



**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Buffalo, New York

**January 11, 2015**  
**Baptism of the Lord**



*The Baptism of Christ*

I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,  
“He on whom you see the Spirit descend  
and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.”  
And I myself have seen and have testified  
that this is the Son of God.’

-John 1:33-51

# 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, 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

### 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

Noël des jouets  
Hannah Taylor, soprano

Maurice Ravel<sup>1</sup> (1875-1937)

### Introit

Achieved is the Glorious Work

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Achieved is the glorious work; the Lord beholds it and is well pleased.  
In lofty strains let us rejoice. Our song let be the praise of God.

### Call to Worship

### Processional Hymn

Creator of Mountains  
*Please see enclosed insert for hymn.*

ST. DENIO

### 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 all glory, you look from heaven  
and see us as we are—  
not worthy to kneel at your feet,  
not ready to welcome your way.  
Forgive us, gracious God.  
In Christ, stoop down to save us;  
loosen the ties that bind us to sin  
and set us free to love and serve you;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

David Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, \_\_\_have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, \_\_\_have mer - cy up - on us.

## 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).*

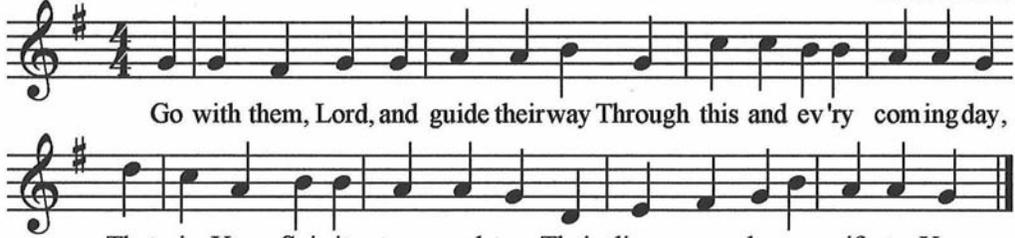
*What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).*

*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 Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:33-51

### Anthem

Arise, Shine

Daniel Moe (1926-2012)

Arise, shine, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people.  
But the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And the nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.

### Sermon

Called, I

## Installation and Ordination of Elders and Deacons

**To be ordained to the Office of Deacon and installed as members of the Board of Deacons:**

Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Kate Dierenfield, Doug Fabian, Carol Huber, Joan Kuznia

**To be installed on the Board of Deacons:**

Cathy Forrest, Eric Forrest, Mike Reynolds, Nancy Stevens, Roy Stewart

**To be ordained to the Office of Elder and installed as members of the Session:**

Adam Utley

**To be installed on the Session:**

Fran Holmes, Karen Keaton, Sandy Laub, Ardrey Manning, Elizabeth Stewart, Tom Warszawski, Jim Wieland

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make His church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God.

Within our common ministry some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the Word, ruling elders, or deacons. In affirming these special ministries we remember that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must be the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you, must be the slave of all people."

We remember, too, that Jesus said, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life to set others free.”

*The pastor will then address those to be ordained and/or installed:*

Friends, God has called you by the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior and acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God’s Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed Faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ under the authority of Scripture and continually be guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church’s polity and will you abide by its discipline?  
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

**I will.**

*The pastor will address those to be ordained and/or installed as elders:*

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

*The pastor will address those to be ordained and/or installed as deacons:*

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

*The congregation will be asked:*

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as elders and deacons chosen by God through the voice of the congregation to lead in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

*The pastor will pray:*

Set apart, O Lord, these your servants to the work to which they have been called by the voice of your church. Give them wisdom and compassion. Grant them your grace, that they may be good and faithful servants, empowered by the Holy Spirit and disciplined by that faith which is informed by sound learning. Give them such favor with the congregation and community that they may lead and serve to the end that the power of the gospel might renew and build for your purposes. Grant them such blessings that they may know their labors are not in vain, but are for Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

*Those kneeling will stand.*

You are now elders and deacons in the Church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God through him. Amen.

**God of Grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ.**

## Hymn

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth  
*The people stand to sing.*

ANDREW

## 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.*

At the River

Aaron Copland<sup>2</sup> (1900-1990)

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels' feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather with the saints by the beautiful river that flows from the throne of God.

## Presentation of the Gifts

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

LAAST 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 give you thanks, O God,  
for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us.  
Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world,  
all to the glory of your holy name. 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. 525

Here I am, Lord  
*The people stand to sing*

SCHUTTE

## Benediction and Choral Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

## Closing Voluntary

Fantaisie sur PICARDY (Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

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## Worship Leaders

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

**Reader:** Cornelia Dopkins

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

## Deacons Serving Today

Cathy Forrest, Eric Forrest, Teddie Granville, Tyler Halan, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Mike Reynolds, Griffin Saiia,  
Roh-Yu Shen, Nancy Stevens

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of James V. Bassett by Nelson, Susan and Eric Bassett.

# Notes on Today's Music

<sup>1</sup>**Maurice Ravel** was a French composer known especially for his melodies, masterful orchestration, richly evocative harmonies and inventive instrumental textures and effects. Along with Claude Debussy, he was one of the most prominent figures associated with Impressionist music. Much of his piano music, chamber music, vocal music and orchestral music is part of the standard concert repertoire. Ravel wrote his own words for the charming 'Noël des jouets' (The Toys' Christmas) of 1905, with its child-like wonder at the figures of the crib. The piano suggests the bells of Christmas, with a vocal line that seems to prefigure both the *Histoires naturelles* of 1906 and the later collaboration with Colette, *L'enfant et les sortilèges*. The first of these is a successful attempt to set prose rather than verse.

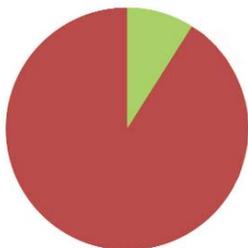
<sup>2</sup>**Aaron Copland** was an American composer, composition teacher, writer, and later in his career a conductor of his own and other American music. Instrumental in forging a distinctly American style of composition, in his later years he was often referred to as "the Dean of American Composers" and is best known to the public for the works he wrote in the 1930s and 1940s in a deliberately accessible style often referred to as Populist and which the composer labeled his "vernacular" style. Works in this vein include the ballets *Appalachian Spring*, *Billy the Kid* and *Rodeo*, his *Fanfare for the Common Man* and *Third Symphony*. The open, slowly changing harmonies of many of his works are archetypical of what many people consider to be the sound of American music, evoking the vast American landscape and pioneer spirit. In addition to his ballets and orchestral works, he produced music in many other genres including chamber music, vocal works, opera and film scores.

GIVING 2015  
**GRATITUDE**  
 IN EVERY SEASON



Pledges received as of 01/11/2015

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars To Goal
229	\$450,344	\$124,656



■ 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)

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

**January 18**

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Geri Lyon

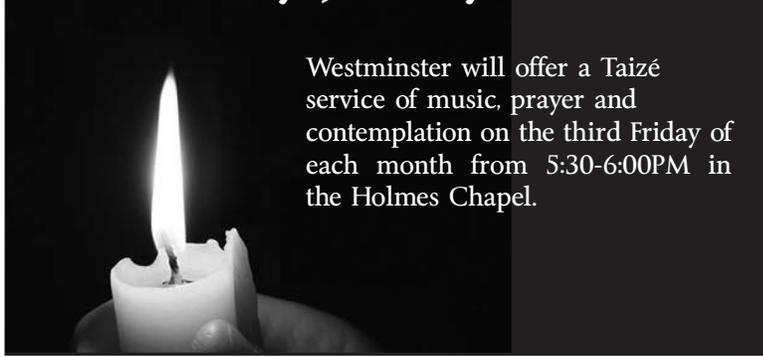
**January 25**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Sermon: *Called, II*

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5; Mark 1:14-20

## Experience a Taizé Service Friday, January 16th



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.

# 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:

January 11- *Prayer Mandalas*

Presenter: Mary Mohlke

Mary Mohlke, our presbytery coordinator of art and education, will educate us on mandalas. Mary herself is an artist of the highest order, the creator of the awe-inspiring banners and crosses on display in our chapel. Her leadership in knowing the Holy through art spans half a century. We will experience close up this prayerful art form, the mandala, this colorful and circular symbol of the universe. The mandala is often associated with Hindu and Buddhist observance.

January 18 - *Centering Prayer*

Presenter: Delight Dann

Surely no one in our congregation is more winning evidence of prayer on a day-to-day basis than our own Delight Dann. Faithful in worship as well as in the Spiritual Life Sunday seminars, Delight is also a regular participant in Westminster's early morning centering prayer sessions. This uncommon church leader will bring us the terrain of centering prayer. None of us can afford to miss Delight's leadership on prayer as she informs and guides us on its myriad stabilizing effects.

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

*Travelogue Series*

January 11

*Sailboat Cruising Can Be A Breeze – And Terrifying Too!*

Frederick B. Cooley, MBA, PhD

From the Spiritual aspects of sailing to the 21 day/14 ports cruise, Fred gives us an account of his remarkable - and surprising - cruises!

January 18: *Exploring Sweden*

John and Rebecca Montague will present a program on the art, architecture and culture of Sweden with special emphasis on the medieval island of Gotland, where, over the last ten years they have made extended trips to visit their daughter and family.

## 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, January 11, 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)

Sun., Jan. 1: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner

12PM - Youth Committee Meeting

Fri., Jan. 16- Sun., Jan. 28 Camp Duffield Retreat (grades 6- 12)

Sun., Jan. 25th: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner

12PM - Final Washington DC Lunch planning mtg. with guest speaker

## WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

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. For more information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org) or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

NEW! The Westminster Apprentice Choir for children ages 4-6 years old. Children will be taught fundamental music and choral skills. The first session will be on Wednesday, January 14, 4:30 - 5:30pm 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.

## WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

### February 15L Hugo Wolf: *Italienisches Liederbuch*

4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Matt Marco, piano, Laura Noack, soprano  
James Wright, baritone

### March 1: Masterworks

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

**March 8:** Organist David Henning (Houston, TX) in recital, 4pm in the Sanctuary

**April 5:** Easter Sunday with Festival Brass and Percussion

**April 25:** Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus Festival

## 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: Our first book discussion is: *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown, January 12, 7PM at the home of Pam Pollock. (If you need the address, email Molly at [mollygray@gmail.com](mailto:mollygray@gmail.com) All are welcome to come and discuss the book, or come and hear the discussion.

Passages: A Program for Older Adults: Tuesday, February 3. Our speaker will be Lynda Marino from Canterbury Woods who will talk about making a plan for long-term care, how to identify risks in long-term care and discuss options and how to make a plan. Lunch is at 12:30PM, program begins at 1:15PM in the Case Library. RSVP IS NECESSARY! Sign up in the Gallery Room or call the church office, 884-9437.

Men's Retreat Save the Dates! Friday, January 23 & Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Byrncliff Resort, Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or call the church office at 884-9437.

WOW Women's Winter Retreat: Friday, January 30 - Sunday, February 1, 2015 at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Bemus Point, NY. This is a favorite event for everyone who has ever attended! There's wonderful conversation, inspiring workshops, fresh air in beautiful surroundings, great food, spiritual renewal, and since everything's optional--rest if you need it! A brochure with complete information with the weekend schedule is on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. If you would like a brochure mailed to you, call Jamie at 884-9437.

**\*Please Note! Your reservation and room preference is confirmed with a 50% deposit. DEADLINE EXTENDED - TODAY, JANUARY 11TH. The balance is due by FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH.**



## 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 Workshop.

### Rotation Workshop - John the Baptizer



Creation Station - in the Heritage Room  
4th & 5th grade classes



Hollywood - 1st room in the Parish Hall  
Balcony- 3rd grade class



Apostles Playhouse - in the ENERGY Room  
1st & 2nd 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.

The Westminster Economic Development Initiative (WEDI)  
Board of Directors Invites you to:

## Winterfest 2015

February 6, 2015 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
The Foundry, 1738 Elmwood Avenue  
Complimentary Valet Parking. Fun and Festivities. Dinner Buffet, Cash Bar, Live Auction, Silent Auction and Music by Les Davis Quartette from Colored Musicians Club  
RSVP By January 24, 2015  
[www.wedibuffalo.org/winterfest2015](http://www.wedibuffalo.org/winterfest2015) for tickets  
No tickets will be available at the door.

# This Week at Westminster

## Sunday, January 11

8:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care  
8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
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 Series  
9:45 AM Confirmation Class  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship/Officer Ordination & Installation  
11:10 AM Sunday School  
12:00 PM Youth Comm. Lunch Mtg.  
12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg. W/ Light  
Refreshments  
12:30 PM Dream Group 1

## Monday, January 12-WPC Closed

11:30 AM WECF & Boces Students  
7:00 PM WOW Book Discussions

## Tuesday, January 13

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
4:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg.  
5:30 PM Congregational Life/  
Membership Mtg.  
5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
7:00 PM Knitting Group

## Wednesday, January 14

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.  
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
4:30 PM UPK Info Mtg.  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
5:30 PM Choir School  
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, January 15

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.  
8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
8:30 AM UPK Info Mtg.

12:15 PM WOW Bible Study  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
6:00 PM Handbells  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, January 16

5:30 PM Taize Worship  
6:00 PM Camp Duffield Retreat

## Saturday, January 17

12:00 AM Camp Duffield Retreat

## Sunday, January 18

12:00 AM Camp Duffield Retreat  
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
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9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
9:35 AM Case Library Series  
9:45 AM Confirmation Class  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship

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## **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**

Shall We Gather at the River

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

### **Call to Worship**

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

### **Hymn**

Creator of Mountains

ST. DENIO

*Please see enclosed insert for hymn.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of all glory, you look from heaven  
and see us as we are—  
not worthy to kneel at your feet,  
not ready to welcome your way.  
Forgive us, gracious God.  
In Christ, stoop down to save us;  
loosen the ties that bind us to sin  
and set us free to love and serve you;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

### **Words of Assurance**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Lessons**

1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:33-51

### **Meditation**

Called, I

Dr. Yorty

### **Prayers of the People**

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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

### **Sending Hymn, No. 525**

Here I am, Lord

SCHUTTE

*The people stand to sing*

### **Benediction**

### **Closing Voluntary**

Fantaisie sur PICARDY (Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)