



# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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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 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

Dalby's Fancy

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent during the Opening Voluntary as we collectively prepare for worship.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Airhart

### 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.*

### Call to Worship

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

### Hymn in Procession

All My Hope on God Is Founded

MICHAEL

*Hymn can be found on page 7.*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer Of Confession

**Dear God, you gave us your only son,  
Yet we fail to give you our best.  
You answer our prayers,  
Even though we pray with a haughty spirit.  
You continue to bless us,  
Even as we ignore those in need.  
Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you,  
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

Cantor	Congregation	Cantor
Congregation	Cantor	Congregation

### 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 127

John Gosst (1800-1880)

<sup>1</sup>Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it. <sup>2</sup>Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the watchman keeps his vigil. <sup>3</sup>It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep. <sup>4</sup>Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift. <sup>5</sup>Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. <sup>6</sup>Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

## Gospel Acclamation

*The people stand.*

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



## Gospel Lesson

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 12:38-44

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' <sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The people stand.*



## Sermon

Must Things Fall Apart? Can the Centre Hold?

## Hymn, No. 408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

*The people stand to sing.*

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

*The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God.*

In Flanders Fields

Roland Martin (b. 1955)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



## 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

**Almighty God, whether we have given from abundance  
 Or from little, we humbly offer these gifts to you,  
 And for the glory of your name, through your son Jesus Christ  
 With the Holy Spirit. 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. 428

We Give Thee but Thine Own  
*The people stand to sing.*

SCHUMANN

## Benediction and Choral Response

God Be In My Head  
 God be in my head and in my understanding.  
 God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
 God be in mine heart and in my thinking.  
 God be at my end and in my departing.

John Rutter (b. 1945)

## Closing Voluntary

*Sinfonia* from Cantata No. 29: *Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
 trans. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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*Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle in the ENERGY Room,  
 hosted by the ENERGY volunteers*



## Worship Leaders

Dr. Cameron Airhart, Lay Preacher  
Claude Welch, Liturgist  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Music Director  
Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  
The Westminster Choir

## Deacons Serving Today

Ellen Bean, Teddie Granville, Kate Dierenfield, Janet Kifner-Arnatt,  
Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Donald Kitungano, Roberta Nickelsen

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Andy Solomon, Peter Solomon, Barbara and Merle Solomon, Frances and George Sweet, Nancy and Jack Edwards and E. Alfred Osborne by Ardrey Manning and Joan S. Osborne.

The flowers at the Pulpit are in memory of all soldiers from the First and Second World Wars and especially for those who were members of this congregation, given by Cameron and Mindy Airhart.

*If you would like to purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. You may also call Sue Adams at 883-7597 or email hugwalker1@gmail.com*

## Notes on Today's Music

†**Sir John Goss** was an English organist, composer, and teacher. Born to a musical family, Goss was a boy chorister of the Chapel Royal, London, and later a pupil of Thomas Attwood, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral.

After a brief period as a chorus member in an opera company he was appointed organist of a chapel in south London, later moving to more prestigious organ posts at St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, and finally St. Paul's Cathedral, where he struggled to improve musical standards.

As a composer, Goss wrote little for the orchestra, but was known for his vocal music, both religious and secular. Among his best-known compositions are his hymn tunes "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" and "See, Amid the Winter's Snow". The music critic of The Times described him as the last of the line of English composers who confined themselves almost entirely to ecclesiastical music.

From 1827 to 1874, Goss was a professor at the Royal Academy of Music, teaching harmony. He also taught at St. Paul's. Among his pupils at the academy were Arthur Sullivan, Frederic Cowen, and Frederick Bridge. His best-known pupil at St Paul's was John Stainer, who succeeded him as organist there.

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## WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

8:15 AM: Worship in the Holmes Chapel with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
10:30 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

### **November 18 - Generosity Sunday - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM**

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty "What Matters Most" Mark 12:28-34

### **November 25 - Christ the King Sunday**

Mr. Mark Aquino, Lay Preacher

# All My Hope on God is Founded

MICHAEL

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1. All my hope on God is found-ed; he doth still my trust re - new,
2. Mor - tal pride and earth-ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust;
3. God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom pass - ing throught;
4. Dai - ly doth the al - might-y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on us be - stow;
5. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done,



me through change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true.  
though with care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust.  
splen - dor, light, and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought.  
his de - sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go.  
high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son.



God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
But God's power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
Ev - er - more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.  
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, November 11

- 8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 8:00 AM Senior Choristers
- 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
- 9:00 AM Spiritual Life
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
- 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
- 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:00 AM Food Bags Returned
- 9:00 AM Apple Pie Sales
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship/4th  
Generosity Sunday
- 10:40 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
- 11:45 AM 3rd Confirmand /  
Mentor Lunch
- 2:00 PM Buffalo Opera Unlimited

### Monday, November 12

- 8:30 AM WECP Closed - Staff  
Development Day
- 11:00 AM AGO Mtg.

### Tuesday, November 13

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 9:00 AM Management Mtg.
- 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
- 5:00 PM Worship, Music & Arts
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
- 7:00 PM Knitting Group
- 7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

### Wednesday, November 14

- 9:30 AM Worship Planning
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
- 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
- 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 6:00 PM Session Mtg.
- 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

### Thursday, November 15

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 12:15 PM WOW Bible Study
- 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
- 5:30 PM Zen/NRC Dinner
- 6:00 PM Handbells
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, November 16

- 8:00 AM Budget and Finance
- 6:00 PM Senior Highs Pie Baking  
Lock-In

### Saturday, November 17

- 8:00 AM BGMC Rehearsal
- 9:00 AM Fall Clean Up
- 3:00 PM Virginia Paul Piano Recital

### Sunday, November 18

#### Generosity Sunday

- 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal with Brass
- 9:00 AM Apple Pie Sales & Pick Up
- 9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
- 9:00 AM Spiritual Life
- 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
- 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 10:30 AM Worship/Dedication Sunday
- 10:40 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
- 2:00 PM Buffalo Opera Unlimited
- 4:00 PM Renmen Concert
- 6:00 PM Rogers Organ Sampling

## NEWS & 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 LG-BTQIA+ 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 9:30 AM to 11:30AM 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

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral 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. Phil Stevens, Chair, 839-3357; Dave Carstensen, 884-5403; Jane Morris, 571-481-1839; Ellen Smith, 882-2064; Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878; Jim Wieland, 523-0217.

If you are recovering from an illness/surgery, 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 Adamczyk at [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org) or 884-9437, ext. 326.

### INQUIRER CLASS

Sunday, December 9, 11:30 AM

Friends and visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and the ministries we support are invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. Dr. Yorty will share details of 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](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org)

### WEDI AND MISSION

#### ENERGY

Get involved with ENERGY! Sign up to tutor students, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons, 4:30-6:30 PM. Contact Alyssa Wojciechowski, Program Coordinator at 507-8216 or [awojciechowski@wedibuffalo.org](mailto:awojciechowski@wedibuffalo.org)

#### WEST SIDE BAZAAR

Check out The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for lunch and shopping. Sunday and Monday: Closed. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Friday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

### DONATE TO HURRICANE RELIEF

PCUSA Disaster Relief is accepting donations online at [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org) or by phone, call 800-872-3283. To donate by check, mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

### WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND ARTS

#### AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

##### CELEBRATE JAMES BIGHAM, Today at 4 PM

Local organists of all ages will gather to celebrate the career of local organist, James Bigham.

##### RENAISSANCE MEN, Sunday, November 18 at 4 PM

Boston's finest all-male a cappella choir returns to Buffalo to celebrate the launch of their debut recording.

##### WEDNESDAYS@WESTMINSTER, November 21 at 12 PM

Local poets share classic poetry of Robert Frost to get you in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

##### TAIZÉ WORSHIP, November 25 at 4 PM

Singers and instrumentalists guide worshippers in this meditative service of song and prayer.

##### BUFFALO GAY MEN'S CHORUS, December 1 at 7:30 PM

The BGMC presents this holiday program in remembrance of World AIDS Day.

##### MESSIAH SUNDAY, December 9, 2018 at 10:30 AM

The Westminster Choirs sing popular selections from Handel's Messiah in morning worship.

#### THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

All Choir School offers programs for all children—regardless of age, musical skill, or Westminster membership! Choristers receive individualized weekly training from talented teachers and regularly lead worship services. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music, 884-9437, ext. 318 or [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org)

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Each Sunday, join a conversation about the week's scripture passages and how they apply to our lives. The discussion is led by Debbie Katz and uses the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum.

#### CASE LIBRARY

Sundays, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Every Sunday, Case Library Conversations provides an opportunity to discuss local, national and global issues. With these conversations, we can examine our life-long adventure in faith.

#### Community Series

##### November 11

Unpacking the Election Results

Presenter: Len Lenihan, former Democratic Chair for Erie County.



## November 18

*Secrets of Voodoo Revealed!*

Presenter: Dr. Phillips Stevens

University at Buffalo Professor of Anthropology

“Voodoo” is a widely-used term and popular topic of the tabloids, but “most information about this premier African-based New World religion is wrong,” says Dr. Stevens.

Dr. Stevens has conducted research in West Africa and the Caribbean and is the author of many publications in cultural anthropology and African studies. In 2012 he was given an honorary chieftaincy title from a Nigerian village where he had worked. Dr. Stevens often lectures to community groups and has participated in Westminster since 1975. He was ordained an Elder of the Church in 1989. Phil's first West African experience was among the Yoruba, whose culture is dominant among all areas of former African slavery in the Americas. Haiti received the earliest group of West African slaves, established by Christopher Columbus' brother Diego in 1505. The religion the world knows as “Voodoo” probably began that early. Please join us in conversation.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sundays, 9:00 AM in the Heritage Room

Spiritual Life creates opportunities for Westminster members and friends to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith. Discoveries and questions come from topics such as Deep Listening, Gratitude, Attentiveness, Compassion, Sacred Spaces, Grieving, and Joy. Poetry or art are frequently woven into a presentation. We are always interactive and supportive, looking for ways to apply important spiritual concepts to our daily lives. As a Christian congregation, we are also open to learning about other faith traditions and practices that nurture, sustain, and challenge the “inward journey.”

**On November 11 and 18, The Rev. Beth Hennessy** will talk with us about being present for ourselves and others. In *Exploring the Gift of Being Present*, Beth will address questions most of us ask at some point in our lives: What do I say? or What do I do? In this class we will discuss the value of silence, empathy, and walking with someone on their journey rather than trying to “fix it.” We will learn how to “get out of the way” and put others' needs before our own.

## Year of the Bible, New Adult Education Course will begin January 6, 2019.

The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, who recently retired from his pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church, Manassas, VA and relocated to Orchard Park, will lead a year-long weekly Sunday morning (9:15-10:15 AM) during the school year and (8:30-9:30 AM summer hours) class which will read and discuss the entire Bible. Dr. Ferguson has led this class several times in the congregations he has served. In fact, he uses a special Bible that selects the readings for each day (requiring about 15 minutes) that will be available to class participants. The class will be structured around brief presentations with questions for discussion, including visual and video aids. Dr. Yorty and Ms. Debbie Katz, as well as a small team of church members, will also teach some of the sessions. I hope you consider this exciting option for your continued spiritual growth and development. The class is open not only to members, but friends of Westminster. If you have any questions, contact Tom Yorty or Debbie Katz.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### MEET AND MINGLE

Sundays, following 10:30 AM Worship

Following 10:30 AM Worship, enjoy snacks and fellowship in

the Holmes Room with friends old and new! Please consider lending a hand to ensure Meet & Mingle's continued success by shopping, hosting, or sponsoring. For more information, please contact Sawrie Becker, [sbecker@wpccbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpccbuffalo.org) or 884-9437, ext. 315.

## HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFÉ

Sundays, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Stop by the Oak Room for a cup of Coffee or Tea as you make your way to Adult Education programs between the worship services, or sit and enjoy with friends or after Sanctuary service.

## MEETUP WILL RESUME IN JANUARY, 2019!

Thanks to everyone who participated and new ideas are in the works! Feel free to submit suggestions for MeetUp events in the new year. Contact [carolgreetham@gmail.com](mailto:carolgreetham@gmail.com)

## KNITTING GROUP

The next Knitting Group meeting is 11/13. The group works on individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes, [mfranholmes@verizon.net](mailto:mfranholmes@verizon.net) for information.

## PASSAGES

December 4, 12:30 PM Lunch; 1:15 PM Program

*Music of the Season*, performed by the Nardin Children's choir. Sign up in the Gallery Room if you are planning to come for lunch.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH EDUCATION

- Preschool class meets in the WECF building. After *Time with the Children*, children 3-5 years old leave with their teachers, Debby and Chris LaMendola, and Janet Kifner-Arnatt and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers gather in the Holmes Room.
- 1st-2nd grade class meet each Sunday with their teachers in the first classroom before the Parish Hall balcony.
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades meet with their teachers in the first classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 6th-7th grade class meet each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They meet with their mentor until January, after which they meet each Sunday from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Senior Highs, 9th-12th grades, meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS TEACHING TEAMS

We are looking for additional teachers to work with our 1st & 2nd grade teacher, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade teacher, and our 6th & 7th grade teacher. Please contact Debbie Katz at 884-9437 or 444-3743 or Sarah Williams at [williamsbojdak@roadrunner.com](mailto:williamsbojdak@roadrunner.com)

## APPLE PIE SALES TODAY!

The Senior Highs will be collecting apple pie orders. Traditional or crumb crust; baked or unbaked are \$10 a pie. Pick up is Sunday, November 18. If you like, you may purchase a pie for the Buffalo City Mission. The apple pie sale is a fundraiser for the Senior High/Maine Mission trip next June.



## Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:15 AM

*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

*It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent during the Opening Voluntary as we collectively prepare for worship.*

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Dr. Airhart

### Call to Worship

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### Hymn

All My Hope on God Is Founded  
*Hymn can be found on page 7.*

MICHAEL

### Prayer Of Confession

**Dear God,  
You gave us your only son,  
Yet we fail to give you our best.  
You answer our prayers,  
Even though we pray  
With a haughty spirit.  
You continue to bless us,  
Even as we ignore those in need.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
And turn us toward you,  
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of two staves of music. The first staff has three parts: Cantor, Congregation, and Cantor. The lyrics for the first staff are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The second staff has three parts: Congregation, Cantor, and Congregation. The lyrics for the second staff are: "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

### Words of Assurance



## 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 of the Peace

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

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:38-44

*Text can be found on page 4.*

### Meditation

Must Things Fall Apart? Can the Centre Hold?

## 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.*

## Sending Hymn, No. 428

We Give Thee but Thine Own  
*The people stand to sing.*

SCHUMANN

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

*Sinfonia* from Cantata No. 29: *Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
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## Worship Leaders

Cameron Airhart, Lay Preacher  
 Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Music Director  
 Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar



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