



**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.*

**July 12, 2015 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel**



2015 Maine Mission Group

(L-R) Adam Utley, Emily Reynolds, Mark Aquino, Sarah Reynolds,  
Callan Izatt, Jo Stevens, Eric Forrest, Emily Smith, Christian Wyse,  
Griffin Saiia, Debbie Katz and Madeleine Cherr

## 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

Mark Aquino

### 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

Gabriel Fauré† (1845-1924)

#### Call to Worship

Emily Reynolds

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

#### Hymn, No. 469

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

#### Call to Confession

Madeleine Cherr

*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

Jo Stevens

Dear God,  
we have failed to be faithful to you.  
We argue with each other,  
we break your commandments.  
We pollute the environment.  
For that, we ask you to have mercy on us  
since you have been faithful to us.  
You show us what to do in situations  
but we do not listen and go about our own way.  
Forgive us O God and help us love one another.  
Amen.

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver, 1984



## Assurance of Pardon

Emily Reynolds

## Response

*The people 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

Emily Smith

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

*Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say, "The peace of Christ be with you", and to respond, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).*

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

*Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).*

## Prayer for Illumination

Callan Izatt

## Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3

## Voluntary

Syrinx

Hannah Taylor, soloist

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

## Sermon

Faith and Falsifiability

Griffin Saiia

## Hymn, No. 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*The people stand to sing.*

BEACH SPRING

## Invitation to the Offering

Sarah Reynolds

## Offertory

*The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God. Worshippers are invited to sign the Friendship Pad located in the aisle seat of each pew and then please pass it to others in your row.*

O Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod<sup>††</sup> (1818-1893)

Ah, turn me not away,  
receive me though unworthy.  
Hear Thou my cry,  
Behold, Lord, my distress!  
Answer me from Thy throne,  
Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid!

Thy pity show in my deep anguish,  
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,  
Though righteous Thine anger, O Lord!  
Shield me in danger, O regard me!  
On Thee, Lord, alone will I call!

O divine Redeemer!  
I pray thee grant me pardon,  
And remember not  
Remember not my sins!  
Forgive me! O divine Redeemer!

Night gathers round my soul  
Fearful, I cry to Thee,  
Come to mine aid, O Lord!  
Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!  
Hear my cry, hear my cry  
Save me, Lord in Thy mercy;  
Hear my cry, hear my cry!  
Come and save me, O Lord!

O divine Redeemer!  
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,  
and remember not  
Remember not, O Lord, my sins!

Save in the day of retribution  
From death shield Thou me, O my God!  
O divine Redeemer, have mercy!  
Help me Savior!

## **Presentation of the Gifts**

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Sarah Reynolds

**Glorious God,  
you created us because you are love.  
It is your will and our destiny that we live  
into the full humanity of Jesus Christ  
so that we can praise you,  
give voice to creation's joy,  
and join with all things  
in heaven and on earth  
to rejoice in your goodness forever.**

**Thank you for this high calling  
and privilege.  
We bring an offering  
taken from the gifts you have given us.**

**Because they come from you, they are holy;  
because you have given them to us,  
you honor us as if we are holy.  
As we return them to you  
with our thanksgiving,  
bless them with the power of your love  
so that they may touch the lives of others  
and inspire them to join us  
in giving you thanks and praise  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the King of glory. 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. 302**

I Danced in the Morning  
*The people stand to sing.*

SIMPLE GIFTS

## **Benediction**

Griffin Saiia

## **Closing Voluntary**

Trio en Passacaille

Andre Raison (1650-1720)

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*The banners in the Holmes Chapel were designed by and are on loan from  
Mary Mohlke the Artist-in-Residence at North Presbyterian Church.*

## **Worship Leaders**

**Maine Mission Group:** Emily Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Callan Izatt, Jo Stevens, Eric Forrest,  
Emily Smith, Christian Wyse, Griffin Saiia and Madeleine Cherr

**Advisers:** Debbie Katz, Austin Sanders, Adam Utley, Mark Aquino

**Organist:** Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

**Soloist:** Hannah Taylor

## **Deacons Serving Today**

Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Mike Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Roy Stewart

## **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers this morning are given by Tom Yorty and Carol Timmerman-Yorty in celebration of the birth of Eliza Bea Yorty on June 21, 2015 to Ian and Julie Yorty.

*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

†**Gabriel Urbain Fauré** (1845–1924) was a French composer, organist, pianist and teacher. He was one of the foremost French composers of his generation, and his musical style influenced many 20th-century composers. Among his best-known works are his Pavane, Requiem, nocturnes for piano and the songs *Après un rêve* and *Clair de lune*. Although his best-known and most accessible compositions are generally his earlier ones, Fauré composed many of his most highly regarded works in his later years, in a more harmonically and melodically complex style.

Fauré was born into a cultured but not especially musical family. At the age of nine, he was sent to a music college in Paris, where he was trained to be a church organist and choirmaster. After graduating, Fauré earned a modest living as an organist and teacher, leaving him little time for composition. By his last years, Fauré was recognized in France as the leading French composer of his day. Outside France, Fauré's music took decades to become widely accepted, except in Britain, where he had many admirers during his lifetime.

Fauré's music has been described as linking the end of Romanticism with the modernism of the second quarter of the 20th century. The Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians notes that his harmonic and melodic innovations influenced the teaching of harmony for later generations. During the last twenty years of his life, he suffered from increasing deafness. In contrast with the charm of his earlier music, his works from this period are sometimes elusive and withdrawn in character, and at other times turbulent and impassioned.

††**Charles François Gounod** (1818-1893), the French composer is best known for his operas. His father was a prominent painter; his mother was a pianist, and Charles received his first musical education from her. In 1836 he entered the Paris Conservatory, where he studied counterpoint with Jacques Fromentin Halévy and composition with Jean François Lesueur.

He studied in Italy, where he was exposed to the choral music of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. This remained an important influence throughout his life, perhaps even to the detriment of his own choral writing. Returning from Rome through Austria, he also had the chance to hear some of the more romantic compositions of Robert Schumann and Felix Mendelssohn.

For a time Gounod studied theology and even considered becoming a priest. His theological interests ultimately earned him the title "Abbé." Eventually he returned to music, and he attempted to gain success through the composition of operas, the surest road to fame for any French composer. His first opera, *Sapho* (1851), achieved only a moderate success. With his fourth opera, *Faust* (1859), he achieved international renown. Although both the libretto and the music have been criticized for their sentimental oversimplification of Goethe's great drama, *Faust* maintained its position as the most popular French opera in the repertoire for almost a century. Gounod completed 12 operas, but only one other, *Roméo et Juliette* (composed 1864, first performed 1867), has remained in the repertoire. Its fame rests on Juliette's waltz song and the numerous love duets.

From 1870 to 1875 Gounod lived in London, where, in addition to presenting concerts and composing a number of religious works, he organized the Gounod Choir, later to become the Royal Choral Society. In his last years he concentrated almost exclusively on composing large choral works, but none of these added to his stature as a composer. He died at Saint-Cloud on Oct. 18, 1893.

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# Interfaith Congregational Picnic!

Sunday, August 23rd  
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.*

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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

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RSVP:

Sign-Up: On the Information Table in the Gallery Room-or-

Call: 716.884.9437 -or-

Online: [bit.ly/1C2R431](https://bit.ly/1C2R431)



# PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

**July 19**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

*When God Builds the House*

Ephesians 2:11-22

**July 26**

The Reverend Geri Lyon, M.Div., D.D.

Retired Pastor, First Presbyterian Church Buffalo and Member of the PWNV

Timlin Baptism



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@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton (khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.



## Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House Tour

Sunday, July 19th - following 10AM service

Light Lunch at the church

Tour starts promptly at 12:15

Cost: (tour/ lunch) \$17

payable at time of reservation

**\*TOUR LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE\***

Please check on the Information Table today to see if spaces are still available.

# Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those who are serving in the Armed Forces. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon.

## BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE

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## 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.

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!

**Summer ENERGY is Coming Soon!** Summer vacation begin soon for our ENERGY students. After a few weeks of vacation, boredom will be setting in, neighborhoods will be stifling, and the children will be ready for fun, reading, games, and field trips. ELL children (English Language Learners) benefit greatly with continued summer learning, reading and writing. If you're looking for a meaningful summer experience, consider volunteering for Summer ENERGY. For more information, contact Carol Greetham, carol@wedibuffalo.org.

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral Service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Ken Carter 833-9287, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

## WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

### Starting again next September!

*The Apprentice Choir* is for children ages 4-6 years old. Children will be taught fundamental music and choral skills. 4:30 - 5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel. For information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

*The Senior Choristers* (ages 7 and above) rehearse on Wednesdays, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. Participation in the program is not limited to Westminster members. For more information, contact Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries, gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437, ext. 318.

## ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Passages: A Program for Older Adults - Enjoy your summer and plan to join us when we resume lunch and first program on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. If you would like more information on the Passages program, please call Debbie Katz at 884-9437, ext. 329.

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 12:15PM in the Case Library. Join us as we look at Paul's advice to the church in Corinth and consider what we have in common with Paul and his community of believers. Questions? Contact Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at dkatz@westminster-bfloo.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 Worshipers will resume in the fall.

*Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years old from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the WECF building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECF) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.*

### Sunday School at WPC this Fall

• 3-5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved preschool teachers. The three through five year class meets in the Early Childhood building. The children and their teachers walk to the building together and in cold weather, the children need their coats.

• 1st - 5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops:

*Creation Station* - in Parish Hall

*Hollywood* - 1st room in the Parish Hall Balcony

*Apostles Playhouse* - in Parish Hall

• Our 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.

• Our 8th grader confirmation class meets from 9:45-10:45AM in the Parish Hall balcony classroom.

• Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING

### Case Library Conversations Summer Series

8:35AM - 9:35AM in the Case Library

We will present a five-session video discussion by Dr. Eboo Patel "Coming Together to Change the World" Sunday, July 12 - August 9, 8:35-9:45AM. We will hear Eboo Patel's Insights on Interfaith Cooperation for five distinct topics of study. Come and experience a new process of learning as we hear from a multi-faith group comprised of a Jew, two Muslims, a spiritual seeker with Jain and Hindu roots, two Episcopal Christians and one Evangelical Christian who is working in the Lutheran Church.

July 12: Interfaith Cooperation in American History

July 19: Interfaith Literacy

July 26: The Science of Interfaith Cooperation

August 2: The Art of Interfaith Leadership

August 9: The Role of Colleges, Seminaries, and Houses of Worship

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

The Maine Bisons (Youth group from Maine) will be in Buffalo from August 3rd to August 9th. They will be staying at WPC, volunteering at various organizations throughout WNY and leading worship on August 9th. WPC will host a picnic for them on Wednesday, August 5th @ 6pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us to support and continue nurturing the relationship we have built as we unite to help those in need. Please see Mark Aquino with any questions and reservations - AskMark@Roadrunner.com

**Calling all 6th - 8th Graders and their Parents:** Please save the dates of Monday August 17th - Thursday August 20th, 2015 for the Middler Work Camp. Contact Debbie Katz or Mark Aquino for details. We look forward to a week of faith, mission, fellowship and fun

## WESTMINSTER GOES TO CHAUTAUQUA

Wednesday, August 5, 2:00PM, Hall of Philosophy. Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Car Pooling from the Church Parking Lot - depart at 10:30AM sharp! Bring a Bag Lunch. Presentation by Phil Zuckerman, Department of Sociology, Pitzer College, Claremont, California, Winner of Foreword Magazine's Silver Book of the Year Award. "Irreligion Rising: Why More Americans Are Becoming Secular." Afternoon Gate Pass (access noon - 8pm): \$15.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

The Heavenly Grounds Cafe is in need of donations of baked goods/cookies (store bought or homemade) for Sunday mornings. 4 Dozen pieces are needed and we will need 1 volunteer for each service to bring their donation by 9:30 am. Please sign up in the Cafe on Sundays or weekdays on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, July 12

8:30 AM Case Library Summer Series

9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship (Maine Group)

11:00 AM Cookies & Punch

### Monday, July 13 - WPC Closed

### Tuesday, July 14

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Garden Group

12:00 PM August Newsletter Deadline

4:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg.

5:30 PM Cong. Life/Membership Mtg.

5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

### Wednesday, July 15

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Thursday, July 16

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

### Sunday, July 19

8:30 AM Case Library Summer Series

9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Punch & Cookies

11:00 AM Light Lunch/The Darwin Martin House Tour

## SUMMER WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER



**July 5 through September 6**

**ONE SERVICE at 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel**

**Join us this summer for an intimate Worship service in the Holmes Chapel.**

**What a great way to start a summer Sunday morning!**

**(Fall hours resume on Welcome Back Sunday, September 13)**



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