



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

October 9, 2022

Worship at 10:30 AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Hommage à Langlais: Song of Peace in a Time of War

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

It is the tradition of this congregation to keep silence during the Opening Voluntary as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Leach

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

Be Joyful in the Lord

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
Come before his presence with a song.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The people stand to sing.

No. 386: O for a World

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Unending Hope, from age to age you have called humanity to yourself. You have called us to see in each other the image of your likeness and to care for one another as our deepest liturgical obligation. And yet we have settled for lives and for worship that rehearse tired, selfish ways of being. We have spoken words that satisfy ourselves, while others go hungry. So we ask as the prophet did before us, with what shall we come before you? Tell us again, O God, what is good. Remind us what you require. Enable our lips to declare your justice, your care, your protection; and empower us to act courageously in our lives and our ministries, even where we sit in these moments, for the sake of Jesus the Christ.

The people continue in silent confession.



KYRIE

Westminster Buffalo Service, Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

The people sing.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

The people stand to sing.

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - - ly Spi - rit; As it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - - - - - men.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Students may come forward during the Passing of the Peace. Pickup your student in the Holmes Room after worship.

Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,
That in your Spir - it strong and true, their lives may be a gift to you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



PSALM

Psalm 66:1-11

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise. ²Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you. ³All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name." ⁴Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people. ⁵He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him. ⁶In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him. ⁷Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; ⁸Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. ⁹For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. ¹⁰You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. ¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Live Your Love Out Loud

HYMN

The people stand to sing. This hymn is found on page 5.

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Lord, Increase Our Faith

Henry Loosemore (1605-1670)

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
Endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience in all our adversities.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The people stand as the Deacons move forward; remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. The earth belongs to you, O Lord and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to you the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kin-dom. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

The people stand to sing. This hymn may be found on page 9.

No. 332: Live Into Hope

TRURO

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be In My Head

Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947)

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

Please join us following worship in the Holmes Room for Meet and Mingle.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Todd E. Leach, Senior Pastor
Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling, Associate Pastor for Christian Education
Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling, Director of Community Engagement
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music
The Westminster Choir

DEACONS SERVING TODAY

John Bace, Whitney Manalio Creighton, Linda Fabian,
Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, Evan Izatt, Carolyn Hoyt Stevens

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Peter McNally in memory of his parents, Edward J. McNally and Marie P. Bentley.

If you would like to purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, contact Sue Adams, hugwalker1@gmail.com.



We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

1. We can - not mea - sure how you heal or an - swer ev - ery
2. The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that clings from
3. So some have come who need your help and some have come to

suf - ferer's prayer, yet we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where faith and
things long past, the fear of what the fu - ture holds, are pres - ent
make a - mends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are pres - ent

doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
as if meant to last. But pres - ent too is love which tends the
in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here to

-vive to hold and heal and warn, to car - ry all through
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the pri - vate ag - o -
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to dis - en - tan - gle

death to life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
-nies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
peace from pain, and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

Welcome to Westminster!

Masks are now optional while on campus.

N95 masks are still encouraged and will be made available at church entrances.

Westminster is a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation and a progressive place of lifelong learning. Everyone is welcome to our campus to worship, rejoice in music, question, reflect, serve, and grow, regardless of age, race, socioeconomic status, sexuality, gender identity, citizenship status, or religious affiliation.

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, or visit our website, wpcbuffalo.org.

As a More Light church, we invite all members of the LGBTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries. As an Earth Care Congregation, we defend and heal creation through worship and education.

Wiggle Worship Bags for youth are available at the doors. Please return after worship.

If you need assistance at any time, please ask a deacon or staff member.

Announcements

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is calling for thoughtful nominations for elder and deacon positions; three-year terms will start January 2023. You may self-nominate or nominate others (the nominee must be a church member and willing to serve in one of these special leadership roles in the church). Submit nominations to Sherrie Bernat: 716.536.4906 or bernatsh@buffalostate.edu.

Volunteers needed for ENERGY!

The Energy and Fly programs are looking for volunteers to work with English Language Learners in grades 1-8. Contact Donna Glasgow at dglasgow@wedibuffalo.org with questions.

WECP Charleston Wrap Sale

Support WECP by ordering holiday supplies and gift items ahead of time. Hard copy catalogs and order forms are also available in the Gallery Room

Congregational Care

A memorial service for Lucy Ryan will be held on October 15 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

The family and friends of Allison Johansson, who died on September 29. A memorial service will be held on October 21 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.

Generosity

Generosity 2023 Kickoff

October 16 following 10:30 worship

Contact: Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Kickoff the 2023 Generosity campaign, "Building a Bigger Table," with a potluck in partnership with the West Side Bazaar. Please bring a salad or dessert to share; the main course will be provided by West Side Bazaar restaurants. Sign up in the Gallery Room.

Planned Giving

What kinds of mindful choices are you making today? Are you purposefully investing your time, skills and money in ways that make the people and places around you better both now and for the future? For more information on planned giving, the 1854 Legacy Circle, or making a gift to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org or 716.884.9437 x315.

This Week

Sunday, October 9

8:15 AM Worship
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:00 AM Case Library Series
9:15 AM Intro to the Bible
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Meet and Mingle
1:00 PM Bills Game Meet Up

Monday, October 10

WPC/WECP Closed

Tuesday, October 11

10:00 AM Garden Group
12:30 PM Passages Program
3:00 PM ENERGY/FLY
6:30 PM Zen Dharma
7:00 PM WECP Parent Board

Wednesday, October 12

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:30 AM Worship Planning
3:00 PM ENERGY/FLY
8:00 PM AA

Thursday, October 13

3:00 PM ENERGY/FLY
6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 14

8:00 AM WEDI Luncheon
3:00 PM ENERGY/FLY

Saturday, October 15

11:00 AM Lucy Ryan Memorial

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9:00 AM Case Library Series
9:15 AM Intro to the Bible
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet and Mingle
11:30 AM Bagles and Bibles
4:00 PM Harmonia Concert

Upcoming Events

Meet and Mingle

Following 10:30 AM Worship

Contact: Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Sponsors and/or hosts are needed throughout the fall. Sign up in the Gallery Room.

Meetup - Bills Game at Community Beer Works

October 9, 1 PM at 520 7th St. Buffalo, 14201

Contact: Alanna Paris, alannapa@buffalo.edu

Meet after church to watch the Bills game; parking on-street or at the medical office across the street. Wheelchair accessible; sign up in the Gallery Room.

Passages Program

October 11, 12:30 PM in the Oak Room and Zoom

Our guest speaker will be Barbara A. Seals Nevergold, PhD. She will present the history of the East Presbyterian Church, founded in 1850 as one of three early churches established to meet the needs of the African American community in Buffalo. The presentation will offer a portrait of the church, its founding members, and its significance during the decade of its existence and its relationship to Vine Street A.M.E. Church and St. Philip's Episcopal Church. This promises to be a fascinating and meaningful program. Join us for lunch and our first in-person post-Covid gathering! Dr. Nevergold is the co-author of the series, *Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York*.

Bible 101 - An Introduction to the Bible

Starts October 9, 9:15 in Parish Hall and via Zoom

All are welcome as we look at the stories and history of God's Written Word. This 4-part class, led by Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, will continue through October.

Harmonia Chamber Singers

October 16, 4 PM in the Sanctuary

Harmonia Chamber Singers opens its 17th season with Choral Flourishes, a concert of fanfare, odes, and madrigals. Conducted by Robert Duerr, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams with "A Choral Flourish" and "Silence and Music." Garrett F. Martin performs on Westminster's newly refurbished organ.

Case Library Conversations

Race, Racism, White Supremacy and Religion

October 16, 9 AM in the Library and via Zoom

Richard Bailey (Canisius College) will explore the way Christian theology and ideology historically has fostered and been linked to the creation of racial identities, racial thinking, and racism in America.

October 23, 9 AM in the Library and via Zoom

Josal (Josie) Diebold, (PhD Candidate, UB School of Social Work) presents: "Critical Race Theory: Right Wing Attacks and Fighting for Racial Justice." She will discuss what critical race theory is, including its origins and usefulness as a framework for understanding race and racism.



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