



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

**November 29, 2015**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**



There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nation  
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.

-Luke 21:25, 28

## 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*

## Welcome and Announcements

Mark Aquino

## Order of Worship

### Opening Voluntary

Reprise on *E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz\*\* (1919-2009)

### 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 First Advent Candle

*Laurel, Doug & Russell Braun will light the first Advent candle.*

Living Christ, give us faith to trust you.

**We trust you, we love you, we praise you. Amen.**

### Introit

*Veni Emmanuel*

Plainsong, arr. Garrett Martin (b. 1986)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

### Call to Worship

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

There will be signs in the heavens  
and distress among the nations.

**When Christ returns in power and glory  
people will faint with fear.**

But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

**our redemption is drawing near!**

Heaven and earth may pass away,

**but the Word of God will stand unshaken.**

### Processional Hymn, No. 13

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

## 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

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming.  
We live in sin, as though there were no justice.  
We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord.  
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.  
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. 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).*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Psalm Lesson

Psalm 25:1-9 St. Martin's Psalter

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

*The choir will introduce the Antiphon and the congregation is invited to join each time thereafter.  
The following Antiphons will be sung by all.*



### *Antiphon*

1 To you O Lord I lift up my soul; ... my God I put my trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, ... nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways O Lord,\*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation; ...  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

### *Antiphon*

5 Remember O Lord your compassion and love,\*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;\*  
remember me according to your love, ...  
and for the sake of your goodness O Lord.

7 Gracious and up right is the Lord;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right\*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### *Antiphon*

## Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

## Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sin,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.  
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun,  
For Christ will be their all.

## Sermon

Lord, grant me patience.....and please hurry!!!

## Hymn, No. 7

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth  
*The people stand to sing.*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

## 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.*

Behold the Lightener of the Stars

J. Ryan Garber\*\*\* (b. 1973)

Behold the lightener of the stars on the crests of the clouds,  
And the choralists of the sky lauding Him.  
Coming down with acclaim from the Father above,  
Harp and lyre of song sound to him.

Christ, the refuge of my love, why should not I raise Thy fame!  
Angels and saints melodious sing to Thee.  
O Christ, my beloved, O Christ, of the Holy Blood,  
By day and by night I will praise Thee.

### 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 heaven-ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### Prayer of Dedication

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do  
and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again.  
In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self,  
that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now,  
as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. 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. 8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates  
*The people stand to sing.*

TRURO

## **Benediction and Choral Response**

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM  
7th century Sarum Plainsong, arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Creator of the stars of night, your peoples' everlasting light,  
Jesus, Redeemer, save us all, and hear our servants when they call.

You came when old world drew towards night. Appearing not in princely might,  
But born of Mary mother mild, became the victim undefiled.

At your great name majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts bow;  
All things in heaven and earth adore, and own you, King, forevermore.

## **Closing Voluntary**

*Christe, aller Welt Trost*

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**

**Lay Preacher:** Mark Aquino

**Reader:** Mary Beth Parrinello

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

Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

## **Deacons Serving Today**

Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Warren Emblidge, Doug Fabian, Jane Kifner-Arnatt, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu.  
Becky Read-Lukan, Roh-Yu Shen, Roy Stewart

## **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Jean, Harris, Alan and Dan McCarthy by Peter McCarthy

The flowers at the Pulpit are given in memory of Edward. J. McNally and Marie P. Bentley  
by Peter V. McNally.

*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**

†**John Gavin Scott, LVO** (18 June 1956 – 12 August 2015) was an English organist and choirmaster who reached the highest levels of his profession on both sides of the Atlantic. He directed the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral in London from 1990 to 2004. He then directed the Choir of Men and Boys of St Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue in New York City until his death at age 59. Whilst training countless young musicians, he maintained an active career as an international concert performer and recording artist, and was acclaimed as "the premier English organist of his generation". Today's setting was commissioned by Jeremy Bruns, and dedicated to the Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo.

††**Paul Manz** was an American composer for choir and organ. His most famous choral work is the Advent motet "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come", which has been presented at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, though its broadcast by the neighboring Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, in its Advent Carol Service precipitated its popularity. Just before he died, his family and friends gathered around his bed and sang "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come." Today's Opening Voluntary is Manz's own improvisation on his famous Advent motet.

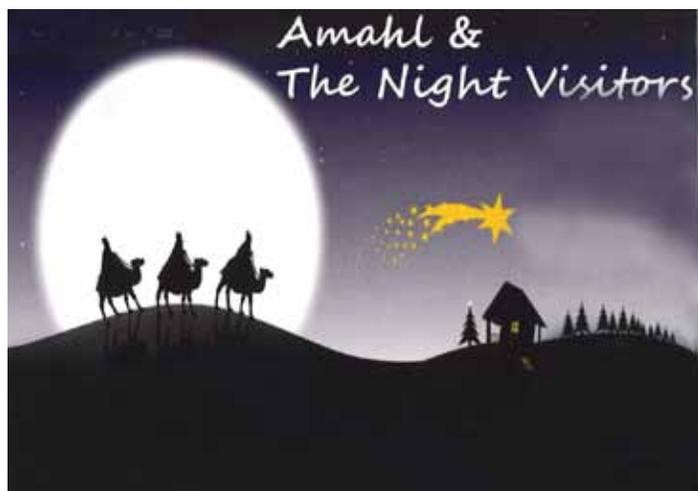
†††**J. Ryan Garber's** music is performed in a variety of venues in the US and abroad. He has received awards, recognition, and special performances from five national organizations and in 2002 was named "Composer of the Year" by the Tennessee Music Teachers Association. His music has been released on the Bella Musica, Vox Novus, ErmMedia, and Capstone labels. Currently organist/choirmaster and composer-in-residence at All Saints' Episcopal Church (Morristown, TN), he also teaches music courses at Walters State Community College. Previously he taught (music composition, theory, organ, and bassoon) at Carson-Newman College for eight years where he was an associate professor and winner of the excellence in teaching/leadership and creativity awards.

## 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 will benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

December 4	Jonathan Sandburg, tenor; Alex Benestelli, piano Food Truck: Knight Slider
December 11	Peter Gonciarz, organ, Food TBA
December 18	Käthe Wright Kaufman, organ, Food Truck: 716



### Compline for the Season of Advent with the WPC Schola, December 6th at 5PM

### Christmas Eve at Westminster

5:15PM: *Family Service*  
Carols, The Childrens Choirs and Scripture.

*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

### Amahl & The Night Visitors A Christmas Classic for the whole family!

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. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11AM-8PM, Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM-8PM. Sunday & Monday:

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 old from 9:30AM to 11:30AM 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. On Tuesday, December 1, The Nardin Elementary Choir will perform a variety of seasonal songs. Please join us for this lovely holiday treat. 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 [Musicmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:Musicmartin@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, November 29 - No Youth Events

Sunday, December 6: 9:30AM- Pageant Practice

11AM-Youth Service (Holmes Chapel)

### SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*No Sunday Morning Spiritual Growth Offerings are scheduled for Sunday, November 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All will resume December 6th.*

#### 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 6 - Images of Advent in Western Art** Art historian John Montague will offer an overview of the artistic, cultural and theological evolution of Advent from the Early Christian Period to the present day.

### WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

The Worship, Music and Art Committee is seeking one or two people to oversee the placement of the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary – wreaths, garland and poinsettias. No ladder climbing and heavy lifting, but a coordinator is needed with an artistic eye to ensure that the Sanctuary is decorated beautifully, as always. If you are interested and are available on a week day, please contact Kathy Vitagliano, 877-4714 or 435-6030, or by email [bpemgrkv@gmail.com](mailto:bpemgrkv@gmail.com).

### THE ANGEL TREE

Look for the decorated Angel Tree in the Holmes Room. Your gift donations will be distributed to various agencies around WNY to help those in need. Angels will be available for selection on November 22nd. Fulfill a wish from children and parents from several community agencies. All gifts must be returned by Sunday December 13th. **No time to shop? Let us do the shopping for you! Monetary donations are welcomed and appreciated!** Volunteers are needed help people sign out Angels on Sunday mornings before and after church on November 22nd, 29th and December 6 and 13th. Help is also needed to sort gifts for delivery on Monday December 14. If you are able to help any of these days, please contact Ardrey Manning, coordinator, 310-5395.

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

Women's Retreat is Friday, January 29– Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Bemus Point, NY and the Men's Retreat is Friday, January 23 & Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Byrncliff Resort. More information and sign up sheet will be available soon!

### ADVENT DINNER

December 6th at 12:00pm (following worship) for a complete turkey dinner with all the fixings in Parish Hall. Adults and Children 9 and up: \$12.00. No Charge for Children 8 and under. Family Price: \$45.00. Reservations are required - forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

### WOW CHRISTMAS PARTY & MISSION EVENT

Tuesday, December 8. 6pm in the Case Library, Hors D'oeuvres & Desserts Meet old friends and make new ones! Please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room and let us know if you will be bringing hors d'oeuvres or a dessert. All women are welcome! Feel free to wear your best Christmas sweater! Information on items needed for the CEM mission project are next to the sign up sheet.

## WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

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

**December 6 - Advent II - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty** *Two for the Price of One; Luke 3:1-6*

**December 13 - Advent III - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty** *100% Satisfaction Guaranteed; Luke 3:7-18*

**December 20 - Advent IV - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty** *Five Star Customer Review; Luke 1:39-45*

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, November 29-Advent I

6:30 AM Maintenance-Carlos  
8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:45 AM Worship/Communion  
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship

### Monday, November 30-WPC Closed

### Tuesday, December 1

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
12:30 PM Passages Lunch  
1:15 PM Passages Program  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

### Wednesday, December 2

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.  
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline  
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
4:00 PM Case Library Mtg.  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
4:30 PM WPC Choir School  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
5:30 PM Deacon Mtg.

### Thursday, December 3

7:00 PM Joint Deacon/Elder Mtg.  
8:00 PM AA Mtg.  
7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
8:30 AM Centering Prayer

12:00 PM Christmas Dinner Set Up  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
5:30 PM Phone-A-Thon  
6:00 PM Handbells  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, December 4

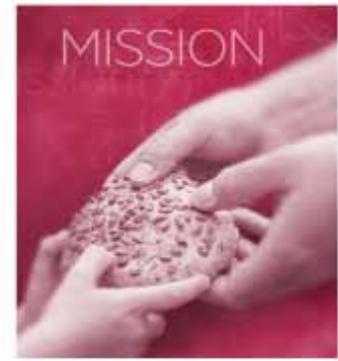
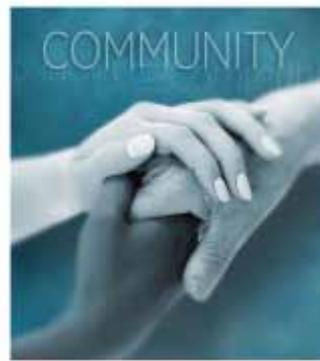
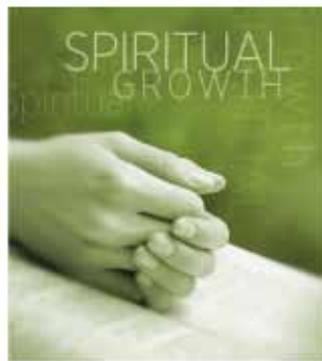
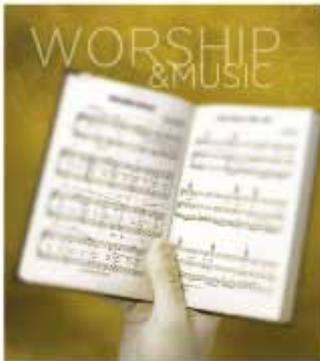
8:00 AM Christmas Dinner Set up  
8:00 AM Coffee @ WECP  
11:30 AM Fridays @ WPC

### Sunday, December 6 - Advent II

6:30 AM Maintenance-Reinaldo  
7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday  
8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:45 AM Worship/Communion

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:30 AM Deacon Mtg.  
9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
9:35 AM Case Library Conversations  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Youth Service/ First Sunday  
Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:00 PM Christmas Dinner  
12:00 PM Healing Service  
5:00 PM Compline for the Season of Advent

## GIVING 2016



# GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*

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!

***New This Year! You can make your pledge online at [www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016)  
Save Postage! Save Time!***

## 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.*

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Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

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### Words of Assurance

#### Response

*The people stand to sing.*



### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

## **Anthem**

Creator of the Stars of Night

7th Century Office Hymn, arr. John Scott†(1956-2015)

Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light,  
O Jesu, Saviour of us all, regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry of all creation doomed to die,  
Didst come to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to evening tide,  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

At thy great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,  
And things in heaven and earth shall own, that thou art Lord and King alone.

To thee, O holy One, we pray, our judge in that tremendous day,  
Preserve us, while we dwell below, from every onslaught of the foe.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore, and spirit blest, forevermore. Amen.

## **Meditation**

Lord, grant me patience.....and please hurry!!!

## **Prayers of the People**

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

## **Sending Hymn, No. 8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates  
*The people stand to sing.*

TRURO

## **Benediction**

## **Closing Voluntary**

*Christe, aller Welt Trost*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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