



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 23, 2015 - 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel
13th Sunday after Pentecost



Put on the whole armor of God,
so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

-Ephesians 6:11

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

Sicilienne, op. 78

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Introit

Praise

George Dyson† (1883-1964)

Let all the world in every corner sing My God and King.

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly,
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part. (text: George Herbert, 1593-1633)

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn, No. 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

- Vs. 1 All
- Vs. 2 All, followed by an organ interlude
- Vs. 3 Women, followed by an organ interlude
- Vs. 4 All
- Vs. 5 Men, followed by an organ interlude
- Vs. 6 All

Call to Confession

Cantor:

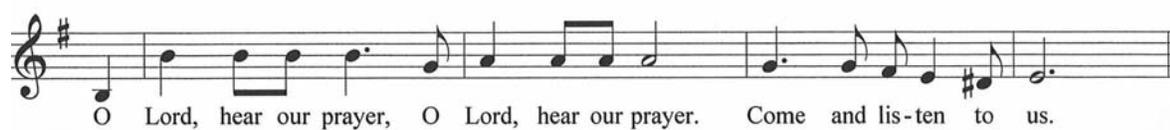


Be with us now, O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

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

Watchful God, you know our plight.
Offended, we have not believed your words.
Complaining, we have betrayed your love.
We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost.
Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall.
Strangers to your holiness, we wander.
Defenseless against evil within and without,
we are lost.
Shine your light in our darkness,
and guide us back to our place in you. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



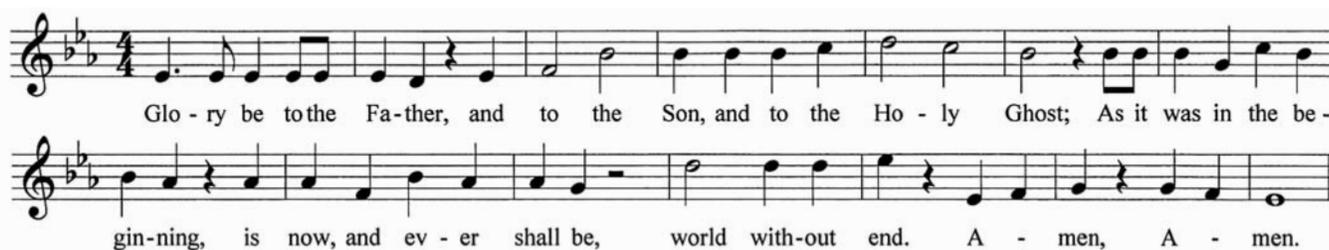
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

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).

Recognition of Matt Marco's Service to Westminster

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

Voluntary

Hear My Prayer
O For the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there for ever at rest.

Sermon

Resistance to a Culture of Blind Self-Absorption

Hymn, No. 405

What Does the Lord Require
The people stand to sing.

SHARPEPTHORNE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God.

Aria

Eugène Bozza (1905-1991)

Presentation of the Gifts

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



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

Living God,
we give you thanks for Christ,
the bread from heaven,
through whom we offer these gifts.
Endow these gifts with your power,
that they may express
your steadfast love
and impart your sustaining strength
to all those in need.
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, No. 337

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old
The people stand to sing

SAMANTHRA

Benediction and Response

Messe Basse
II. Benedictus

Gabriel Fauré

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Closing Voluntary

Toccata

Théodore Dubois ††(1837-1924)

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader: Dr. Phillips Stevens

Organist: Garrett Martin

Soloists: Hillary Hunt, soprano

Veronica Shanchuk, soprano

Claudia Tesorino, saxophone

Deacons Serving Today

Mary Callaghan, Warren Emblidge, Doug Fabian, Mike Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Roh-Yu Shen

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of James V. Bassett 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

†**George Dyson** was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, on 28 May 1883. He attended the Royal College of Music and was a winner of the Mendelssohn Scholarship in 1905, which enabled him to spend some years in Italy and Germany. In 1914 he joined the Royal Fusiliers, and during this time wrote a widely used training pamphlet on the use of grenades. After being invalided home with shell-shock in 1916 and recovering, he joined the Royal Air Force where he completed the RAF March Past drafted by Walford Davies. In 1921 he took up posts as music master at Wellington College and as professor of composition at the Royal College of Music. He worked as a school music teacher (at Rugby, Wellington and Winchester), before being appointed as Director of the Royal College of Music in 1937. Notably, he granted classical guitarist, Julian Bream a full scholarship in his role as the Director, a pivotal moment in the young guitarist's path to greatness. He received a knighthood in 1941 and was made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) in 1953.

††**Théodore Dubois** was a French organist and composer who won the Prix de Rome in 1861. In 1868, he became choirmaster at the Church of the Madeleine, and in 1871 took over from César Franck as choirmaster at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde. In 1877, Dubois returned to the Church of the Madeleine, succeeding Camille Saint-Saëns as organist there. From 1871 he taught at the Paris Conservatoire and in 1896, became its director. The music of Dubois also includes ballets, oratorios and three symphonies. His best known work is the oratorio *Les sept paroles du Christ* ("The Seven Last Words of Christ" [1867]).

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Interfaith Congregational Picnic!

Today
from 4-7PM

- Westminster Presbyterian Church
 - Temple Beth Zion
 - North Presbyterian Church
 - Congregation Shir Shalom
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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.
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The picnic will be held in the backyard of Shir Shalom on 4660 Sheridan Drive

PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

*Fall Worship Times (beginning on September 13, Rally Day)
8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary*

August 30

Lay Preacher, Mark Aquino

September 6

Lay Preacher, Adam Utley

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 23

6:30 AM Maintenance-Jeff
9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Reception for Matt Marco
4:00 PM Interfaith Congregational Picnic

Monday, August 24

WPC Closed

Tuesday, August 25

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
10:00 AM Garden Group
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, August 26

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
1:30 PM Staff Meeting
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, August 27

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

Saturday, August 28

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, August 30

6:30 AM Maintenance-Carlos
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
11:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Cookies & Punch



FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & CONVERSATION



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.



Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting in the Case Library immediately following our worship service on any of the following dates: October 18, December 13. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of the congregation will tell the story of our church as well as 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@wpcbufalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton (khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

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.

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! The children have been having 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.

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 Worship 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 WECP building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECP) 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.

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.

MATT MARCO RECEPTION

Immediately following worship today, please join us in the Kratz Garden for a Thank You reception for Matt. Cake and punch will be served and we will offer our best wishes for Matt with his most promising future!

LIKE WESTMINSTER ON FACEBOOK!

Get in on the conversations and keep on top of what is going on with your Westminster family and friends, events and happenings at your church!

IS YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT?

Have you recently moved, changed your email or phone number? Please let us know by emailing Jamie at jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org or call her at 884-9437, ext. 306. Stay connected with your church family!

Save the Date!
Sunday, September 13

Rally Day!

- 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

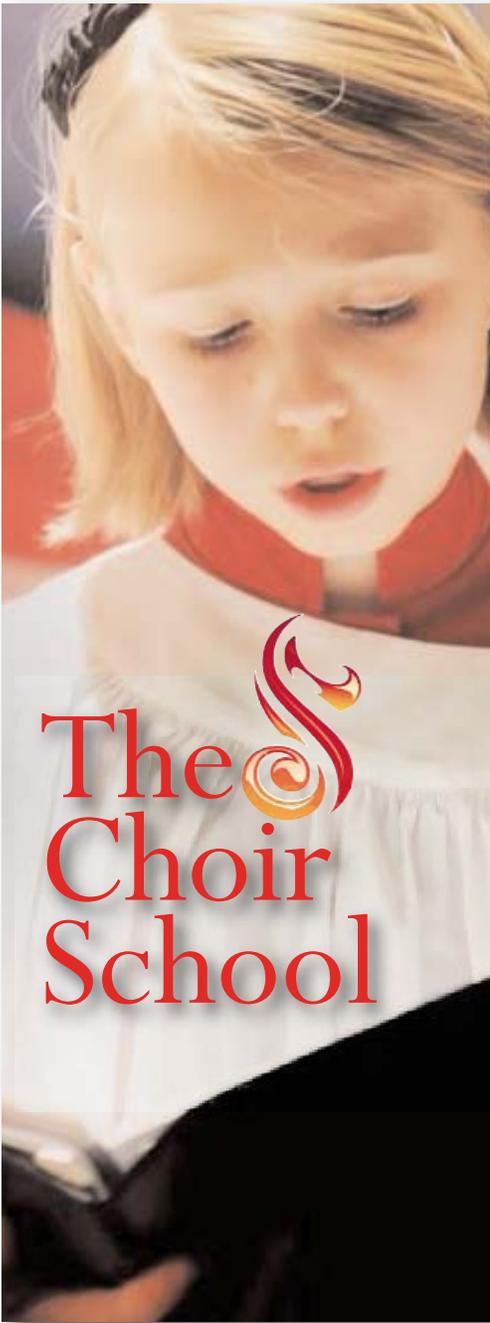


Pancake Breakfast! Rally Day, September 13

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



The Choir School

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 - Lunchtime Concert

Come for the music - stay for the "food truck!" A 30 minute concert featuring local buffalo artists play in our historic Sanctuary, from Noon until 12:30PM. A local food truck will be at Westminster for lunch! 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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