



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Gratitude in Every Season

We continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing the blessings bestowed on us.

August 2, 2015 - 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel
10th Sunday after Pentecost



*There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith,
one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

- Ephesians 4: 4-6

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 Chapel 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.

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years old from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the WECP building.

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.

Opening Voluntary

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn† (1809-1847)

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the Hymn.

Hymn, No. 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Call to Confession

Cantor:

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

Congregation:

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, an - swer us.

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and lis - ten to us.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us,
whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins
and pray for your forgiveness.

What terrible suffering we have unleashed.

We have used other persons without regard for their dignity;
we have abused the earth without care for its beauty
or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you
to smooth our way to heaven.

God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us
and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples
of the one who came from you to save us from our sin.

Free us from captivity to our selfishness,
bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth
that your love holds everything together in perfect unity.
We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, 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. It is appropriate to say, "The peace of Christ be with you", and to respond, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).

What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).

Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16

Voluntary

“Lift Thine Eyes,” from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn†

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved, thy Keeper will never slumber.

Hillary Hunt, Sarah Gordon, and Hannah Taylor. soloists

Sermon

We Belong to God

Hymn, No. 521

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
The people stand to sing.

FINEST WHEAT

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God. Worshippers are invited to sign the Friendship Pad located in the aisle seat of each pew and then please pass it to others in your row.

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional, arr. Cindy DiCosola

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
God of majesty and splendor....

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with all the choirs of angels,
and sing the glory of your name:

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty....

Great is the mystery of faith:

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



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

Prayers of Intercession are offered...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. On each tray there are wafers of gluten-free bread in a separate dish. Please take the center aisle to one of the communion stations, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord our God, we rise from this table
knowing a love beyond our deserving.
Thank you for giving us a place at your table;
for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us,
even to us, the cup of salvation.
In humility and hope, we go now from this night
to your promised day.
In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn, No. 436

We Are Your People
The people stand to sing

WHITFIELD

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Grand Chœur

Alexandre Guilmant†† (1837-1911)

Immediately following worship, there will be a Healing Service in the Meditation Room.

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader: Ray Herman

Organist: Garrett Martin, Music Director

Soloists: Hillary Hunt, Sarah Gordon, and Hannah Taylor

Elder Serving Today

Maureen Boyd

Deacons Serving Today

Warren Emblidge, Doug Fabian, Cathy Forrest, Carol Huber, Mike Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Douglas N. Reed by his family.

To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.

The banners in the Holmes Chapel were designed by and are on loan from Mary Mohlke the Artist-in-Residence at North Presbyterian Church.

Notes on Today's Music

† **Felix Mendelssohn's** (1809-1847) Prelude in G Major, op. 37, no. 2 is generally eclipsed by the groundbreaking accomplishments in the Six Sonatas (op. 65). This prelude demonstrates the facility and confidence of a 28-year old composer. The self-assured prelude was composed when Mendelssohn was on his honeymoon; though not heard today, a fugue was composed later and paired together with this prelude at the time of publication.

†† **Félix-Alexandre Guilmant** (1837-1911) was a French organist and composer. In 1871 he was appointed to play the organ at la Trinité church in Paris, and this position he held for 30 years. From then on, Guilmant followed a career as a virtuoso; he gave concerts in the United States (the first major French organist to tour that country), and in Canada, as well as in Europe, making especially frequent visits to England. His American achievements included a 1904 series of no fewer than 40 recitals on the largest organ in the world, the St. Louis Exposition Organ, now preserved as the nucleus of Philadelphia's Wanamaker Organ.

With his younger colleague, André Pirro, Guilmant published a collection of scores, Archives des Maîtres de l'Orgue (archives of the masters of the organ), a compilation of the compositions of numerous pre-1750 French composers. The collection was printed in ten volumes, the first in 1898 and the last (which Guilmant did not live to finalize) in 1914. Guilmant provided a rather similar survey of organ pieces by foreign composers, publishing l'École classique de l'Orgue (classical school of the organ). These anthologies, despite all the musicological developments which have taken place since Guilmant's own time, remain very valuable sources of early music that is often hard to locate elsewhere.



Interfaith Congregational Picnic!

Sunday, August 23rd
4-7PM

- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Temple Beth Zion
- North Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Shir Shalom

A covenant between Presbyterians and Jews in pursuit of a more just world: Israel, Palestine, Divestment, and Longing for Peace. An opportunity for discussion and fellowship.

A Picnic Dinner will follow:

- All ages are welcome!
- Activities for children!
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and refreshments provided
- Bring casseroles, desserts to share!
- Donations of paper towels/bathroom tissue, toothpaste, etc. for the Town Square Food Pantry is appreciated.

The picnic will be held in the backyard of Shir Shalom on 4660 Sheridan Drive

RSVP:

Sign-Up: On the Information Table in the Gallery Room-or-

Call: 716.884.9437 -or-

Online: bit.ly/1C2R431



PREACHING SCHEDULE

Summer Worship Time: 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel

*Fall Worship Times (beginning on September 12)
8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary*

Becoming God's New People

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians seems to be addressed to Gentiles who are urged to 'no longer live as Gentiles live.' It is an epistle of radical transformation; encouraging, inviting the Ephesians to adopt and live into new personal and social identities. They are being resocialized into God's purposes and family. We will explore this timeless message for its powerful relevance to our time and culture.

August 9

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Finding Our Deepest, Truest Selves; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 16

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
It Needn't Have Occurred, Nor Will It Be Repeated; Ephesians 5:15-20

August 23

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Resistance to a Culture of Blind Self-Absorption; Ephesians 6:10-20

September 3

Lay Preacher, Mark Aquino

September 6

Lay Preacher, Adam Utley

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 2 - Name Tag Sunday

Maintenance-Jeff

8:30 AM Case Library Summer Series

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship/Communion

11:00 AM Cookies & Punch

11:00 AM Healing Service

Monday, August 3 - WPC Closed

Tuesday, August 4

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Garden Group

10:00 AM Summer ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, August 5

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

10:00 AM Summer ENERGY Program

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

7:00 PM Against The Grain Theater Mtg.

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, August 6

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Summer ENERGY Program

Friday, August 7

10:00 AM Summer ENERGY Program

Sunday, August 9

6:30 AM Maintenance-Reinaldo

8:30 AM Case Library Summer Series

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Cookies & Punch

11:30 AM Inquirer's Mtg/ Light Refreshments

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those who are serving in the Armed Forces. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & 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.

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 on any of the following dates: August 9, October 18, and December 13, 2015. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty (tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton (khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program - creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

Summer ENERGY is Here! After a few weeks, summer vacation, boredom will be setting in, neighborhoods will be stifling, and the children will be ready for fun, reading, games, and field trips. ELL children (English Language Learners) benefit greatly with continued summer learning, reading and writing. If you're looking for a meaningful summer experience, consider volunteering for Summer ENERGY. For more information, contact Carol Greetham, carol@wedibuffalo.org.

The West Side Bazaar: Take friends and family over to 25 Grant Street for a delicious lunch and do some shopping! Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11AM - 8PM, Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM- 8PM. Sunday & Monday: Closed. Bazaar Bucks on sale now. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

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, Ken Carter 833-9287, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

Starting again in September!

The Apprentice Choir is for children ages 4-6 years old. Children will be taught fundamental music and choral skills. 4:30 - 5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel. For information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

The Senior Choristers (ages 7 and above) rehearse on Wednesdays, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. Participation in the program is not limited to Westminster members. For more information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Passages: A Program for Older Adults - Enjoy your summer and plan to join us when we resume lunch and first program on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. If you would like more information on the Passages program, please call Debbie Katz at 884-9437, ext. 329.

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 12:15PM in the Case Library. Join us as we look at Paul's advice to the church in Corinth and consider what we have in common with Paul and his community of believers. Questions? Contact Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at dkatz@westminster-bflo.org, 884-9437, ext. 329.

Westminster Member - Life Changes? If you are recovering from an illness/surgery or are 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 at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday School and Rotation Workshops will resume in the fall.

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years old from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the WECF building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECF) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.

Sunday School at WPC this Fall

- 3-5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved preschool teachers. The three through five year class meets in the Early Childhood building. The children and their teachers walk to the building together and in cold weather, the children need their coats.

- 1st - 5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops:

Creation Station - in Parish Hall

Hollywood - 1st room in the Parish Hall Balcony

Apostles Playhouse - in Parish Hall

- Our 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.

- Our 8th grader confirmation class meets from 9:45-10:45AM in the Parish Hall balcony classroom.

- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING

Case Library Conversations Summer Series

8:35AM - 9:35AM in the Case Library

We will present the final 2 video discussions by Dr. Eboo Patel "Coming Together to Change the World" Sunday We will hear Eboo Patel's Insights on Interfaith Cooperation for five distinct topics of study. Come and experience a new process of learning as we hear from a multi-faith group comprised of a Jew, two Muslims, a spiritual seeker with Jain and Hindu roots, two Episcopal Christians and one Evangelical Christian who is working in the Lutheran Church.

August 2: The Art of Interfaith Leadership

August 9: The Role of Colleges, Seminaries, and Houses of Worship

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Heavenly Grounds Cafe is in need of donations of baked goods/cookies (store bought or homemade) for Sunday mornings. 4 Dozen pieces are needed and we will need 1 volunteer for each service to bring their donation by 9:30 am. Please sign up in the Cafe on Sundays or weekdays on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

WESTMINSTER GOES TO CHAUTAUQUA

Wednesday, August 5, 2:00PM, Hall of Philosophy. Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Car Pooling from the Church Parking Lot - depart at 10:30AM sharp! Bring a Bag Lunch. Presentation by Phil Zuckerman, Department of Sociology, Pitzer College, Claremont, California, Winner of Foreword Magazine's Silver Book of the Year Award. "Irreligion Rising: Why More Americans Are Becoming Secular." Afternoon Gate Pass (access noon - 8pm): \$15.

YOUTH EVENTS C.I.A (Christians in Action)

Calling all 6th - 8th Graders and their Parents: Please save the dates of Monday August 17th - Thursday August 20th, 2015 for the Middler Work Camp. Contact Debbie Katz or Mark Aquino for details. We look forward to a week of faith, mission, fellowship and fun

Join us for a Picnic on August 12 at 6PM to Welcome the Maine Bisons Youth Group!

The Maine youth group will be visiting and working throughout WNY from August 10th to August 16th. We will be hosting a picnic for them in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 12th at 6pm and hope to at least match their number of youth visiting (20+ visiting youth) with members of our congregation. Hot dogs and beverages provided, please bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gallery room. Please see Mark Aquino or Debbie Katz with any questions.



Aaron Masters In Recital

Saturday, August 22, 2015 7:30PM in the Sanctuary

Aaron Masters, a native of WNY, began studying the piano with his mother when he was eight years old. He studied with Douglas Monroe, a student of the famed French pianist, Isidor Philipp and has performed in national and international competitions throughout NYS. He took 1st prize in the inaugural Young Artist Competition, sponsored by the Music Department at Buffalo State College. Aaron attended the Adamant Music School and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Buffalo State College where he studied under Dr. Marcella Branagan. He is currently pursuing a master's degree from Bob Jones University where he studies with Dr. Susan Kindall.



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