



**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Buffalo, New York

**February 8, 2015**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**



*Starry Night*  
Artist: Vincent Van Gogh

Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

-Isaiah 40:26

# 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 Sanctuary 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.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

## Order of Worship

### Opening Voluntary

Violin Concerto in E-minor, Op. 64  
II. Andante  
Chari Bickford, violin

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

### 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.*

### Introit

O Sing Unto the Lord

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name.  
Make his praise to be glorious, Alleluya. Amen.

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the Hymn in Procession.*


### Hymn in Procession, No. 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN


### 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

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is.  
Your understanding is beyond measure.  
We confess to you that we have  
sinned against you and our neighbors.  
In your compassion, forgive us,  
for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

*Time for silent prayer.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver, 1984



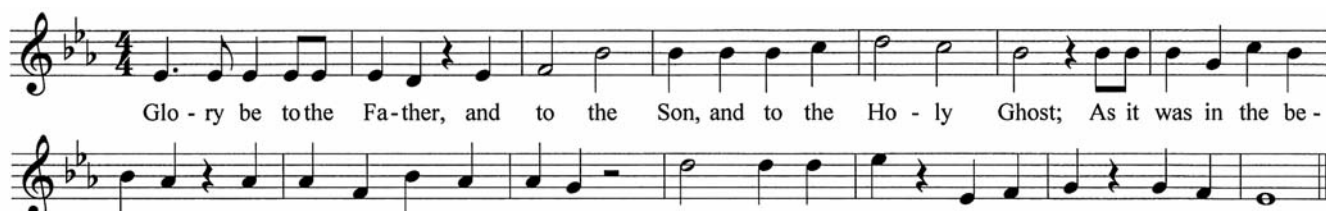
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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).*

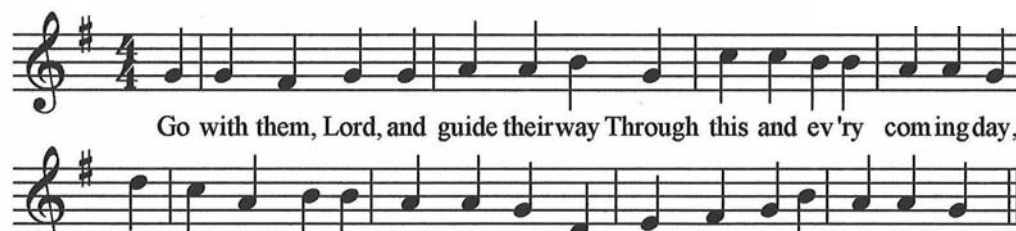
*What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).*

*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).*

## Time with Children

*At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers.  
When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.*

TALLIS CANON



Go with them, Lord, and guide their way Through this and ev'ry coming day,  
That in Your Spir - it strong and true Their lives may be a gift to You.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

### Anthem

They That Wait Upon the Lord

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;  
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### Sermon

Isaiah's Turn

### Hymn, No. 419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord  
*The people stand to sing.*

REPTON

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Anthem

*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 the pew.*

O Savior of the World

John Goss (1800-1880)

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

### Presentation of the Gifts

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 power 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 sing to you, God, with thanksgiving,  
making melody to you with our praise.  
Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far,  
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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. 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!  
*The people stand to sing.*

FESTAL SONG

## Benediction and Choral Response

God Be In My Head

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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 mine heart and in my thinking.  
God be at my end and in my departing.

## Closing Voluntary

Fanfare and Chorale

Calvin Fuller<sup>††</sup> (b. 1943)

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## Worship Leaders

**Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

**Reader:** Elaine Mattar

**Organists:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music  
Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

## Deacons Serving Today

Doug Fabian, Cathy Forrest, Eric Forrest, Earl McColgin, Mike Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Roh-Yu Shen  
Roy Stewart

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Charlotte Capune by her daughter,  
Laurel Capune Braun.

*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.*



# Notes on Today's Music

†**Marques L. A. Garrett** was born in 1984 in Hampton, Virginia. He is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Hampton University, where he conducted various ensembles including the HU Concert Choir and Crusaders Male Chorus. His works have been premiered by the Hampton University Symphonic Chorus, commissioned by the I Sherman Greene Chorale, and performed by the Brigham Young University Men's Chorus. He holds membership in the American Choral Directors Association and Golden Key International Honour Society.

††**Calvin Fuller** earned Music Education degrees (BMus and MMus) from Texas Southern University. He pursued further study at the University of Maryland, the University of Texas and the University of Houston. He currently serves as Organist and Choirmaster at St. James Episcopal Church in Houston, music commission member of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, and adjunct professor at his alma mater. Fuller is the chorus master for Houston Ebony Opera Guild and Opera in the Heights.

In the Holmes Room, you will find four renderings of the Aeolian-Skinner organ in the sanctuary from the early 1950's as plans were being discussed between the Boston firm and Hans Vigeland. One a rendering of the Positiv division that hangs in the center of the gallery (with an interesting allowance made for a rose window); one a schematic of the wind lines from the blower room in the attic to various parts of the church (including the Holmes chapel); one an illustration of the proposed case as we know it today; the final a small sketch of the gallery as it was before 1958 (with the organ case in the center and the choir split on either side) and the proposed changes (with the choir being united in the center flanked by the two side organ cases).

*A special thanks to Dennis Wisniewski and Avenue Art and Frame for donating his craftsmanship and framing to Westminster.*

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## PREACHING SCHEDULE

*The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach in February and March*

**February 15**

*The Gift of Revelation*  
Mark 2:2-9

**February 18 - Ash Wednesday**

The traditional service of imposition of ashes and celebration of the Lord's Supper. 12 Noon and 6PM in the Holmes Chapel

**February 22**

*God Places a Bet*  
Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1: 9-15

**March 1**

*Let There be Light*  
Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 8:31-38

**March 8**

*Reclaiming Our Spirituality*  
Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

**March 15**

*Reclaiming Our Spirituality II*  
John 3:14-21

**March 22**

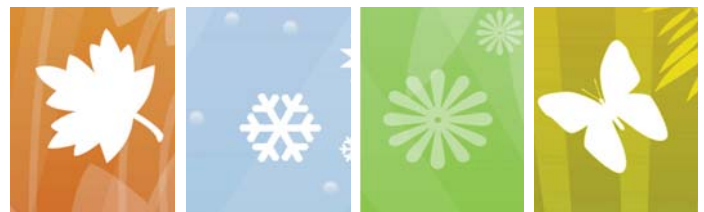
*When Christ Transcends Religion*  
Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:10-33

**March 29 - Palm Sunday**

*Meeting the Jesus We Never Met*  
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

GIVING 2015

# GRATITUDE IN EVERY SEASON



Pledges received as of 02/06/2015

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars To Goal
250	\$496,444	\$78,556



■ Dollars to Goal  
■ Received to Date

We ask if you have not pledged to Giving 2015 please do so. If you are in need of an Intention Card or would like to make your pledge, please contact Monique Brannon at ext. 305 or go to [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org)



# WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

We will hold our annual dinner/discussions on Wednesday evenings in the Holmes Room.

- Dinner is at 6pm • Presentation is at 6:30pm • Discussion is at 7:00pm
- Concludes at 7:30pm

**RSVP is Necessary. Please sign up at the Information Table in the Gallery Room.**

This year, we will look at two issues that have high stakes value for Buffalo and Westminster: immigration and restorative justice. What are the issues/needs locally? And, are there ways we can respond individually or as a congregation?

While our federal government struggles to craft an immigration policy that will serve the nation and those who come to it from other lands, we want to engage in a conversation at Westminster that will equip us to better understand the issues and the people affected, if not encourage our legislators to adopt specific reforms.

**On Wednesday March 4, Eva Hassett, Executive Director of the International Institute** (our neighbor on Delaware Ave.) will talk to us about Buffalo's history of immigration and our current burgeoning population of new immigrants and refugees (many of whom we work with on the West Side through the Westminster Economic Development Initiative).

**On Wednesday March 11, Citizen Action and on Wednesday March 25, VOICE-Buffalo** will explore local efforts to implement a restorative justice approach to discipline in our schools as well as with first offenders. Citizen Action will describe what a restorative justice approach is all about, and how it can bring positive results in our Buffalo Public Schools. VOICE-Buffalo will show how restorative justice can be applied in the criminal justice system.

**On Wednesday March 18, Professor Rick Su of the UB Law School**, an immigration expert, will give us an overview of US immigration policy historically and what the issues are today that lawmakers find so challenging to address. Professor Su will offer his suggestions for cogent, fair immigration reform. He is a new young faculty member who our own UB Distinguished Professor Claude Welch describes as one of the new bright lights of the University.

Our goal is to examine these issues using a "justice lens" to help us understand the problem and lead us to solutions. Each of these presentations will not only provide new knowledge, but will suggest ways we can participate in the solutions as individuals and as a congregation.

## This Week at Westminster

### Sunday, February 8

8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 8:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care  
 8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion  
 9:00 AM Food Drive – Bags  
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
 9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
 9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
 9:35 AM Case Library Conversations  
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class  
 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 11:10 AM Sunday School  
 12:30 PM Dream Group 1  
 12:30 PM College Care Packages

### Monday, February 9

WPC Closed

### Tuesday, February 10

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 4:00 PM ENERGY Program

4:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg.  
 5:30 PM Congregational Life/Membership Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
 6:30 PM Roswell Park Grief Support Group

### Wednesday, February 11

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.  
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 12:15 PM CMH Board Mtg.  
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
 4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
 4:30 PM The Westminster Choir School  
 5:00 PM Spiritual Life Mtg.  
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

### Thursday, February 12

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
 4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:30 PM Gay Bingo Board Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Handbells  
 6:00 PM Blood Support Cancer Group

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 13

7:00 PM Buffalo Opera Unlimited Rehearsal

### Saturday, February 14

5:00 PM Washington DC Mission Trip  
 6:00 PM Gay Bingo

### Sunday, February 15

12:00 AM Washington DC Mission Trip  
 8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 8:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care  
 8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion  
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
 9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
 9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
 9:35 AM Case Library Conversations  
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class  
 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:30 PM Dream Group #3

# 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 relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. 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

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING

**Spiritual Life** Sundays, 9:35AM in the Heritage Room

All people of faith stand in line with the disciples to say "Teach us how to pray." So how do we get started? Yes, with our Lord's own prayer. But beyond that? We've heard prayers that connect us with the Holy Spirit. How can ours be like that? Are there different ways of praying? How do we know our prayers are heard? What kind of prayer is good for certain occasions? How do we mix and match? Is all prayer "please" and "thank you?" January's Month of Sundays in Spiritual Life will offer presentations that strengthen our knowledge and experience of praying:

February 8: *Arts and Spirituality*

Presenter: Gary Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe is a local artist. His art work was displayed in the Sanctuary last year. He will speak on his motivation for creativity and how it is expressed.

February 15: *Arts and Spirituality*

Presenter: Garrett Martin

Our Organist and Choirmaster will speak on the upcoming Masterworks presentation the Choir will be offering, Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*.

February 22 - March 22: *Lenten Series*

Presenter: Lance Brown, in the Case Library

The sessions will be in a "small group/conversation" style. Lance will be following the lectionary – so his topics should follow what Tom will be preaching.

**Adult Bible Study, 9:35AM in Parish Hall Balcony**

Sundays, 9:35AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.

Our Sunday morning Bible class welcomes adults who are interested in exploring the Christian story, by studying the scripture and applying those lessons learned to our present lives. Whether you were raised in the church, or if you're a more recent member, we welcome your voice in these discussions.

Come as your schedule permits. This class uses *Feasting on the Word* curriculum which explores the Bible passages used in our worship services.

**Case Library Conversations**

Sundays, 9:35AM in the Case Library

14th Annual Understanding Islam Series

*A Joint Program presented by Muslim Public Affairs Council of WNY & Westminster Presbyterian Church*

In light of current events, please join us for this informative and timely series as we continue our vital interfaith joint venture.

February 8: What are the roots of discontent for Muslim youth & the reasons for the successful recruitment of ISIS in the West? What are MPAC's latest national initiatives to combat extremism?

Speaker: Haris Tarin, Director, Muslim Public Affairs College, Washington DC Office.

February 15: What is the role of Churches and Mosques to further peace and mutual understanding? What are the joint initiatives that can work to counter extremists views?

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

## 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: March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, and November 8, 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. A nutritious meal, positive adult relationships, and homework help provide physical, social and academic support to the students. ENERGY meets Tue., Wed., & Thurs., 4:30-6:30PM. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or volunteer.

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. Book your holiday catering parties today! 25 Grant Street. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral 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.

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

Sunday, February 8 9:30AM-Dialogue Diner 12:30AM: College Care Packages

Saturday, February 14 – Tuesday, February 17: Washington DC Mission Trip

Save the Date! August 17th - 20:Middler Work Camp



College Care Packages: Sheets will be available in the Holmes Room on Feb. 1st and 8th for people to write a personal note for the College Care Packages. At the college and young adult reunion college students were asked what they wanted in their care packages and they said what they loved the most were the hand written notes that people from the congregation sent to them. They said it really makes them feel they are still connected to Westminster. The Care Packages will be shipped the week of the 8th.

## WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

NEW! The Apprentice Choir of the Westminster Choir School 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](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org) or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

The Senior Choristers (ages 7 and above) of the Westminster Choir School 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](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org) or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

Housing for the Choir of Eastern Michigan University: From, Saturday, February 28 at 8:30PM to Sunday, March 1 at 9AM. We need volunteers to open their homes to a minimum of 2 visiting students for an overnight stay. Please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or contact Garrett Martin at 884-9437, ext. 318 or [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org)

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

**February 15:** Hugo Wolf: *Italienisches Liederbuch*, 4 PM in the Sanctuary. Matt Marco, piano, Laura Noack, soprano, James Wright, baritone Admission is free. Donations accepted, benefitting the Friends of Music at Westminster.

**February 20:** Taize Service in the Holmes Chapel at 5:30PM

**March 1:** Masterworks

The Westminster Choirs join with the Chamber Choir of Eastern Michigan University, Dr. Brandon Johnson, conductor, in Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* at 11AM in the Sanctuary

**March 8:** Organist David Henning (Houston, TX) in recital, 4PM in the Sanctuary. Admission is free. Donations accepted, benefitting the Friends of Music at Westminster.

## ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, 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](mailto:dkatz@westminster-bflo.org), 884-9437, ext. 329.

WOW Book Discussion: The discussion planned for Rebecca Montague's house has been changed from Feb. 10th to Tuesday, March 10th. *Little Failure: A Memoir* by Gary Shteyngart. Meet at her house at 7:00 PM. Email Molly at [mollygray@gmail.com](mailto:mollygray@gmail.com) for the address. All are welcome to come and discuss the book, or come and hear the discussion.

Today! Sunday School Winter Food Drive: Please place your filled grocery bags on the chancel. The truck from the Food Bank of Western New York will arrive after the service to pick up these bags. Thank you!

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](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org)

Westminster Knitting Group: Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 17.

The group meets on various Tuesdays throughout the year from 7PM to 9PM. The group works on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes: [mfranholmes@verizon.net](mailto:mfranholmes@verizon.net) for more information and dates.

Gay Bingo! Saturday, February 14 at 7pm (doors open at 6pm.) The theme color is Pink. Gay Bingo runs from September to June on the second Saturday of the month. The bingo game raises funds for the fight against AIDS and is sponsored by The Buffalo AIDS Plus Fund, Gay Bingo has been a popular, well attended entertaining and fun night in the community since its inception. Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks are available for purchase; admission is \$5 per person. Details can be found at [www.buffalogaybingo.com](http://www.buffalogaybingo.com).



## Westminster's Sunday School

*Children are a vital part of the life and worship at Westminster.*

### Childcare for Infants and Toddlers:

8:30AM to 12:30PM in the WECB Building

### Sunday School:

- 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.

**February Rotation Workshop: Jesus' Temptation in the Desert**  
Sunday, February 8th



*Creation Station* - in the Heritage Room  
3rd grade class



*Hollywood* - 1st room in the Parish Hall  
Balcony- 1st & 2nd grade classes



*Apostles Playhouse* - in the ENERGY Room  
4th & 5th grade classes

- 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.

## **Worship in the Holmes Chapel**

8:45a.m.

*The Gathering is an opportunity for worshippers to greet one another and to share prayer concerns.  
An offering plate has been placed on the Communion Table to receive your gifts.*

### **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**

Give me Jesus

Marques L. A. Garrett†(b. 1984)

### **Call to Worship**

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn:*

### **Hymn, No. 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

### **Prayer of Confession**

God, you are everlasting,  
the creator of all that is.  
Your understanding is beyond measure.  
We confess to you  
that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.  
In your compassion, forgive us,  
for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

*Time for silent prayer.*

### **Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy

John Weaver

### **Words of Assurance**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 40:21-31

## **Anthem**

We Rejoice to be God's Chosen

John Bell

We rejoice to be God's chosen not through virtue, work or skill,  
But because God's love is generous, unconfirmed to human will.  
And because God's love is restless like the surging of the sea,  
We are pulled by heaven's dynamic to become, not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen, to be gathered to God's side,  
Not to build a pious ghetto or be steeped in selfish pride;  
But to celebrate the goodness of the One who sets us free  
From the smallness of our vision to become, not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen, to align with heaven's intent,  
To await where we are summoned and accept where we are sent.  
We rejoice to be God's chosen and amidst all that we see,  
To anticipate with wonder that the best is yet to be.

## **Meditation**

Isaiah's Turn

Dr. Yorty

## **Prayers of the People**

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

## **Sending Hymn, No. 411**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!  
*The people stand to sing.*

FESTAL SONG

## **Benediction and Choral Response**

Nunc Dimittis

Austin C. Lovelace

Lord God, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as promised in your word;  
My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord, prepared by you for all the world to see,  
To shine on nations trapped in darkest night, the glory of your people, and their light.

## **Closing Voluntary**

Fanfare and Chorale

Calvin Fuller ††(b. 1943)

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**Organists:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music

Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

**Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School:** Garrett F. Martin, Choirmaster

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