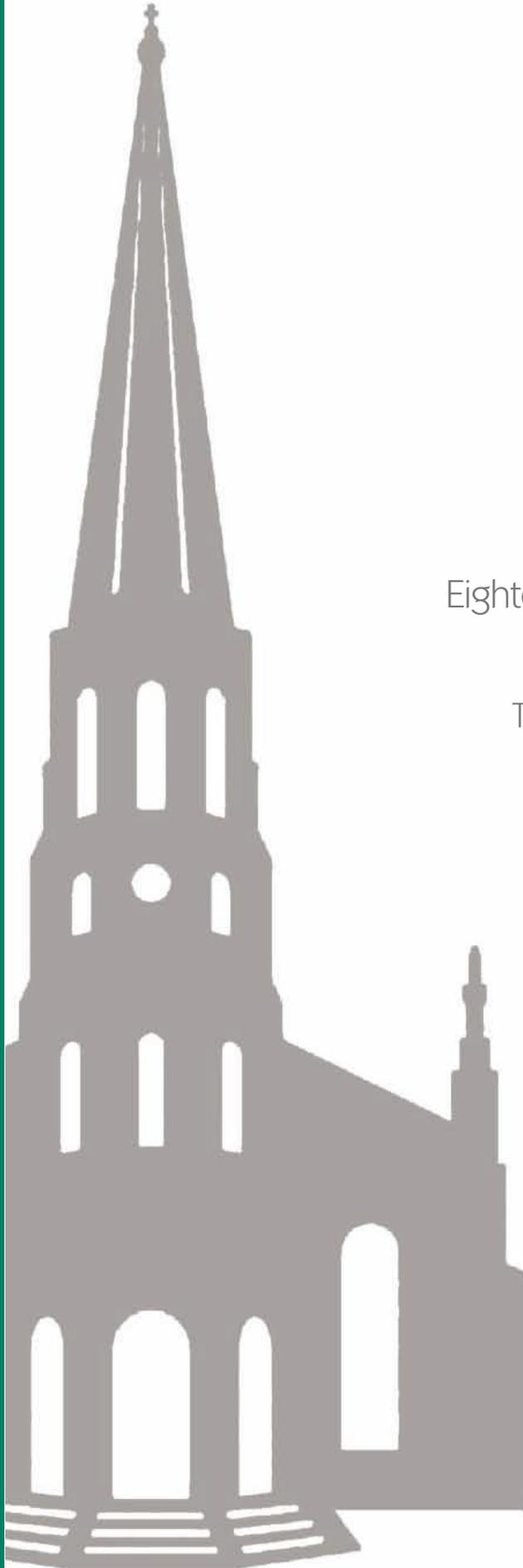


WESTMINSTER

BUFFALO



October 8, 2017  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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, and 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**

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Hennessy

### **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**

Arise, Shine

Gerre Hancock<sup>†</sup> (1934-2012)

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee,  
For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;  
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.  
And the gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.  
Therefore thy gates shall be open continually: they shall not be shut day nor night;  
And they shall call thee, the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One, the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders,  
But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation and thy gates Praise.  
The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:  
But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy Glory.

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

#### **Call to Worship**

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

#### **Hymn in Procession, No. 442**

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#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer Of Confession**

**Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery.  
Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery,  
Making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption.  
Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence,  
Defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love.  
Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves,  
Exposed, without the cloak of productivity.  
Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption,  
Decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity.  
Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery  
That we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*



## Psalm

Psalm 19

Chant: Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, <sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. <sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. <sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## Scripture Lessons

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>12</sup>Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. <sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

John 15:1-12

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

## Sermon

Finding Peace with God and Finding Peace with One's Neighbor

Marcia Buhl

## Hymn, No. 413

All Who Love and Serve Your City  
*The people stand to sing.*

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## Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory Anthem

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

O Thou the Central Orb

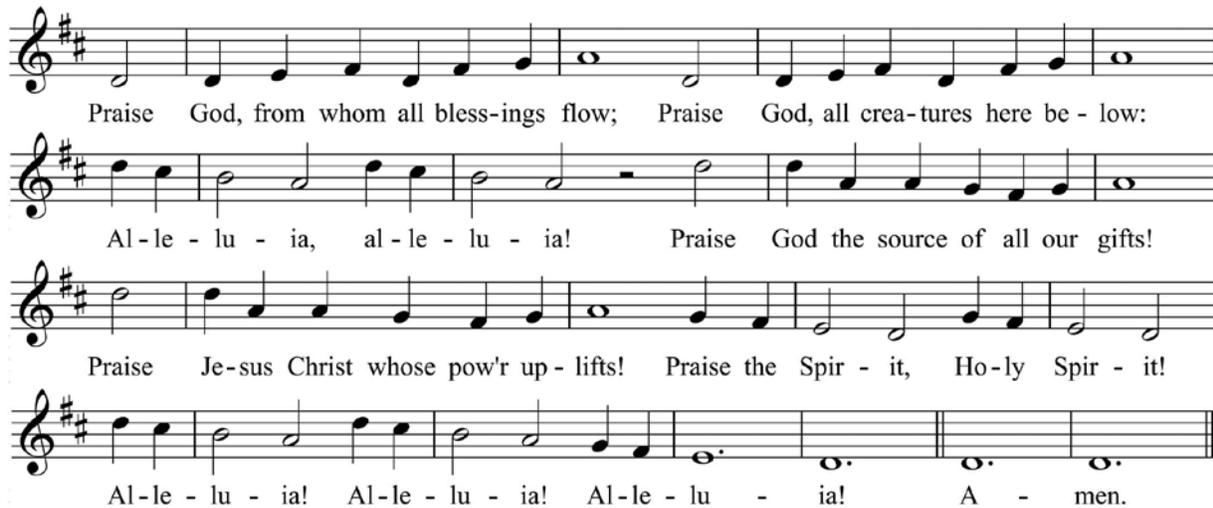
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O thou the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most high, eternal light  
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each thy power to prove.  
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

## Presentation of the Gifts

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

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
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

We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
For all your good gifts, and above all,  
For the gift of knowing Christ our Savior.  
Strengthen us as we continue to strive  
For the heavenly prize that you offer:  
Eternal and abundant life in 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. 361

How Firm a Foundation  
*The people stand to sing.*

FOUNDATION

## **Benediction and Choral Response**

God Be In My Head

Daniel Gawthrop\*\* (b. 1949)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

## **Closing Voluntary**

Voluntary in D

George Dyson (1883-1964)

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

## **Worship Leaders**

Marcia Buhl, Lay Preacher  
Elaine Mattar and The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Liturgists  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  
The Westminster Schola

## **Deacons Serving Today**

Cameron Airhart, Doug Fabian, Kathleen Kelly, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu,  
Becky Read-Lukan, Mike Reynolds, Jennifer Russell

## **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Max Becker, Corky Becker, and Frances Braman by Max Becker.

*If you would like to purchase 2018 Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, you may contact Sue Adams at 883-7597 or hugwalker1@gmail.com or you may sign-up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.*

## **Notes on Today's Music**

\***Gerre Hancock** was an American organist, improviser, and composer. Hancock was Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at the University of Texas at Austin. Born in Lubbock, Texas, he received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Texas at Austin and his Master of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York, from which he later received the Unitas Distinguished Alumnus Award. A recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship, he also studied in Paris at the Sorbonne and during this time was a finalist at the Munich International Music Competitions. Hancock served as Organist at Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas; Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York; Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church (now Christ Church Cathedral) in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Organist and Master of the Choristers at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City from 1971 to 2004.

Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, \*\***Daniel Gawthrop** has been the recipient of over one hundred commissions to write original music. His works have been published by Dunstan House, Warner Brothers (now Alfred Publishing Co.), Theodore Presser, Sacred Music Press and others. Gawthrop served for three years as Composer-in-Residence to the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (of Fairfax, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C.) and has been the recipient of four grants from The Barlow Endowment for Musical Composition. He has been commissioned by dozens of institutions including the American Choral Directors Association through their prestigious Raymond Brock Memorial series, and has had works premiere in the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Salt Lake City Mormon Tabernacle, and Washington National Cathedral. His choral pieces have been performed and recorded by such eminent ensembles as The United States Air Force Singing Sergeants, the Gregg Smith Singers, the Turtle Creek Chorale, the Paul Hill Chorale, the American Boychoir, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the Cathedral Choral Society (of Washington National Cathedral) and literally hundreds of other groups in the U.S. and abroad.

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## **WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE**

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

**October 15-Julie Zenger and The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty** "Faith Works"

**October 22-The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty**"Lines of Allegiance" Matthew 22:15-22

**October 29-The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty** "The Bottom Line for Presbyterians" Matthew 22:34-46

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, October 8

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
 8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion  
 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations  
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class  
 9:00 AM Spiritual Life  
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
 10:30 AM Worship  
 10:40 AM Sunday School  
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
 11:30 AM Nominating Committee Mtg.  
 11:30 AM Dream Group 3

### Monday, October 9

7:00 AM WECP & WPC Closed

### Tuesday, October 10

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 8:45 AM Centering Prayer  
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.  
 10:00 AM Garden Group

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, October 11

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.  
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline  
 12:00 PM Wednesdays @ WPC  
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
 4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
 5:30 PM Ministry of Generosity Mtg.

### Thursday, October 12

8:00 PM AA Mtg.  
 7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 7:30 AM Coffee at WECP  
 4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal

4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:00 PM Personnel Mtg.  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 13

7:30 AM Coffee at WECP

### Sunday, October 15

#### *Giving 2018 Campaign Kick Off*

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
 8:00 AM Senior Choristers  
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations  
 9:00 AM Spiritual Life  
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class  
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 AM Worship/WMA Dedication  
 10:40 AM Sunday School  
 11:30 AM Faith Works Festival/Picnic  
 4:00 PM WP: Vocalis Concert

## News & Notes

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.

### CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8:00AM to 11:30AM in the WECP (school) building.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Our preschool class meets in the WECP building. After Time with the Children, children 3-5 year olds leave with their teachers, "Miss Debby", "Mr. Chris" LaMendola and Mrs. Janet 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- 2nd grade class meet each Sunday with their teachers in the first classroom before the Parish Hall balcony.
- 3rd, 4th-5th grade class meet with their teachers Mr. Isaiah and Mrs. Rebecca in the first classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 6th-7th grade class meet each Sunday with their teachers, Debbie Izatt and Carol Timmerman-Yorty, in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 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 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our Senior Highs, 9th-12th graders, meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner

### 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 jad-amczyk@wpccbuffalo.org

### THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

*The Senior Choristers*, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday and Thursday, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Once per month, at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays, the Choristers sing Choral Evensong in the Holmes Chapel, open to everyone. The Junior Choristers, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously, joining the Senior Choristers for the service of Choral Evensong at 6:00 PM once per month.

*The Apprentice Choristers*, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday through during the 10:30 AM Sunday School. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Val Cooley and Julie Zenger. Participation in the program is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music, gmartin@wpccbuffalo.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, October 29** at 12:00 PM. 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 Sawrie Becker, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 315 or Karen Keaton, [khkeaton@verizon.net](mailto:khkeaton@verizon.net), or any staff member.

## SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### Adult Bible Study

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM 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.

### Case Library Conversations

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

#### October 8th

**Albright: *The Life and Times of John J. Albright* by Mark Goldman**

Presenter: Mark Goldman

#### October 15th

#### Green Code

Presenter: Brendan Mehaffy

Brendan will update us on the "Green Code." He is the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning for the City of Buffalo

Their Mission Statement is: *Our work today is making Buffalo's Neighborhoods better for the next generation, the next century. Our job is to create economic, housing, and quality of life opportunities in Buffalo's neighborhoods.*

### Spiritual Life

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

#### October 8

*Discernment Listening Guidelines*

Facilitator: Allan Hayes

Effective listening is much more than being silent while the other person talk. In order to truly connect with another human being, the first step is to pay attention to that person. But paying attention is not enough by itself. We need to pay attention with a particular attitude: one of openness, curiosity, and receptiveness. Paying attention with openness and curiosity is commonly known as "mindfulness." When someone connects with us mindfully, we feel important, cared for, cherished, appreciated, respected, or valued.

## PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Join Passages on Tuesday, November 7 to hear from Kim Murphy from the Tai Chi Society who will lead our program. 12:30 PM: Lunch in the Oak Room and 1:15 PM: Program in Case Library. Sign up for lunch in the Gallery Room on the Information Table or call Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326.

## MEET & MINGLE

Please join us in the Holmes Room immediately following the 10:30 AM 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. Continue to stop by the Heavenly Grounds Café in the Oak Room which is open from 9:00 AM to noon with coffee service until 10:30 AM. We need YOUR help! 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 and bring to church for storage. Bring receipts for reimbursement.

2. Be a host for the week. The hosts come early to church to make the punch, put the food on serving plates before the 10:30 AM service; monitor the need to refill punch or food platters; 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. Please contact Debby LaMendola (716-983-4993) if you can help! Thank you to this week's host, Leslie Deich.

## WOW KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group meets on various Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, this month on October 10. The group works on individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome. Contact Fran Holmes, [mfranhomes@verizon.net](mailto:mfranhomes@verizon.net) for information.

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

### Wednesdays @ Westminster: Midday Music & Musings

Our Wednesdays@Westminster program was designed to give friends and neighbors an uplifting moment in the day; to feed the spirit and the body; and to delight in the beauty of our historic Sanctuary. Each Wednesday, local Buffalo artists perform a 30 minute lunchtime presentation in Westminster's historic Sanctuary, September 13th-December 13th and January 17th-May 16th. Free. Donations benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

#### Poetry

October 11: Rebekah Keaton, poet

#### Music

October 18: Garrett Martin, organ

#### Performance

October 25: ATG Table Read, led by Neil Wechsler

### Vocalis Chamber Choir: Heartsongs

Sunday, October 15th - 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Vocalis kicks off its 16th season with favorite sacred, folk, and contemporary *a cappella* works to uplift the heart. For more information, visit [vocalischamberchoir.org](http://vocalischamberchoir.org). Tickets, \$15, available at the door.

### Wednesday Choral Evensong - Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00 PM

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, the Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead a weekly service of music and Scripture readings. Many people enjoy the contemplative feel of Evensong.

### Taizé Worship

Friday, October 20th. Start your weekend with this evening service of calming prayer and meditation on the third Friday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Holmes Chapel.

## INTRODUCING "MEETUP" AT WESTMINSTER!

Have you heard of the website MeetUp? The website allows people to connect with other people to do things that matter to them. We're initiating "Westminster MeetUp" as a way to connect with others in our church community with a common interest or just to get together for an outing. This is a great way to get to share life experiences together as a church family

Westminster people have many talents and interests, and your input is needed. Would you like to teach a class? Are you performing with a musical group? Is your artwork on display at a local gallery? Do you want to join others to attend a sporting event? Do you have a skill you can share? Are you a docent or tour guide? Once we determine events, they will be advertised through social media, emails and bulletin announcements. Please contact Carol Greetham at [carolgreetham@gmail.com](mailto:carolgreetham@gmail.com) to share your ideas for a Westminster MeetUp.

*Westminster MeetUp this Fall.* What better way to enjoy the season than to share in autumn delights with Westminster friends. Let's take a hike! We will meet up Saturday October 28 at 2:00 PM. Janet Kowalski, past chair of the Adirondack Club, Niagara Frontier Chapter, will lead us on a hike through Reinsteins Woods, 93 Honorine Dr., Cheektowaga. We'll meet at the pavilion next to the education center adjacent to the parking lot. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and bring a snack and some water. Sign up in the Gallery Room or email Carol Greetham at [carolgreetham@gmail.com](mailto:carolgreetham@gmail.com) if you'd like to come or have questions. Saturday, November 4 is the rain date.

## DIANE BISH - THE FIRST LADY OF THE ORGAN

### Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 PM.

Known to audiences through her TV program, *The Joy of Music*, Diane Bish is arguably the most well-known organist of her generation. She will present a program of familiar masterworks and original compositions with a festival choir of singers from local churches. Tickets, \$25 are available at [wpcbuffalo.org](http://wpcbuffalo.org).



## 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.*

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Forgive us when we deem our species so central  
That we do not rest and halt consumption,  
Decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity.  
Forgive us through Christ,  
Who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery  
That we might enjoy your presence,  
Creation, and community. Amen.

*Time for silent prayer:*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

Thomas Pavlechko (b.1962)

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the Congregation, with the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The second staff is for the Congregation and the Cantor, with the lyrics: "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with some rests and ties.

### Words of Assurance

## Response

Thomas Pavlechko

*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 turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ.*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Lessons

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; John 15:1-12

*Text can be found on page 4.*

## Meditation

Finding Peace with God and Finding Peace with One's Neighbor

Marcia Buhl

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*We distribute the elements of communion 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 serves only gluten and dairy-free bread. Please take the aisle nearest you to the communion station at the front of that aisle, and return to your seat by the same aisle.*

## Sending Hymn, No. 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*The people stand to sing.*

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Voluntary in D

George Dyson (1883-1964)

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Join us for *Faith*  
W.O.R.K.S  
*Through our Gifts & Talents*

**Festival & Picnic! Sunday, October 15, 2017**

During worship service on Sunday, October 15, 2017 our congregation will be dedicating the wonderful Music Ministry of Westminster and launching our 2018 “Faith Works” Generosity Campaign.

We invite everyone to join us on that day and to plan to attend a family picnic event immediately following worship in the “Thomas Penney Stewart Park” *hosted by Westminster staff members and the Ministry of Generosity*. Come and celebrate the many “gifts and talents” of our Westminster church family:

- Music by Jaclyn Brown and Alexei Carstensen
- Watercolor paintings by church members on display
- Readings by Reed Taylor
- Picnic food prepared by the WPC staff
- Merriment & More!

God’s church depends on our time, talent and treasure - sharing these artistic expressions is one way “*Faith Works*” at Westminster Reserve your spot today! Cost: In advance, \$5.00 per person - up to a maximum of \$20.00 per family. At the door, \$7.00 per person - up to a maximum of \$28.00 per family. Reservation forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. You may also call or email Jamie at 716-884-9437, or email [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org) to make a reservation.

**Tickets will be available to purchase in the Holmes Room today!**



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