hillary Hunt. The Junior Choristers further their ability to read music and various languages while shaping the voice into a beautiful treble instrument.

*The Apprentice Choristers*, ages 4-6, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley. Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of [Musicgmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:Musicgmartin@wpcbuffalo.org) 884.9437 ext. 318.

### BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE

Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship on any of the following dates: December 13, 2015.

The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty, [tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) or 830-8596), Karen Keaton, [khkeaton@verizon.net](mailto:khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

### YOUTH EVENTS - C.I.A (Christians in Action)

Sunday, December 13: Cookie Baking Lock-in (Butzer Building)

8am Dialog Diner (Butzer Building)

Before and after the 11AM service: Christmas Cookie Platter sales (Holmes Room)

9:35AM Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 20: NO Dialog Diner

11AM – Christmas Pageant in worship

### SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

9:35AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor. Our class welcomes adults who are interested in exploring the Christian story, by studying the scripture and applying those lessons learned to our present lives. Come as your schedule permits. This class uses Feasting on the Word curriculum which explores the Bible passages used in worship.

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

*For the month of December Case Library Conversations and Spiritual Life will join together to present the Advent Series*

December 13

*Painting Westminster's Parish Hall Nativity Mural*

John Montague will discuss the theological inspirations, planning, design and artistic techniques involved in his creation of the mural.



**December 20**

***Drawing Advent***

John Montague will lead a hands-on workshop to provide opportunity for attendees to experience the challenges of visualizing Advent. Participants can draw and paint sequences of icons for the seven interchangeable panels at the base of the Nativity Mural.

**THE ANGEL TREE**

Help is needed to sort the Angel Tree gifts for delivery on Monday December 14. If you are able to help, please contact Ardrey Manning, coordinator, 310-5395.

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S RETREATS - SAVE THE DATES!**

The Women's Retreat is Friday, January 29– Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Bemus Point, NY

The Men's Retreat is Friday, January 22 & Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Byrnclyff Resort. More information and sign up sheet will be available.

**AKIKO BAGGS CRAFT SALE**

Today, Sunday, December 13th before and after worship. Featuring crafts by Akiko Baggs. Sale benefits the ENERGY After-School Tutoring Program

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER**

**Sunday, December 13**

6:30 AM Maintenance-Carlos  
 8:00 AM Dialogue Diner  
 8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
 8:45 AM Worship/Communion  
 9:30 AM Christmas Cookie Sales  
 9:30 AM Akiko Baggs Craft Show  
 9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 9:35 AM Case Library/Spiritual Life  
 9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 11:10 AM Sunday School

12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg./Light

Refreshments

12:30 PM Dream Group 1

**Monday, December 14-WPC Closed**

9:00 AM Angel Tree Sorting

**Tuesday, December 15**

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

6:00 PM Mission Outreach Mtg.

7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

7:00 PM Knitting Group

**Wednesday, December 16**

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Staff Lunch/Yankee Swap

4:30 PM WPC Choir School

5:00 PM Personnel Committee Mtg.

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

**Thursday, December 17**

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.

8:30 AM Centering Prayer

6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 18**

11:30 AM Fridays @ WPC

5:30 PM Taizé Worship

**Sunday, December 20**

Maintenance-Reinaldo

8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion

9:30 AM Christmas Pageant Practice

9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds

9:35 AM Case Library/ Spiritual Life

9:35 AM Adult Bible Class

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship/Christmas Pageant

11:10 AM Sunday School

12:30 PM Dream Group 3

**GIVING 2016**

**GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action***



Pledges received as of 12/11/15

<b>Number of Pledges Received</b>	<b>Total Pledges Received</b>	<b>Dollars to Goal</b>
<b>166</b>	<b>346,605</b>	<b>253,395</b>

We ask that you consider the blessing that Westminster is in your life and with a grateful heart send your Intention Card with support for 2016. Giving your financial pledge will enable Westminster to continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing our blessings within our church home and our community. There are several ways to share your intention: Return your intention card by mail or make your pledge online at [www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016) or email Nancy Berger, [nberger@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:nberger@wpcbuffalo.org) Please give - every gift counts!

## Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:45 a.m.

*The Gathering is an opportunity for worshippers to greet one another and to share prayer concerns.  
An offering plate has been placed on the Communion Table to receive your gifts.*

### 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.*

### Opening Voluntary

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

### Introit

Matins Responsory

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

I look from afar and lo I see the power of God coming and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet Him, and say, "Tell us who art thou?"

"Tell us, art thou He that should come to reign over thy people Israel?"

High and low, rich and poor, are with another, go ye out to meet him, and say

"Are you he that should come?"

Hear, O Thou Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Tell us, art thou he? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.*

### Hymn, No. 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

### Prayer of Confession

The Lord is near.

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance.

We have broken your commands against idolatry.

We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.

We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.

Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,

for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news

and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

### Kyrie *The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)



## Words of Assurance

### Response

*The people stand to sing.*



## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

### Anthem

Never Weather-Beaten Sail

Thomas Campion (1597-1620)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more;  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast.  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul at rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of heaven's high Paradise,  
Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes;  
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the blessed only see.  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee.

### Meditation

The Connection Between Repentance and Joy

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Sending Hymn, No. 12

People, Look East  
*The people stand to sing.*

BESANÇON

### Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

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**Choir:** Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School



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