



# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

MAY 5, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

Lincolnshire Dances

arr. Mitchell Eithun (b. 1995)

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

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

### 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

Preces

Martin Neary (b. 1940)

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.  
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.  
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

#### Call to Worship

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

#### Hymn in Procession, No. 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Lord God,  
In the light of your glory  
We see the evil we have done,  
The suffering we have caused,  
The good we have refused,  
And the truth we have denied.  
Heal us of our sin,  
Wash us in your mercy,  
And feed us with your grace,  
So that we may follow your way  
And tell the good news of the gospel.  
Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*





## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalm

Psalm 30

Gerald Knight (1908-1979)

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. <sup>2</sup>O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. <sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. <sup>4</sup>Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. <sup>5</sup>For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime. <sup>6</sup>Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. <sup>7</sup>While I felt secure, I said, I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." <sup>8</sup>Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. <sup>9</sup>I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying, <sup>10</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?" <sup>11</sup>Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper." <sup>12</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. <sup>13</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

*The people stand.*



### Gospel Lesson

*The people stand.*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 21:1-14

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### Gospel Acclamation





## Sermon

Church 101

## Hymn

Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

GUITING POWER

*The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 12.*

## 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.*

Sing Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness

Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest, sweetest strain,  
With the praises of your Savior let his house resound again;  
Him let all your music honor, and your songs exalt his reign.  
Sing how he come forth from heaven, bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,  
Stooped to wear the servant's vesture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,  
Passed within the gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.  
So, he tasted death for all men, he, of human-kind the head,  
Sinless one, among the sinful, Prince of life, among the dead;  
Thus he wrought the full redemption, and the captor captive led.  
Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father's throne the Son  
Rules and guides the world he ransomed, till the appointed work be done,  
Till he see, renewed and perfect, all things gathered into one.  
Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, till the appointed work be done,  
Him let all your music honor, let us his house resound again;  
Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, and your songs exult his reign. Alleluia. Amen.

## 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.*

### Great 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, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful to you you kept faith with us. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



*The people sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*The people sing.*

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him. Give us who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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 the Bread and the Cup

*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-free 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. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.*

## Voluntary at Communion

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton† (1938-1984)



## Prayer After Communion

Gracious and abundant God,  
Even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation,  
You meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal.  
We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life  
And quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation.  
Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit  
To share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

## Sending Hymn, No. 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name  
*The people stand to sing.*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

## Benediction Response

## Closing Voluntary

Exultation

Matthew Compton (b. 1994)

*Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle, a time of fellowship in the Holmes Room.  
Thank you to our host today, Peter McNally.*

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor  
Ray Herman, Liturgist  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Walter S. Mayo, Director of the Westminster Handbell Choir  
Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  
The Westminster Choir

## Elders Serving Today

Zandy Barrett, Jack Jacobs, Lucinda Hohn, Brendan Mehaffy, Rebecca Montague, Barbara Nelson

## Deacons Serving Today

Drew Dees, Kate Dierenfield, Carol Greetham, Stephen Johnson, John Mahoney, Beatriz Nazario  
Roberta Nickelsen, Joan Rice, Roy Stewart, Ron Stuz

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Robert and Charlotte Collins and Edward and Lucy Curtis by the Curtis family.

The flowers at the Pulpit are in honor of grandchildren Charlie, Henry, Louis, Pearl, and Vera given by the Becker family.

## Notes on Today's Music

<sup>†</sup>**Calvin Hampton** is a 1960 graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and a 1963 graduate of Syracuse University. His "Fridays at Midnight" organ recital series, running from 1974 to 1983, was one of the most famous and popular organ recital series in American history. Hampton was also a respected composer for the church and for the concert stage. Before his death, Erik Routley, a noted authority on church music, called Hampton "the greatest living composer of hymn tunes." His settings of the Episcopal liturgy are also in use in Catholic churches, and his choral works are milestones of innovative, challenging sacred music. He also transcribed music from other sources for the organ; his versions for organ of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and César Franck's *Symphony in D minor* are noteworthy. Hampton's views on the proper design and function of the organ, particularly in the orchestral context, were controversial in their time because they conflicted with then-current neo-Baroque opinions. Towards the end of his life, Hampton gave up church work and concentrated on composition and organ consulting. Several important classical instruments in the US bear the stamp of his ideas. Weakened with AIDS, Hampton remained active until the final few weeks of his life, composing the massive *Alexander Variations* for two pipe organs while almost completely bedridden.

# NEWS AND 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 11:30 AM 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

### INQUIRER CLASS

**TODAY, 11:30 AM after Worship**

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)

**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), 884-9437, ext. 326.

## WEDI AND MISSION

### WEST SIDE BAZAAR

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

### ENERGY

ENERGY is accepting warm winter socks in youth sizes, books about/featuring animals, and books written by Sarah L. Thomson. ENERGY Store donations are always appreciated! 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) Thank you!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Year of the Bible** The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, assisted by Dr. Yorty and Debbie Katz, is leading a year-long Year of the Bible class, providing participants the opportunity to read through the entire Bible, cover to cover, over the course of the year.

Two classes are offered each week: Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 AM, and Monday evenings, 7:15-8:15 PM; both classes meet in the Parish Hall. It's not too late to get started, so come join the group of more than 50 who have already begun! 15 minutes of reading each day is all it takes. By the end of the year, you will have read through the entire Bible! More important, you will grow spiritually in countless ways as you deepen your understanding of God's Written Word.

### CASE LIBRARY

Sundays, 9 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.

#### *Case Library May Series:*

***Things We Need to Talk About - Having the Right Plans in Place***

**May 5**

#### *Trends in Senior Care*

Presenter: Karin Ziegler, PT, MBA, President and CEO of Presbyterian Senior Care

Karen will share information regarding the quickly changing trends in senior living. In addition, she will share information and questions to consider as we, or our loved ones age, and make decisions regarding living arrangements, desired services, caregiving of loved ones, and important legal and financial considerations.

**May 12**

***Sorting Out Health Care Directives; How to Choose the Right One.***

Presenter: Cathy Papia, RN, BSN, Critical Care Family Liaison, Buffalo General Medical Center

Patients who have prepared advance directives receive care that is strongly associated with their preferences. Learn about the differences between a Health Care Proxy, Living Will, and a MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment). We will also discuss why an Advance Directive is important as it pertains to New York State Law and take another look at the New York State Health Care Proxy form.

**May 19**

***Who Made You the Boss?***

Presenter: The Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate, WPC

Family dynamics in a time of crisis can become everything from a "little tricky" to like "walking a mine field." Through personal sharing and a touch of humor, we will discuss ways to navigate rough waters during a family

member's health crisis--especially when carefully laid out advance directives don't go as planned.

## **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

*Spiritual Life will resume in September, Sundays, 9-10:15 AM in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!*

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, compassion, grace, and grieving. Poetry and 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."

## **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 and 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 and 7th grade class meet each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.

- Confirmation class is made up of 8th grades; 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.

- 9th and 12th grades meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

## **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **MeetUP at the Ballpark!**

Buffalo Bisons vs Norfolk Tides

Friday Night Bash!, June 21, 7:05 PM at Sahlen Field

Potluck picnic in the Oak Room at 5 PM.

90's Night! Dust off your Zubaz, put your "Starter Jacket" on and blast "Mmmmbop" on your way to 90's Night! We'll be featuring your favorite 90's music and tie in popular 90's board games and TV shows. After the game will be a totally awesome fireworks show! Tickets are \$12. David Carstensen will be selling tickets this Sunday.

### **WOW BOOK DISCUSSION**

WOW will be discussing *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn on May 6 at 7 PM in the Case Library. Please join us.

### **PASSAGES**

Join us on Tuesday, May 7, when a panel led by Marcia Buhl will lead an interactive discussion on memory. Addressing our concern regarding our senior moments, a panel will present examples of: when we should be concerned about our forgetfulness; tips for preserving and enhancing memory; means to enhance overall health as we age; some entertaining ways to remember important information and de-

tails. Lunch at 12:30 PM, program at 1:15 PM. Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room if you are attending lunch. or call Jamie at 884-9437.

## **KNITTING GROUP**

The next knitting dates are Tuesdays, 7 PM on May 14, and May 28. Our group meets on various Tuesdays, 7PM to 9PM throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Please contact Fran Holmes for more information and dates, [mfranholmes@verizon.net](mailto:mfranholmes@verizon.net) Beginners are always welcome!

## **MEET AND MINGLE**

Sundays, following 10:30 AM Worship. Enjoy snacks and fellowship in the Holmes Room with friends old and new! Can you help? Meet & Mingle needs volunteers: 1 - 2 hours a month. Reach out to members to schedule hosts/shoppers/donors for the Meet & Mingle weekly fellowship hour.

## **LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY**

Can't make it to Worship on Sunday or to a special event/concert? You can still connect to Westminster. Simply visit our website: [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org) and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage.

## **PLANT-BASED FOOD LOVERS UNITE!**

Are you a vegan or vegetarian who would like to share an occasional supper with like-minded Westminster friends? A Foyer Dinner Group is forming just for you! For more information, contact Mindy Airhart, [Mindy.airhart@gmail.com](mailto:Mindy.airhart@gmail.com)

## **HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFE**

Sundays, 9:00 AM to 11:30 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 after worship.

## **AROUND OUR COMMUNITY**

### **THEATRE OF YOUTH: TOY WORKSHOPS**

Theatre of Youth Company, Inc. (TOY) stimulates the imagination, nurtures the creative spirit and enhances the education of young people by engaging them in relevant, child-centered, and professionally-produced live theatre programs.

*"Script Scramble"*

For students in Grades 5-8

Saturday, May 11

1PM - 3 PM, 10 AM- 12 PM in Parish Hall

Do you have a child that likes to create stories? This co-taught class will explore the imagination of storytelling through script writing! Children will write their own mini-plays with the guidance of the instructors and have an opportunity to act them out! Participants may swap and share their scripts with others to expand on ideas and character development, scramble two plays together to make a new one, or improv scenes to write down later! An acting and writing mash up bound to be a blast!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Westminster is a vibrant faith community because of the time and commitment our members dedicate. We are thankful for our volunteers, and encourage everyone to consider participating in our church life by volunteering your time

and talent. If you are interested in the opportunities below, please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, or email [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org)

*Meet & Mingle Coordinator* 1 - 2 hours a month. Reach out to members to schedule hosts/shoppers/donors for the Mee& Mingle weekly fellowship hour.

*Laundry Angel* 1-2 hours a month. Assist with tablecloth maintenance around events by taking home laundry and return to church.

*WECP Coffee & Donuts* 2 hours a month. Greet WECP Parents with coffee, a donut, and a smile on the second Thursday or Friday of each month at the school.

#### **MAY IS "WILLS EMPHASIS" MONTH**

Stop by the Holmes Room between services to "Ask an Expert" Sunday, May 5, the Presbyterian Church (USA) reminds us to consider making a will or updating an existing will to mirror the changes that may take place in our lives. A will is unique and should be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of each individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan. As you reflect on the role of your church family on your spiritual journey during your lifetime, perhaps you will consider including your church family in your plans. Please stop by the information table in the Holmes Room today to talk to Robert Constantine, our Planned Giving Chair and attorney with extensive experience in Trust and Estate planning and administration. Other helpful resources will be available at the table as well.

#### **ATTENTION GARDENERS!**

The Garden Group welcomes new participants. We meet on Tuesdays, from 10 AM until (approximately) noon to work in the church gardens. We dig, week plant, deadhead, and perform other gardening chores. After, we then share lunch. We will begin on May 14. For more information, please contact Dot Brown, [brown610349@aol.com](mailto:brown610349@aol.com)

## **DID YOU KNOW...**

That WPC is home to five Steinway Pianos? These treasured and historic instruments help to support our music and education programs and are in constant use.

Where are they?

- Holmes Chapel / Steinway O 1907
- Case Library / Steinway O 1914
- WECP / Steinway L 1940
- Parish Hall / Steinway L 1954
- Sanctuary / Steinway D 1979

The Steinway D Concert Grand in the Sanctuary was a partial gift from the family of Sarah (Alain) Charlier, whose grandmother was Frina Arschanskaya Boldt. Frina and her sister Zhanna, both talented pianists for the age of six, escaped from a concentration camp, in part through the clever use of their acclaimed piano playing. Both found success in piano teaching and performance careers.

All WPC pianos receive bi-annual tunings and regulation to maintain their performance sound. The Steinway D, in the Sanctuary, after considerable work in recent years, is recognized as one of the finest concert instruments in Buffalo.

The replacement value of our five instruments would be \$440,000. It is hoped that a small portion of the Capital Campaign funds raised is hoped to be used to rebuild these pianos to enhance and maintain the integrity of these fine instruments for continued daily use and for the generations that will follow.

*The WPC Capital Campaign will be formally launched to the congregation in the Autumn of 2019. Please stop by the DID YOU KNOW table during Meet & Mingle to find out more!*



## **The Westminster Handbell Choir**

## **The Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus**

**TODAY at 4 PM in the Sanctuary**

Under the direction of Steve Mayo, the choir will present handbell favorites. The Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus will join in to sing with the choir and offer a rousing get-up-and-dance finale!

**Don't miss the final concerts of the 2018-2019 Westminster Presents season!**

**Westminster Handbell Choir**

May 5, 4 PM in the Sanctuary  
Under the direction of Steve Mayo, the group will present handbell favorites joined by the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus.

**Westminster Choir Concert**

May 17, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary  
The choirs will present contemporary, classical, and popular selections.

**A British Choral Tapestry**

May 19, 4 PM in the Sanctuary  
The Harmonia Chamber Choir sings music of Britain—from Byrd to the Beatles. Visit [harmoniacs.org](http://harmoniacs.org) for tickets.

**QED Vocal Ensemble**

June 16, 4 PM in the Sanctuary  
Westminster's chamber choir in residence presents a program of all-French choral repertoire.

**Worship with Brass**

June 30, 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary  
The Westminster Choirs and Buffalo Brass welcome the 2019 American Guild of Organists Regional Convention to Buffalo.

**Choral Evensong**

June 30, 4:15 PM  
at Chautauqua Institute  
The Westminster Choirs sing Evensong at Chautauqua's Hall of Christ, followed by an organ recital by Joshua Stafford on the Massey Memorial Organ.

**Michael Hey, organ**

July 2, 1 PM in the Sanctuary  
From St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC, Michael Hey performs as one of the featured recitalists of the 2019 AGO Regional Convention.

**David Higgs, organ**

July 4, 7 PM in the Sanctuary  
Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music, David Higgs performs as one of the featured recitalists of the 2019 AGO Regional Convention.

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER**

**Sunday, May 5**

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
9:00 AM Case Library Series  
9:00 AM Wills Emphasis Sunday  
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:15 AM Year of the Bible  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
10:00 AM First Sunday/  
Youth Service/  
Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship/Becker/Witter  
Baptisms  
11:30 AM Racial Justice Meeting  
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
11:45 AM Inquirer Class  
12:00 PM Handbells Reserved  
12:00 PM Docent Tours  
4:00 PM Handbell Choir Concert  
5:30 PM David Rose Recording

**Monday, May 6**

10:00 AM WECP Grandparents  
Week

6:00 PM

Spiritual Life Meeting  
7:00 PM WOW Book Discussion  
7:15 PM Year of the Bible

**Tuesday, May 7**

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
9:00 AM Management Meeting  
12:30 PM Passages Lunch  
1:15 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, May 8**

9:30 AM Worship Planning  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting/Calendar  
Retreat  
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
6:00 PM Capital Campaign Event  
6:30 PM QED Rehearsal  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

**Thursday, May 9**

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 10**

4:00 PM Waters Memorial Service  
5:30 PM Centering Prayer

**Saturday, May 11**

9:00 AM WECP Spring Clean Up  
Rain Date  
9:30 AM TOY Theater  
11:00 AM Parent's Group  
2:00 PM Youth sleepover

**Sunday, May 12**

Happy Mother's Day!  
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
9:00 AM Case Library Series  
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:15 AM Year of the Bible  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
10:30 AM Worship  
10:40 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
12:00 PM Dream Group 3  
12:30 PM QED Rehearsal

**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

**May 12**

Mother's Day  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
The Rev. Beth Hennessy

# Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

## GUITING POWER

Michael Saward

John Barnard



1. Christ tri - um - phant, e - ver reign - ing, Sa - vior, Mas - ter, King!
2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!
3. Suffer - ing ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!
4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for e - ver high in heaven a - bove!
5. So, our hearts and voi - ces rais - ing through the a - ges long,



Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:  
power and ma - je - sty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:  
death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied:  
sin and death and hell shall ne - ver sti - fle hymns of love:  
cease - less - ly up - on you ga - zing, this shall be our song:



Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.





## 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.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Gospel Lesson

*The people stand.*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 21:1-14

*Text can be found on page 4.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## Meditation

Church 101

## 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. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.*

## Sending Hymn, No. 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*The people stand to sing.*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

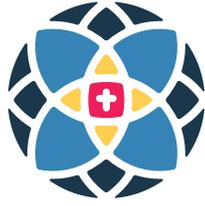
## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

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