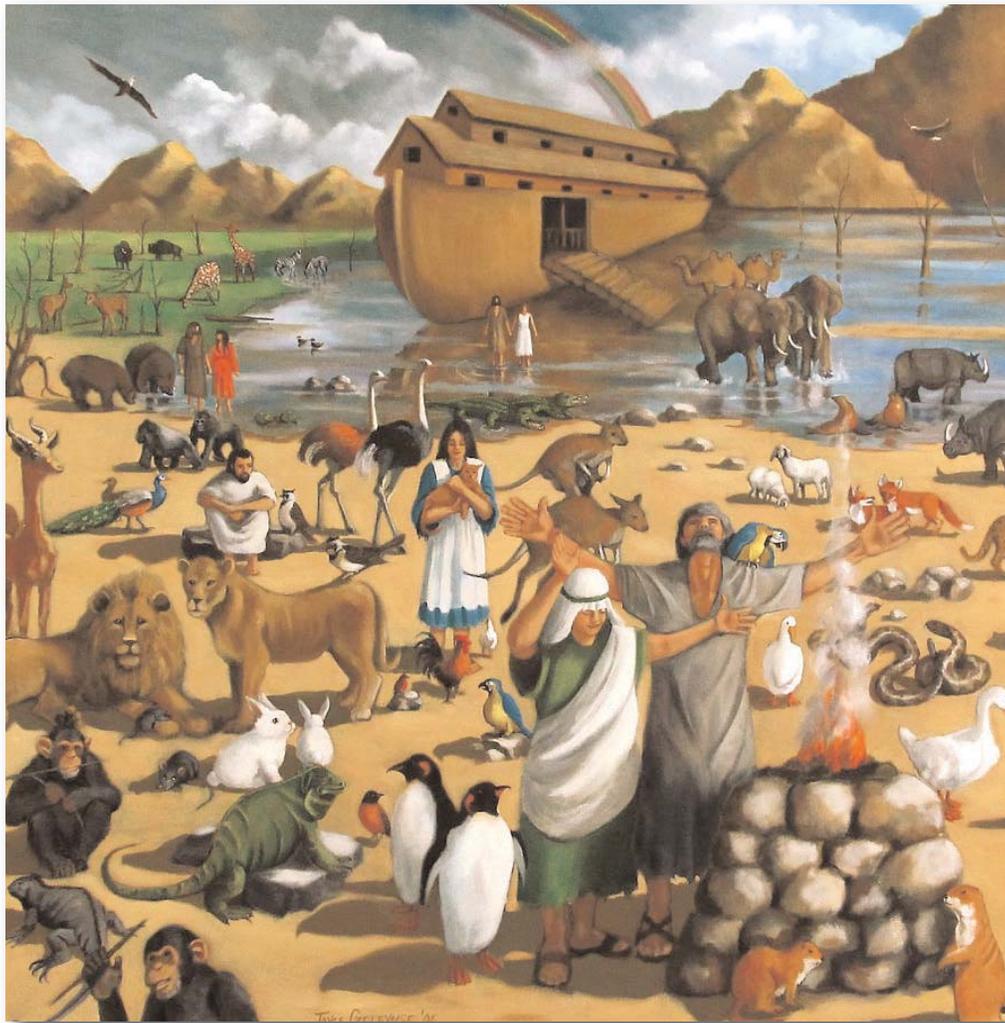




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

February 22, 2015
First Sunday in Lent



Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

- Genesis 9:8-18

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.

Opening Voluntary

Agnus Dei†

Georges Bizet and Ernest Guirard,†† arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Westminster Handbell Choir and Matthew Cone, violin

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.

Introit

Psalm 25:1-9

Plainchant Tone I.2

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Call to Worship

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

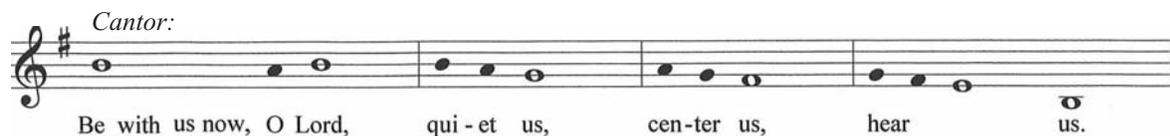
Hymn in Procession, No. 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

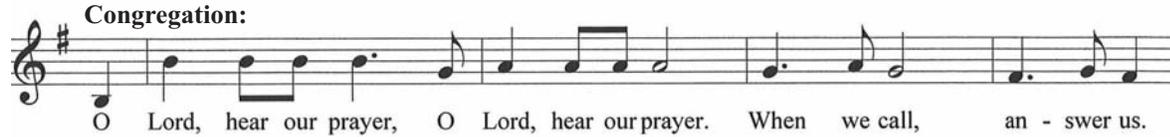
Call to Confession

Cantor:

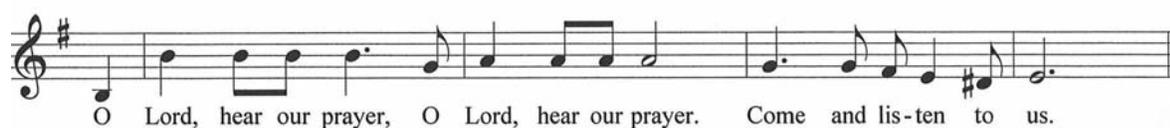


Be with us now, O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

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 of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.
We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.
We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.
Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths
other than those you set before us.
Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.
In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always,
an ark of safety and new life.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



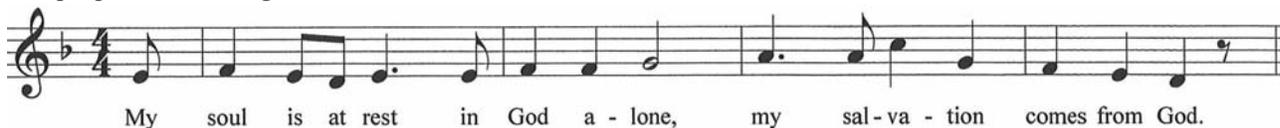
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.

PSALM 62



My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal-va-tion comes from God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

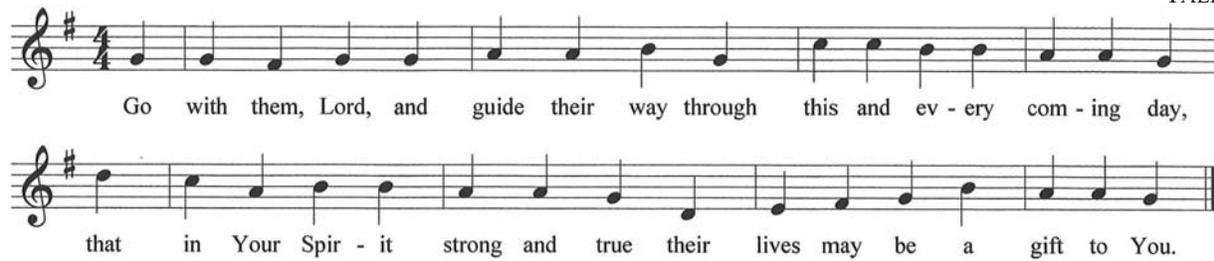
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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 - ery com - ing day,
that in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

Anthem

Prayer

René Clausen (b. 1953)

Text: Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

Help me spread your fragrance where I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I know will feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only You. Amen.

Sermon

The Body of Christ: God Places a Bet

Hymn, No. 83

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
The people stand to sing.

DEO GRACIAS

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.

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley¹ (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, in Thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before Thy face.
For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

HAMBURG



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

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
we are humbled as we try to do what is right
and to walk in your ways.
Receive, we ask, these offerings,
and use them for your own good purposes
in the church and in all creation.
We pray in 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

In the Midst of New Dimensions
The people stand to sing.
See insert for hymn.

NEW DIMENSIONS

Benediction and Choral Response

Nunc Dimittis

Austin C. Lovelace² (1919-2010)

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

Improvisation on *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

D. L. White³ (b. 1929)

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader: Dr. Phillips Stevens

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

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Kate Dierenfield, Doug Fabian, Cathy Forrest, Eric Forrest, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Earl McColgin
Roh-Yu Shen, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Richard Berger by Nancy Berger.

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...

During Black History Month (February), many of our Voluntaries and Choral Offerings are taken from the African-American tradition.

†**Agnus Dei**, credited to Georges Bizet, is based on the Intermezzo from his *L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2* (taken from Bizet's 1872 incidental music to Alphonse Daudet's play). Bizet had made one suite of his *L'Arlésienne*, but with the tremendous popularity of his opera, *Carmen*, in the years immediately following Bizet's death, the publisher commissioned Bizet's close friend, ††**Ernest Guirard**, to compile a second *L'Arlésienne*. After the second suite was completed, Guirard extracted the *Intermezzo* movement, added the sacred Latin text of the *Agnus Dei*, and published it as a "new" work by Bizet. The original *Intermezzo* begins with an incipit of Gregorian chant which may have given Guirard the inspiration for adding the *Agnus Dei* text.

Born in London, **Samuel Sebastian Wesley**¹ was the eldest child in the composer Samuel Wesley's second family, which he formed with Sarah Suter having separated from his wife Charlotte. Samuel Sebastian was the grandson of Charles Wesley. His middle name derived from his father's lifelong admiration for the music of Bach. After singing in the choir of the Chapel Royal as a boy, Samuel Sebastian embarked on a career as a musician, and was appointed organist at Hereford Cathedral in 1832. He moved to Exeter Cathedral three years later, and subsequently held appointments at Leeds Parish Church (from 1842), Winchester Cathedral (from 1849) and Gloucester Cathedral (1865-1876).

Famous in his lifetime as one of his country's leading organists and choirmasters, he composed almost exclusively for the Church of England, which continues to cherish his memory. His better-known anthems include *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace* and *Wash Me Thoroughly*. He also wrote several rather late examples of verse anthems, which contrast unison and contrapuntal sections with smaller, more intimate passages for solo voice or voices. Several of his compositions for solo organ have enduring value and continue to be played in recitals. One notable feature of his career is his aversion to equal temperament, an aversion he kept for decades after this tuning method had been accepted on the Continent and even in most of England.

²**Austin C. Lovelace** was called by many the Dean of American Church Music. Over many years he worked at a number of Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Colorado, North Carolina, Illinois, and Nebraska. He also worked at Union Theological Seminary in N.Y.C. and Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. He was a prolific writer and composer with over 700 compositions for church in print, as well as numerous articles and books on church hymnody.

³**D. L. White** is a native of Los Angeles, where he served as organist for New Hope Baptist Church for twelve years before his five-year appointment as Organist and Instructor of Music at Prairie View A&M. He returned to Los Angeles to be the Accompanist for the City Colleges, USC, and Cal State-LA. He has served the AME Church for decades in several capacities, including Music Director for Grant AME Church, Annual Conference Director, First District Director of Music, and Associate Director for the Connectional Music Department of the General Conference of the AME Church. Among his many academic degrees, he received an honorary doctorate in 1984 from the University of Monrovia in West Africa.

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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This Week at Westminster

Sunday, February 22

First Sunday in Lent

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 All Adult Offerings: Rev. Lance Brown

9:45 AM Confirmation Class

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship

11:10 AM Sunday School

12:30 PM Dream Group #3

Monday, February 23 -WPC Closed

Tuesday, February 24

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

11:00 AM Hewitt Memorial Service

12:00 PM Hewitt Reception

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

5:30 PM Personnel Comm. Mtg.

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, February 25

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

4:30 PM Choir School

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, February 26

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

8:30 AM Centering Prayer

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 27

7:00 PM Buffalo Opera Unlimited Rehearsal

Saturday, February 28

1:00 PM Piano Recital (Virginia Paul)

3:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal/ Masterworks

Sunday, March 1

Maintenance - Jeff is on Duty

7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday

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11:00 AM First Sunday Children's Worship

11:00 AM Masterwork Worship Service

12:00 PM Confirmation Sponsor Lunch

3:00 PM Garret & Max Recital



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 Westminister: 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 Westminister 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 Westminister 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.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

A Lenten Worship, Study, Art Experience – "The Body of Christ"

Dr. Yorty will preach through Lent on the theme of *The Body of Christ*, otherwise known as the Church. We are the hands and feet, the mind and heart of Christ in the world after the Resurrection and Pentecost when the Holy Spirit formed the Church.

The Scripture lessons for Lent trace the development of God's people from the beginning of God's promise to Noah to never again destroy creation, through the setting apart of the work of God's people in the world, through the invitation to become new and whole people through our encounter today in real time with the Risen Christ.

During the weeks of Lent, we will invite all who join us in worship to complete a rose colored prayer/service slip, filled out during morning prayers on Sunday, for placement in the Christ figure on the cross. This sculpture, created by WNY artist, Rose Popper, will be placed by the Lectern and we will witness the body of Christ literally forming before our eyes as it takes shape from the pledges of service and ministry we make.

The Reverend Dr. Lance Brown will be leading Bible Study each Sunday morning during Adult Education in the Case Library focusing on the sermon texts for each week. Dr. Brown is a gifted Biblical scholar and teacher. Join him and others as he leads study on the Body of Christ in the selected readings for each Sunday.

March 1

Genesis 1:1-5, *Lux et Veritas*

March 8

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22, *The Body of Christ: Trouble the Waters, Heal the World*

March 15

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21, *The Body of Christ: Stepping From Darkness Into the Light*

March 22

Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33, *The Body of Christ: Changed Within*

March 29

Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11, *The Body of Christ: Meeting the Jesus We Never Knew*

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

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. 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 22: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner
12PM – Confirmation/Sponsor Lunch

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

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 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 or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

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 1: A recital at 3PM in the Holmes Chapel featuring Max Pipinich, bassoon, Garrett Martin, organ, which benefits the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus.

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

Passages, A Program for Older Adults: Tuesday, March 2, Cornelia Dopkins will be our speaker. Cornelia's presentation will be on the French women who worked in the Resistance in France during World War II. Lunch at 12:30PM - Speaker at 1:15PM. Sign Up by February 23! on the Information Table or call the church office, 884-9437.

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, 884-9437, ext. 329.

Gay Bingo! Saturday, March 14 at 7pm (doors open at 6pm.) 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.

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 for the address. All are welcome to come and discuss the book, or come and hear the discussion.

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

Knitting Group: Our next meetings are Tuesday, March 10 & 24.. 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 for more information and dates.



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 WECP 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 22th



Creation Station - in Parish Hall
 4th & 5th grade classes



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



Apostles Playhouse - in Parish Hall
 3rd grade class

- 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.

Case Library, Spiritual Life &
 Adult Bible Study welcome

Rev. Dr. Lance Brown
 Sundays, February 22 through
 March 22, 2015

Dr. Brown will teach a special
 five-week Lenten Series
 in the Case Library



The Case Library, Spiritual Life and Adult Bible Study will join together for these small-group conversation style sessions led by Dr. Brown, who will be following the lectionary – so his topics will follow what Rev. Yorty will be preaching.

Dr Brown is the retired pastor from First Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda and a favorite teacher at the Lay Academy of Western New York where he has taught Old Testament, Reformed Theology and New Testament courses. Dr. Brown brings a wealth of experience to this study. Besides his years in parish ministry, Lance served as a member and Chair of the General Assembly's Advisory Council on Discipleship and Worship during the creation of our current Book of Common Worship, the Presbyterian Hymnal, and the Directory of Worship in our Book of Order.

Please join us for this series during the
Sundays of Lent.



Experience a Taizé Service
Friday, March 20

Westminster will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer and contemplation on the third Friday of each month from 5:30-6:00PM in the Holmes Chapel.

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

Elegy

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn:

Hymn, No. 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
we begin this Lenten season in confession.
We do not live according to your ways,
but according to our own.
We condone violence,
participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage
at the expense of others.
Forgive us, we pray,
when we are tempted to follow paths
other than those you set before us.
Teach us your commandments;
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.
In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,
and be for us, once more and always,
an ark of safety and new life.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent prayer.

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Meditation

The Body of Christ: God Places a Bet

Dr. Yorty

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

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See insert for hymn.*

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

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The 8:45AM Worship Service can be found on page 9 of this bulletin*

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