



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Keep awake therefore,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

- Matthew 24:42

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, and for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Please silence all cell phones. Childcare is available in the Westminster Early Childhood Programs building for children 5 years old and younger.

Opening Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Aquino

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

I Look from Afar

Giovanni da Palestrina† (1526-1594)

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: Art thou he that should come to rule thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another: go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep: art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength and come to rule thy people Israel.
All glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Bryan Renzoni

Jason Hewitt & Kayla McKinley and family will light the first Advent candle.

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this first candle of the Advent wreath in hope, the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.
Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.
God of hope, come to us again this Advent.
May Your hope live within us, burning as a light in our lives.
God will bring to us a new light for all generations.
A candle burns as the first marker of our Advent journey.
As we set out, may we travel with hope.
As we set out, God of journeys, be with us. Amen.

Call to Worship

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

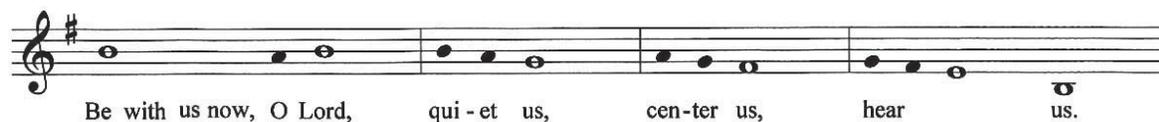
Hymn in Procession, No. 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

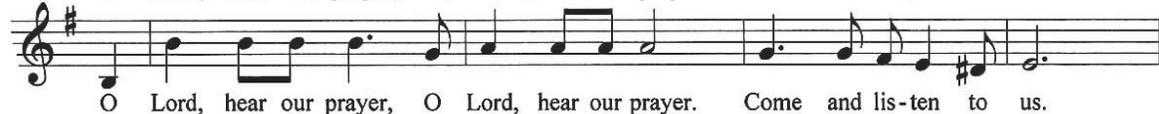
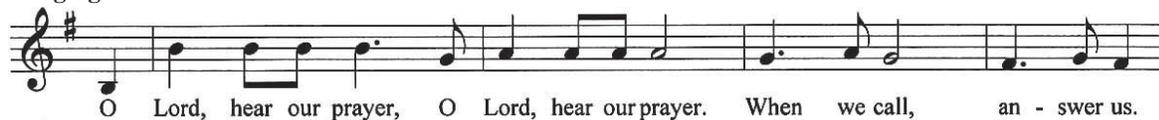
VENI EMMANUEL

Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



Prayer Of Confession

Alex Renzoni

**God of night and day,
there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you
and no secret that you will not bring to light.
For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God.
For our debauchery and licentiousness, forgive us, O God.
For our quarreling and jealousy,
forgive us, O God. O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love,
and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver



Words of Assurance

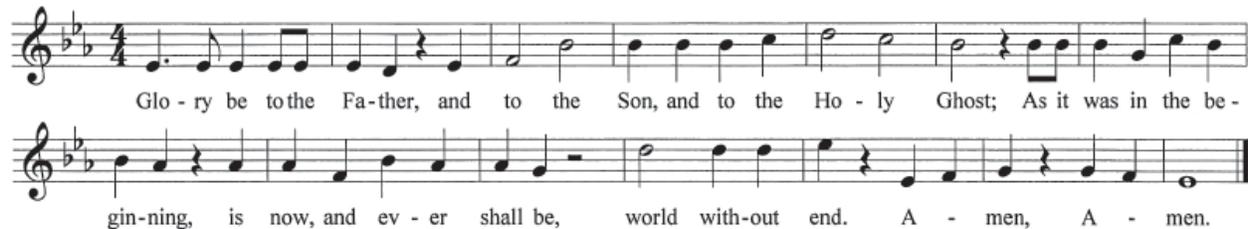
Hear the good news!

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved and set free. Thanks be to God!! Amen

Response to the Assurance

GLORIA PATRI

The people stand to sing.



Passing the Peace of Christ

Callan Izatt

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).

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 Lesson

Psalm 122

Plainchant Tone II.2

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" ²Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. ³Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. ⁴To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. ⁵For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. ⁷Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."⁸For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." ⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ ‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Sermon

We’re going to Disney World!

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.

Prayer of the Venerable Bede

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Christus est Stella Matutina,
Qui nocte saecum transacta lucem vitae, luce
Sanctis promittit, et pandit aeternam.

*Christ is the Morning Star,
Who when the night of this world is past,
He gives to his saints the promise of the light of life,
And opens everlasting day.*

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!

Prayer of Dedication

Evan Izatt

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have built us up in faith
and bound us together in love.
By your grace,
may all that we do show the glory of your name
and serve the good of your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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.

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

J. S. Bach

Immediately following worship, please join us at Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room for refreshments and fellowship

Worship Leaders

Mark Aquino, Lay Preacher
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Schola

Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Jennifer Russell, Jo Stevens

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Jean, Harris, Alan, and Dan McCarthy by Peter McCarthy
To donate Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, sign up on the "Flower Calendar" kiosk the Gallery Room.

Notes on Today's Music

†**Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina** was an Italian Renaissance composer of sacred music and the best-known 16th-century representative of the Roman school of musical composition, best known today for his *Missa Papae Marcelli* and the motet *Sicut cervus desiderat*. He had a lasting influence on the development of church music, and his work has often been seen as the culmination of Renaissance polyphony.

††**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, 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.

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Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd at 8PM
Sunday, December 4 at 3PM

Ticket Prices are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.buffalogaymenschorus.org

For more information call: 716.883.1277

Garrett F. Martin, Artistic Director, BGMC

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, and 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

ENERGY is always in need of plastic folders, spiral note books, notebook paper, pink erasers, dry erase markers, black Sharpie markers, glue sticks, white glue, and Crayola watercolor sets. Additionally, ENERGY can use sturdy paper plates, 7 oz. cups, napkins, plastic forks, cake mix, and frosting cans. Donations may be left on the kitchen counter in the basement ENERGY rooms.

Visit The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for lunch and shopping.

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, Jane Morris 571-481-1839, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

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

CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8:30AM to 11:30AM in the WECP (school) building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

- Our preschool class meets in the WECP building. After *Time with Children*, children 3-5 year olds leave with their teachers, "Miss Debby" and "Mr. Chris" LaMendola and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers meet together in the Holmes Room.
- 1st-5th grade classes: Each month our classes rotate through our three Workshops; Creation Station, Hollywood and Apostles Playhouse.
- 6th-7th grade class meets each Sunday in their classroom on the Parish Hall balcony. Carol Timmerman-Yorty is their teacher.
- Our confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They meet one-on-one with their mentor until their class begins in January when they meet each Sunday from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our Senior Highs – 9th – 12th graders meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, from August 17th through May 31st, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel. At 6PM, the choristers sing Choral Evensong in the Holmes Chapel, open to everyone. *The Junior Choristers*, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, August 17th through May 31st, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel, joining the Senior Choristers for the service of Choral Evensong at 6 PM.

The Apprentice Choristers, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday, September 18th through May 21st, during the 10:30AM Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley and Mrs. Julie Zenger.

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 Music gmartin@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. Our next date is **Sunday, January 22, 2017**, at 12PM. 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 or 830-8596, Karen Keaton, khkeaton@verizon.net or any staff member.

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Adult Bible Study

9:00AM - 10:15AM first classroom on the Parish Hall Balcony

Join our continuing conversation as we explore the Sunday scripture passages. This discussion moves from what the biblical passage means to what this passage might mean in our lives. Our class is led by Debbie Katz and other class members. Our curriculum is *Feasting on the Word*. Please come to these classes as your schedule permits.

Advent Series

For the month of December Case Library Conversations and Spiritual Life will join together in the Case Library.

Spiritual Life and Case Library

9:00AM - 10:15AM in the Case Library

December 4:

Joyful Hymns of Advent: Past and Present

Leaders: Gretchen Brand and Bill Gray

What would the Advent season be without music? Come join us as we sing traditional favorites from childhood as well as some of the hymns of today.

December 11 and 18:

Connecting Personally with Advent

Presenter: Don McLean

Birth creates change for the future of your family. Jesus' birth created change for the family of mankind. Advent gives us the time to reflect on the spirituality of Jesus and how this change is reflected in our lives and our families.

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Passages meets the first Tuesday of the month. Lunch is at 12:30PM with a program at 1:15PM. Our next meeting is Dec. 6th. Our program is *Songs of the Season* by the Nardin Elementary School Choir. Mark your calendars now. Please sign up or RSVP with Jamie 884-9437 before Nov. 28th.

THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree! Look for the decorated Angels in the Reception area this Sunday. 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 help people sign out Angels on Sunday mornings before and after church and to sort gifts for delivery. Sign up on the table in the Gallery Room if you can help. Questions? Contact Ardrey Manning 310-5395.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

We need your help in keeping our church records up-to-date. By doing so, we can ensure your family is kept informed about all that's happening at Westminster as we continue to design effective & interesting programming, provide timely Pastoral Care. Forms to update your information can be found on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or at www.wpcbuffalo.org/lets-stay-connected.

WOW - WESTMINSTER KNITTING GROUP

Our meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 29. The group meets on various Tuesdays throughout the year from 7PM to 9PM. The group works on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes: mfranholmes@verizon.net for more information and dates.

WOW WINTER RETREAT

Jan. 27-29, 2017

Flyers with registration forms are available now for our Winter Retreat. Rooms are assigned on a first come, first assigned basis. Sign up for this retreat as soon as you can. Please sign up for lunch on the Information table or call to RSVP with Jamie at the church office 884-9437.

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT WREATH MAKING

On Sunday, December 4th families are invited to come to make their own Advent Wreath at 9:00AM in the Oak Room. We'll make Advent Wreaths with fresh greens and learn that the circle of the wreath symbolizes God's unending love. Keeping the theme of circles and love, bring muffins to share. For more information, please contact Debbie Katz dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org.

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

Fridays at Westminster: Come for the music - Stay for lunch!

Each Friday, local Buffalo artists present a 30 minute lunchtime recital in Westminster's Historic Sanctuary at noon. Lunch provided by a local food truck. Donations benefit the *Westminster Friends of Music*.

December 2

A Celebration of Autumn Colors in Music, Poetry, and Nature.
Voice and Viola program by Bob Giannetti and Leslie Bahler

Original poetry is paired with music from folk and classical settings. This half hour program was created for an event given by the Western New York Land Conservancy.

Food Trucks: Cheesy Chick & Tuk Tea

Recurring Events

Choral Evensong: Every Wednesday at 6:00PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead this service showcasing repertoire they are studying.

Taizé Worship: Fridays, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, and May 19 at 5:30 PM. Start your weekend with this evening service of calming prayer and meditation.

Choral Evensong: Sundays, January 29, March 12, and April 9 at 4:00 PM. The Westminster Choirs and visiting choirs present this service of Evening Prayer. Join us for an organ prelude recital at 3:30 PM.

Compline: Sundays, December 11 and February 12 at 8 PM. The Westminster Schola offers this candlelit service featuring music from Gregorian chant and early polyphony.

MEET & MINGLE

Fellowship Opportunities at Westminster!

New this year, Meet & Mingle! Please join us in the Holmes Room immediately following the 10:30am worship service for "a relaxed and inviting fellowship opportunity. *Meet & Mingle* offers beverages, light healthy snacks and provides a meaningful time of gathering and bonding for our congregation.

Heavenly Grounds Café. Continue to stop by the Heavenly Grounds Café in the Oak Room which is open from 9AM to noon with coffee service until 10:30AM.

We need YOUR help!

The new "Meet & Mingle" event after the 10:30AM church service is a great success! Thanks to everyone for participating! In order to keep it running successfully we are looking for YOU to help in one of the following ways:

1. Be a shopper – purchase the food from a list provided on a regular basis and bring to church for storage. Bring receipts for reimbursement.
2. Be a host for the week – each week we are looking for a different family to serve as the host. The hosts would come early to church to make the punch and put the food on serving plates before the 10:30 service; also monitor the need to refill punch or food platters; and clean up dirty dishes, put unused food away, and take home tablecloths to be laundered and returned.
3. Be a sponsor – make a donation to WPC to cover the weekly costs.

As you reflect on how you can best give of your time, talent and treasure, please contact Debby LaMendola (716-983-4993) and let her know how YOU can help!

PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

December 4-Advent II

Elder John Darby, First Presbyterian Church

A Presbyterian 101 TED Talk; Luke 15

One service at 10:30 AM in our Sanctuary with First Presbyterian Church

Our Elders have extended an invitation to the members of First Church to worship with us on Sunday, December 4, 2016. We have asked Elder John Darby to preach, and First Church Music Director, David Bond to be at our organ console. **On December 4, when First Church is with us, we will hold only one worship service at 10:30am** to encourage all of us to gather at one time to welcome our friends from First. We are not sure this kind of exchange has taken place before. If not, it's about time, don't you think? We've been neighbors in the same city for 162 years. These will be very special days of fellowship, worship, and service. We will keep you posted with more details. Circle your calendar. Bring your family and friends to wave the banner of Christ's church and ministry we share!

December 11-Advent III - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Patience In These Times; James 5:7-10

December 18-Advent IV - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

St. Joseph; Matthew 1:18-25

December 24-Christmas Eve

Family Service at 5:15 PM

The Westminster Choir School performs Britten's festive *Ceremony of Carols* accompanied by harp.

Concert at 10PM

A concert featuring favorite Handbell carols, and Poulenc's exuberant *Gloria*.

Lessons and Carols at 10:45PM

The Westminster Choirs, Handbell Choir, and musicians from the Buffalo Philharmonic perform music inspired by cultures around the world.

December 25 – Christmas Day- The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

One Worship Service at 10:30AM

Grace Appeared; Isaiah 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Ron on Duty

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 AM Senior Choristers
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

Monday, November 28

9:00 AM Christmas Trees go up

Tuesday, November 29

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
5:00 PM BGMC Dress Rehearsal
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, November 30

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
12:00 PM News Info. Deadline
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
6:00 PM Choir School Evensong
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, December 1

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
7:45 AM Ministry of Generosity
8:30 AM Centering Prayer
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 2

7:30 AM Coffee @ WECF
12:00 PM Fridays @ Westminster Concert
5:00 PM BGMC Concert

Saturday, December 3

5:00 PM BGMC Concert

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Jeff on Duty

7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM Intergenerational
Advent Wreath Making
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM First Sunday: Youth Service/
Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship w/First Presbyterian
Congregation
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
2:00 PM BGMC Concert

Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:15AM

*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

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Mark Aquino

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Debbie Katz

Jason Hewitt & Kayla McKinley and family will light the first Advent candle.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this first candle of the Advent wreath in hope, the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

God of hope, come to us again this Advent.

May Your hope live within us, burning as a light in our lives.

God will bring to us a new light for all generations.

A candle burns as the first marker of our Advent journey.

As we set out, may we travel with hope.

As we set out, God of journeys, be with us. Amen.

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

Evan Izatt

God of night and day,

there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you

and no secret that you will not bring to light.

For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God.

For our debauchery and licentiousness, forgive us, O God.

For our quarreling and jealousy,

forgive us, O God.

O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love,

and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)



Words of Assurance

Hear the good news!

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved and set free. Thanks be to God!! Amen

Response

Stand to sing.

GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Callan Izatt

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Text can be found on page 3.

Meditation

We're going to Disney World!

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. Westminster Presbyterian Church serves only gluten free bread in Communion. Please take the center aisle to one of the communion stations, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Sending Hymn, No. 12

People, Look East
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BESANÇON

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

J. S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Mark Aquino, Lay Preacher
The Rev. Beth Hennessy, Communion Celebrant
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

GIVING 2017



Westminster's Giving 2017 is well underway! Pledge cards have been distributed and we ask that you please return your signed pledge card by Sunday, November 27. There is a basket on the table in the Holmes Room where you can place your completed Pledge Card. **For your convenience, you may make a pledge or a pledge payment on our secure site at www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving**

Our goal this year is \$600,000. As you prayerfully consider your pledge, please remember that if everyone who pledged last year would, on average, increase their pledge by \$353.00, or \$6.80 per week we could successfully accomplish our goal. Thank you for being a contributing member of this church as your pledge - in any amount makes us a stronger congregation.



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