



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

January 1, 2017  
First Sunday After Christmas  
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. —John 1:14



## 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

Chorale Prelude on *Frohlich soll mein Herze springen*

Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hennessy

## Order of Worship

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## 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

*How Beautiful are the Feet* from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.

## Call to Worship

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

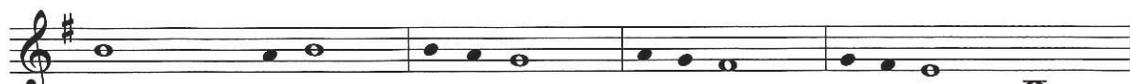
## Hymn in Procession, No. 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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## Call to Confession

Cantor:

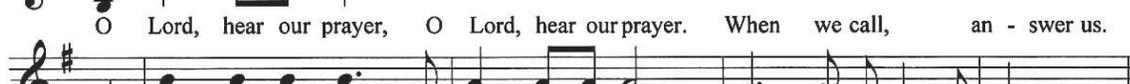


Be with us now, O Lord, qui - et us, cen - ter us, hear us.

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

**Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children.  
We confess that we have not loved you as we should.  
We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans;  
we grow weary and give up when the way is hard.  
We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend.  
Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence,  
we fail to recognize our own complicity.  
Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children  
so vulnerable and precious in your sight.  
Forgive our misuse of power against people, and against your creation.  
Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace.  
Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, but strengthen us in our time of testing.  
Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shared our flesh and blood. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)



## Assurance of Pardon

## Response

*The people stand to sing.*

GLORIA (refrain)



## 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

## Voluntary

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sheep may safely graze and pasture  
Where a Shepherd guards them well  
By still waters ere he feeds them,  
To the fold he gently leads them,  
Where securely they may dwell.

## Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23

<sup>13</sup>Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’  
<sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’ <sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ <sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoke through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazarean.’

## Hymn

This is the Day of New Beginnings

NEW BEGINNINGS

*The people stand to sing. Please see insert for hymn.*

## Sermon

Seeking Peace

## Hymn, No. 467

How Great Thou Art  
*The people stand to sing.*

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## 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.*

The Sleeping Baby Jesus

Hugo Wolf (1860-1903)

Virgin’s son, Child of Heaven, on the floor on the wood of agony sleeping,  
That, suggestively, the pious master has set beneath your easy dreams;  
Thou flower, still gleaming in the bud, the glory of the father!  
Oh, to see the picture being painted behind that forehead, those dark lashes, gently, one upon the other!

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements.  
Unfermented grape juice is used.*

### **Invitation**

#### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

God of steadfast love...

With the whole creation we sing you praise:

*Sanctus & Benedictus*

Holy, holy Lord most holy, God of power and God of might;  
Heaven and earth reveal your glory, hail, hosanna, Lord of light!  
Blessed be the coming Saviour, hail, hosanna, Lord of light!

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us...

Great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

God of mercy...

**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.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

*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 and dairy-free bread in Communion. Please take the center aisle to on of the communion station receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God, our help:**

**we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus,  
who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal.**

**We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him,  
and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you served us. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

Let There Be Peace On Earth

*The people stand to sing. Please see insert for hymn.*

WORLD PEACE

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Dieu parmi nous

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate  
Dr. Phillips Stevens, Reader  
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  
Laura Noack, soprano

## Elders Serving Today

Bob Bojdak, Tim Johnston, Karen Keaton, Ellen Kennedy, Chris LaMendola, Sandy Laub, Ardrey Manning

## Deacons Serving Today

Patty Charlier, Warren Emblidge, Doug Fabian, Carol Huber, Callan Izatt, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu,  
Joan Kunzia, Earl McColgin, Johnpatrick Marr, Jo Stevens

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

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

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

### January 8

Dr. Cameron Airhart, Lay Preacher

### January 15

Amahl and the Night Visitors

*One Service Only at 10:30am in the Sanctuary*

### January 22

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

*Proclaiming Deliverance in a World of Danger, Darkness and Death*

1Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

### January 29

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

*Fools for Christ*

Micah 6:1-8; 1Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, January 1

Jeff/Aaron on duty

9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds

10:30 AM Worship/Communion

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

### Monday, January 2-WECP Closed

### Tuesday, January 3

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

12:00 PM Passages Lunch

12:45 PM Passages Program

4:30 PM ENERGY Program

5:00 PM Spiritual Life Meeting

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Zen Dharma

### Wednesday, January 4

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Enews Deadline

1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

4:30 PM ENERGY Program

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Thursday, January 5

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

### Friday, January 6

7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP

### Saturday, January 7

8:00 AM Reserved for WEDI

9:00 AM Confirmation Class Retreat

10:00 AM Amahl Read/Staging

### Sunday, January 8

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care

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

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

10:30 AM Worship

10:40 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

1:00 PM Reserve Amahl Set Up

1:00 PM Amahl Staging

## 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) or 830-8596, Karen Keaton, [khkeaton@verizon.net](mailto: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.

#### Spiritual Life Advent Series

9:00AM - 10:15AM in the Heritage Room

#### January 8:

*Poetry Reading and Reflections on "Secrets and Revelations"*

Presenter: Ansie Baird

Ansie's poems are elegant, symbolic and thought provoking. She usually stirs our group up with morsels that lead to deep questions as well as lively conversations.

#### Case Library Conversations

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

#### Travelogue Series

#### January 8, 15, 22, and 29:

Westminsterites will present slide shows and share with us their travel experiences in a 4-week series.

### PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Throughout our lives we experience periods of stability and times of transition. So it comes as no surprise the later part of our life is also marked by various passages. Beginning with retirement, adults progress through various changes in their lives and circumstances. On the first Tuesday of each month at Westminster, there's a gathering for adults who have reached these stages. This month, join us for *Passages Goes to the Movies!* Join us on January 3 for *Lady in the Van* starring Maggie Smith. **Note the change in time: Lunch at noon, movie at 12:45PM.** Please sign up in the Gallery Room if you will be having lunch. Or, please call Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326.

### 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](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/lets-stay-connected).

## WOW - WESTMINSTER KNITTING GROUP

Our meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 10 (tentative)**. 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-JANUARY 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.

## MEN'S RETREAT-JANUARY 20-21, 2017

Capture a Moment: Men's Retreat 2017 at the Byrncliff Resort, Varysburg, NY. This year's retreat will emphasize fellowship, reflection, discovery and interaction. Spiritual discernment and attentiveness will be our primary focus. Each year the Men's Retreat is designed as opportunities for rest, relaxation, reading, guided discussion about faith issues, worship and time with old and new friends. Registration forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. A brochure with complete information will soon be available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. If you would like a brochure mailed to you, call Jamie at 884-9437.

## 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*.

**January 20**

Garrett Martin, Organ

**Choral Evensong:** Every Wednesday at 6PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead this service showcasing repertoire they are studying. Evensong will resume on Wednesday, January 18.

**Taizé Worship:** Friday, 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:** Sunday, February 12 at 8 PM. The Westminster Schola offers this candlelit service featuring music from Gregorian chant and early polyphony.

## MEET & MINGLE - FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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 regulabasis 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!

## ORDER SUNDAY FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, there is a monthly sign up on the kiosk in the Gallery Room. You may also call Sue Adams at 883-7597 or email her: [hugwalker1@gmail.com](mailto:hugwalker1@gmail.com)

## AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Friday, January 13 at 7:30 PM, Saturday, January 14 at 7:30 PM, Sunday, January 15 at 10:30AM (in worship-no charge) and 2:30 PM.

Amahl and his Mother meet the Three Kings and learn a valuable lesson in this classic opera. Tickets, \$20, at the door and available at [wpcbuffalo.org](http://wpcbuffalo.org) Patron tickets, \$50. Music educators, ask about a special school-time performance on Friday, January 13 at 10AM.

## WHAT DO I BELIEVE?

Few Christians arrive at a set of beliefs that are then set in stone for the rest of their lives. What we believe often evolves through Bible study and worship services. Personal experiences--both joyous and traumatic--impact our faith. World events can shape what we believe about God's presence in the world and in our lives.

Faith is an evolving experience that can define much of who we are and who we may become. If you would enjoy exploring and discussing your faith and what you believe, mark your calendars now and plan on joining the "What Do I Believe: Naming and Nurturing our Faith" conversation.

This group will meet Saturday mornings from 9:30AM to 12:30AM beginning January 14 & 21, 2017 and then February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2017. We'll begin with coffee and bagels as we watch videos and discuss ideas from Ronald J. Allen's *A Faith of Your Own*. The purpose of this time together is to articulate and name what we believe.

The leaders of this invigorating six-part series are Debbie Katz and Jen Callaghan. "To help with our preparation, If you are planning on coming to this series, please sign up on the information table or contact Debbie Katz at [dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org).

## A REMINDER FROM THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY

As 2016 comes to a close, the Ministry of Generosity would like to say "thank you" for your wonderful commitment of giving this past year. Because of you, Westminster continues to thrive and continue our important ministry. As a reminder, if you have not yet fulfilled your 2016 pledge, we ask that you consider doing so by December 31, 2016 to complete our fiscal year.

For a year-end pledge payment, we will gladly post checks/stock gifts to 2016 giving records as long as the item is dated 12/31/16 and mailed by that date. If you would like to send a gift of stock, please contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 Ext. 315.

Again, thank you so very much for your continued support of the life and ministries of Westminster.



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## GIVING 2017



Pledges received as of 12/22/16

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
208	\$432,522	\$167,478

We ask that you prayerfully consider the blessings you have received and with a grateful heart return your pledge card with support for 2017. Your financial pledge will enable Westminster to continue our ministry as we strive to answer the Prayer of St. Francis to “Love, Comfort, Understand and Give” within our church home and our community. Pledge cards are available in the Holmes Room and you may return your pledge card by mail, make a pledge or a pledge payment on our secure site at [www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving), or email Sawrie Becker, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org). Thank you for being a contributing member of this church as your pledge - in any amount makes us a stronger congregation.



### Amahl and 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.

Friday, January 13 at 7:30 PM,  
Saturday, January 14 at 7:30 PM,  
Sunday, January 15 at 10:30AM  
(in worship-no charge) and 2:30 PM.

\$20 ticket, general admission  
to the evening of your choice.

\$50 patron ticket includes a dessert  
reception on Friday, January 13 following  
the performance, including champagne,  
DiCamillo desserts, and a meet and greet  
with the cast. Tickets are available at  
[wpcbuffalo.org](http://wpcbuffalo.org) or at the door.

*Music educators, ask about a special  
school-time performance on  
Friday, January 13 at 10AM.*