



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 16, 2015 - 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel
12th Sunday after Pentecost



...be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts...

-Ephesians 5:18-10

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

Air

Samuel Wesley† (1766-1837)

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn, No. 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

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

All-knowing God, we are your children,
but we have turned away from your wisdom
and walked in our own ways.
We have lived carelessly and squandered time.
We have been foolish and failed to understand your will.
We have been drunk with the wine of this world
and debauched in our own desires.
Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit.
Clear our minds from clutter
that we may discern what is right
and walk in your ways. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



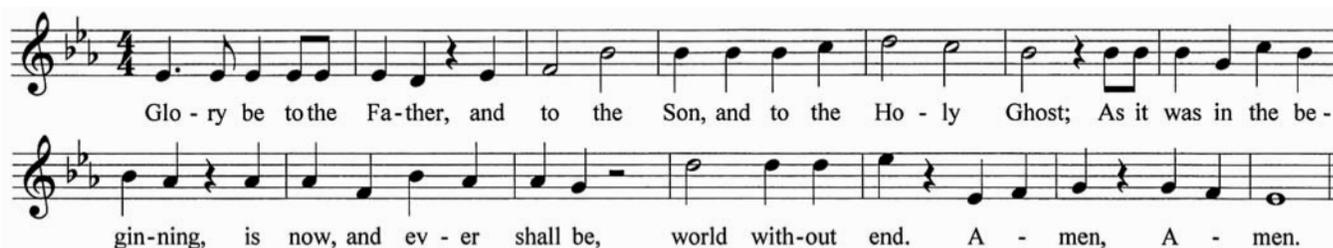
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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 5:15-20

Voluntary

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Samuel Liddle (1867-1951)

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
Even Thine altars, O Love of Hosts, my King and my God.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

Val and Fred Cooley, soloists

Sermon

It Needn't Have Occurred, Nor Will It Be Repeated

Hymn, No. 490

With Glad, Exuberant Carolings
The people stand to sing.

CAROL'S GIFT

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.

Amazing Grace

Traditional

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

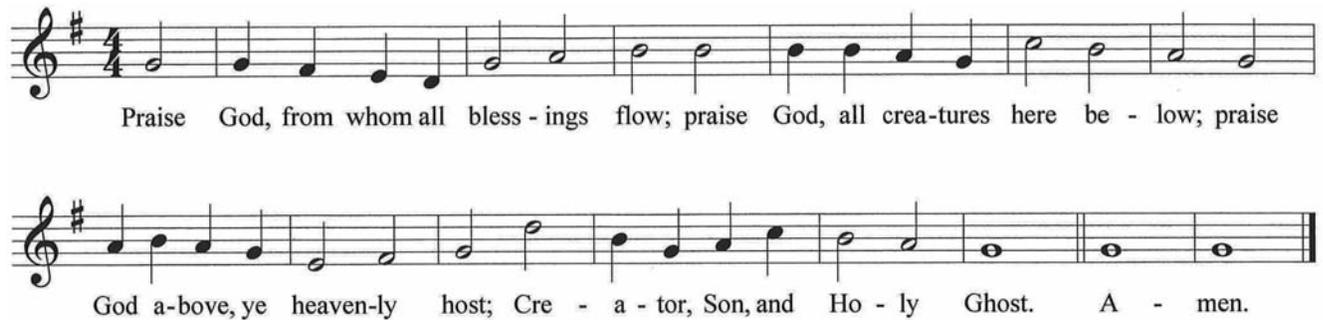
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

We give thanks to you, God,
for sending your Son Jesus to be living bread
for the world.
Breathe on these gifts we bring,
that through them your life may feed, strengthen,
and bless this world,
through Christ, our bread of life. 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. Amen.

Sending Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians
The people stand to sing

ST. BRENDAN'S

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

In Thee is Gladness

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader:

Organist: Garrett Martin

Soloists: Val and Fred Cooley

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Mary Callaghan, Kathleen Kelly, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Austin Sanders, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

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

†**Samuel Wesley** was an English organist and composer in the late Georgian period. Wesley was a contemporary of Mozart (1756–1791) and was called by some "the English Mozart."

Born in Bristol, he was the son of noted Methodist and hymn-writer Charles Wesley, the grandson of Samuel Wesley (a poet of the late Stuart period) and the nephew of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church.

In 1784, Wesley privately converted to Roman Catholicism, to the dismay of his uncle John Wesley. To celebrate his conversion, Samuel composed an elaborate mass, the *Missa de spiritu sancto*, dedicating it to Pope Pius VI. According to his obituary, he may subsequently have denied any conversion.

Samuel showed his musical talent early in life. He played the violin as well as the organ, and worked as a conductor as well as a music lecturer. Many of his best-known compositions were written for the church; they include the motet *In exitu Israel*. His secular compositions include the five part madrigal *O singe unto mie roundelaie* set to the well known poem by Thomas Chatterton. In 1788 Wesley was initiated into freemasonry in the Lodge of Antiquity. The Duke of Sussex appointed him Grand Organist in 1812, but he resigned the appointment in 1818. Samuel died in 1837 and was buried in St Marylebone Parish Church, London.

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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 23

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Resistance to a Culture of Blind Self-Absorption; Ephesians 6:10-20

August 30

Lay Preacher, Mark Aquino

September 6

Lay Preacher, Adam Utley

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday August 16

6:30 AM Maintenance-Reinaldo

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Cookies & Punch

11:30 AM Worship, Music & Arts

Monday, August 17

7:00 AM WPC Closed

9:00 AM Middler Mission Camp

Tuesday, August 18

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Garden Group

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

6:00 PM Mission Outreach Mtg.

7:00 PM Knitting Group

7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

Wednesday, August 19

9:00 AM Reserved for ENERGY

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

5:00 PM Partnership

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, August 20

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

Saturday, August 22

6:00 PM Aaron Masters Recital

Sunday August 23

6:30 AM Maintenance-Jeff

9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Cookies & Punch

4:00 PM Interfaith Congregational Picnic

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: Today, 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.

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS WANTED! All members are invited to submit names of candidates for openings on the Board of Deacons and the Session. New Deacons and Elders are needed to facilitate the many wonderful ministries of Westminster. Forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Place your suggestion form in the offering plate or in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the Business Office.

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



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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.



- Worship at 8:45am in the Holmes Chapel
- Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall at 9:45am
- Worship at 11am in the Sanctuary
- Blessing of Backpacks during Time with Children

Join us as we
Welcome!
in the New Program Year!
Rally Day 2015

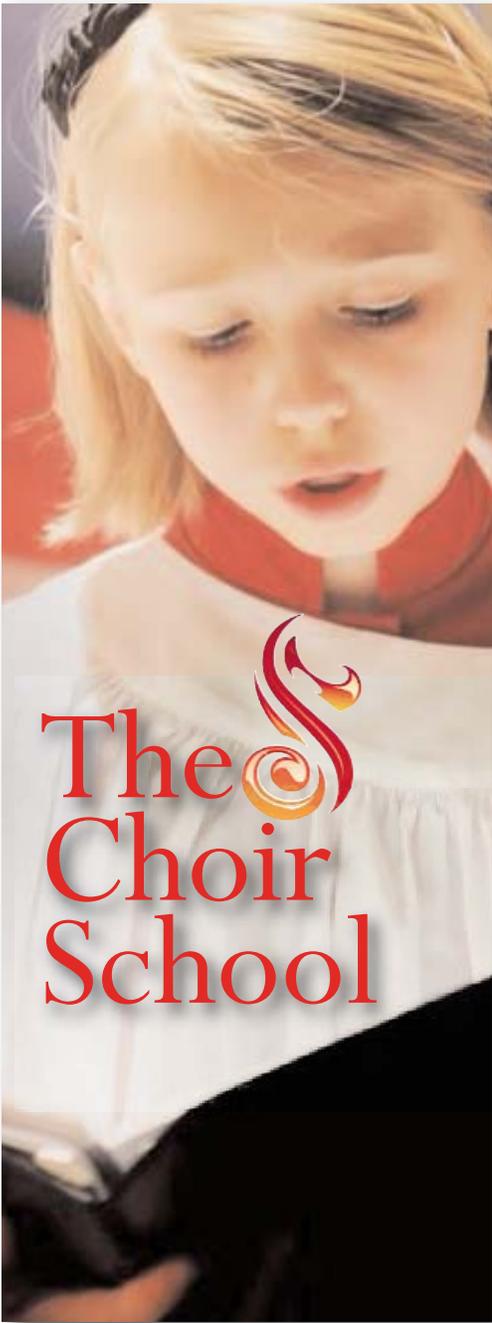


Pancake Breakfast - Rally Day, September 13

Plan to join us for a new Westminster tradition - The Famous Rally Day Pancake Breakfast on September 13, from 9:45-10:45AM. Come for a fun and delicious event while catching up with old friends... and maybe making some new ones!

Calling all Men!!

If you'd like to volunteer to help prepare breakfast please contact Austin Sanders at asanders@wpcbuffalo.org



Returning this September The Choir School & The Apprentice Choir



The Choir School Rehearsals are Wednesdays, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. Participation in the program is not limited to Westminster members- all are welcome!

The Westminster Apprentice Choir for children ages 4-6 years old. Children will be taught fundamental music and choral skills. Rehearsals are Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel.

Our choristers carry their experiences with them beyond their lives at Westminster:

- Learn confidence, time management, leadership and cooperative skills
- Build community and camaraderie with their peers
- Grow in faith and in their knowledge of the church; these skills are timeless and cannot be learned as a course of study
- Forge relationships with fellow-choristers through a unique shared experience

Becoming a member of The Choir School or Apprentice Choir at Westminster is as serious a commitment as it is a beneficial experience: Choristers pursue a professional level course of musical training and play an important role in the life of Westminster. As with sports teams and other extracurricular activities, participation in all rehearsals and services must be a priority to the choristers and their families to ensure that they are able to get the most out of this experience and to ensure that they are contributing meaningfully to The Choir &Apprentice Schools at Westminster. For additional information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music, gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org, 716.884.9427 ext. 318

WESTMINSTER *Presents* MUSIC & THE ARTS 2015 SEASON

September 25, 7:30PM
A Concert of Organ Duets

Nathan Lively (Chicago) and Garrett Martin thrill audiences with music written for four hands and four feet on the historic Aeolian Skinner organ at Westminster in the Sanctuary. Donations will benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

NEW! *Fridays at Westminster*

Each Friday, a 30 minute lunchtime concert featuring local buffalo artists play in our historic Sanctuary, from Noon until 12:30PM Begins on September 18th and runs until the 13th of May. Donations will benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

Taizé Prayer Services

Join Westminster's strings, pianists, recorders, and world class singers in this service of calming meditation and prayer in the Holmes Chapel, 5:30PM. Second Friday of each month: September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11.



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