



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

June 12, 2022
Worship at 10:30 AM

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on HANOVER

Craig Courtney (b. 1954)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Leach

RECEIVING AND WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Members of the congregation, let us greet our new friends:

We, the officers and members of Westminster, bid you welcome to our work and worship, and pledge to you our Christian fellowship. We pray that all of us united by our faith may grow into the likeness of Jesus our Lord.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

The Rain will Seek the Rivers

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

The rain will seek the rivers, and rivers run to seas,
While human hearts will wander unfulfilled and restlessly.

The anxious heart must listen, and the quiet voice,
That whispers, answers, offers, calls forth the unforced choice.

To grasp the easy burden, God's grace our soul's delight.
Oh, run to claim the promise of everlasting life.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people stand.

Listen! Wisdom is calling!
Before all began, God, Word, and Wisdom.
Creating and calling from the foundations of the deep.

Listen! Wisdom is calling!
From the mountain tops: earth, fields, and sea.
Creating and calling from the foundations of the deep.

Listen! Wisdom is calling!
To those who suffer, God's love is given.
Endurance blossoms from the foundations of the deep.

Listen! Wisdom is calling!
Daily, God's delight: You, me, every one given
Hope, grace, love as the foundation of our lives.

Listen! Wisdom is calling!
Poured into our hearts that we may become Christ's hand and heart.
Love as the foundation of our lives.

Listen!
Wisdom is calling!



OPENING HYMN

The people remain standing to sing.

No. 132: Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name.

The people keep silence.

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

*At this time, children 3 years and older may leave for Sunday School with their teachers.
Please have them take their belongings with them.*

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

Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling

PSALM

Psalm 8

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

¹O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world; Thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens! ²Out of the mouths of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. ³For I will consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained. ⁴What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? ⁵Thou madest him lower than the angels, to crown him with glory and worship. ⁶Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. ⁷All sheep and oxen; yea and the beasts of the field. ⁸The fowls of the air and the fishes of the sea; and whosoever passeth through the paths of the seas. ⁹O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world! 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live. ²²“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, ³¹playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Does Not Wisdom Call?



HYMN

The people stand to sing.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADELEINE



1. Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who danced when earth was new.
 2. Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing in the mar - ket - place.
 3. Sis - ter Wis - dom, come as - sist us; nur - ture all who seek re - birth.



Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es, for her words are right and true.
 Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace.
 Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth.



Wis - dom clears the path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 When the word takes root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 Free us to be - come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ubi Caritas

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
 Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love abide, God is there.
 Christ's love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
 Let us fear and love the living God.
 May we love each other with a sincere heart.*

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

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. 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.

No. 138: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you; and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

DEACONS SERVING TODAY

Wisdom Afealete, John Bace, Betsy Biggar, Bill Currie,
Linda Fabian, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Scott Nachbar and John Mark Silbert in celebration of their wedding.

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

Welcome to Westminster!

Masks are required at all times on Westminster's campus—including during worship.

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.

Alali Family Update

The Alali family are settling into Buffalo. Several experienced WPC and St. Paul Lutheran volunteers are actively offering over 4 hours of supplemental English language instruction to family members in addition to the classes they are taking twice a week at Journey's End. The older sons are particularly interested in finding employment; we will work with Journey's End to assist them in this effort. The family has benefits for food, but can use VISA gift cards for other purchases such as cleaning supplies. These can be delivered to WPC or to Debbie Erwin, 58 Lamarck Dr., Synder, 14226.

We look forward to setting up time for the Alali's to meet the WPC family!

Construction Update

This week, floors in the Holmes Chapel were refinished. Electricians began installing new lighting fixtures in the Sanctuary. The new fixtures will be focused on the chancel area, and will provide appropriate lighting for both worship and concert programming.

The first set of Delaware Doors is nearing completion and will be installed in the coming weeks. Organbuilders from R.A. Colby will be returning in coming weeks to complete the installation of the Holmes Chapel organ.

Generosity

Gifts to *All Things New* support the church's annual operating expenses and programs and are vital to maintain and grow the changing needs of our members and the diverse community we serve. If you have not yet pledged, please make a financial commitment to Westminster as a sign of devotion to the ministry and mission of our church. **Please send in a pledge card or submit online via our secure website, wpcbuffalo.org/atn.** Thank you for your generosity!

What part of church life means the most to you? Is there a ministry or program that has made a difference in your life? A gift to the church in your Will can keep that vital aspect of our community growing so it can bless others in the future. Consider including Westminster your estate planning and becoming a member of The 1854 Legacy Circle.

For more information on making a gift to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org or 716.884.9437 x315.

This Week

Sunday, June 12

8:15 AM Worship
9:00 AM Allentown Parking
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

Monday, June 13

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

Tuesday, June 14

10:00 AM Garden Group
10:30 AM Buffalo Seminary
11:00 AM Stewardship Comm.
3:00 PM ENERGY Program
7:00 PM WECP Parent Board

Wednesday, June 15

9:30 AM Worship Planning
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
3:00 PM ENERGY Program
6:00 PM Eve. of Appreciation
7:30 PM Joshua Lauretig Recital
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, June 16

3:00 PM Drenning Memorial
3:00 PM ENERGY Program
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 17

3:00 PM ENERGY Program

Saturday, June 18

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Seib Memorial
3:30 PM Teacher Birthday Party

Sunday, June 19

8:00 AM Maine Shares
8:15 AM Worship
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 PM Choir Cook-Out

Monday, June 20

WPC & WECP Closed

Annual Meeting

June 26, 2022

One Worship Service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed

The Annual Meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Society of Buffalo, Inc. will take place following 10:30 AM worship on June 26. Committee representatives will participate in leading the worship service and the results of the 2021 audit will be presented to the congregation.

Upcoming Events

Allentown Art Festival Parking

June 11-12, 9 AM-3 PM

Sign-up: Micah, micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org

The youth will raise funds for the Maine Trip during the Allentown Art Festival. Volunteers are needed!

Joshua Lauretig, Oboe

June 15, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Buffalo Philharmonic oboist, Joshua Lauretig, will present a free recital with pianist, Susan Schuman. The program will include Hummel's *Introduction, Theme, and Variations* and Saint-Saens' *Oboe Sonata*.

BFNC Solstice Celebration

June 16, 5:30-8:30 PM at Marcy Casino

BFNC's celebration will feature food, entertainment, a raffle, and Community Service Award ceremonies. Purchase tickets, \$75, at BFNC.org.

Case Library Summer Book Study

July 10-24, 9 AM in-person and via Zoom

Case Library will read Jane Goodall's *The Book of Hope*. The book is Goodall's answer to the question, "In a world that seems so troubled, how do we hold on to hope?" The cost of the book is \$28. A few copies are in stock at Talking Leaves; additional books will arrive soon.

Chautauqua Day Trip

August 26, Time TBA

Contact: David Weeks, dweeks.buffalo@gmail.com
This summer, we will revive the Westminster tradition of an outing to the Chautauqua Institution. This year we have selected the lecture on Friday, August 26 by Robert P. Jones. Jones is the Director of the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI). His most recent book is *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*.



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