



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 26, 2015 - 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel
9th Sunday after Pentecost



When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him,
Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?'
He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

- John 6:5-6

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

Rev. Lyon

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

Concerto No. 1 in G Major, BWV 592; I. Allegro
Nancy Anderson, Cello

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the Hymn.

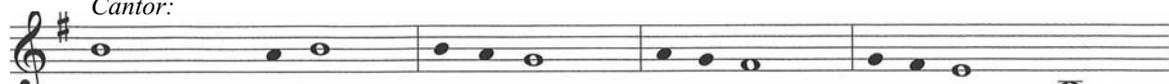
Hymn, No. 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

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 wonder,
Lord of King David
and of the Son, the Messiah, David's greater son,
we confess our sins and pray for your help
so that we can truly repent
and turn from evil.
Deliver us from the temptation
to hide from you, to lie to you,
or to excuse ourselves
because of the harm we have done to others.
Forgive us for the curse
we have brought upon the earth.
Restore your creation to full health
and feed the multitudes from the abundance
of your merciful power.
Grow in us a deeper desire
to love Christ with the fullness of your love,
and to glorify him,
along with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



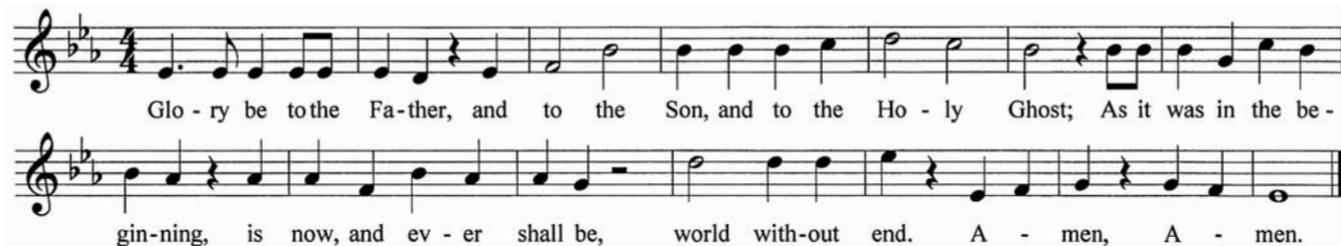
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people 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).

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today to Conor James Timlin, son of Lindsay June Timlin and Edward Garth Timlin.

The following prayers are said in unison when indicated by the leader:

O God, who called us from death to life:
we give ourselves to you, and, with the church through all the ages,
we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy God: remind us of the promises given in our own baptism,
and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people remain seated to sing

Baptism Hymn 497, Stanza 4

ST. CLEMENT

**Accept, O Lord, our dedication to fill with love the growing mind,
that in this church and congregation the young a faith for life may find.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 6:1-21

Voluntary

Dank sei Dir, Herr

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Dank sei dir, Herr,
Du hast dein Volk mit dir geführt
hindurch das Meer.
Deine Hand schützte es,
in deiner Güte gabst du ihm Heil.
Dank sei dir, Herr,
Du hast dein Volk mit dir geführt
Israel hindurch das Meer.

*Thanks be to you, God,
You have led your people with you
Through the sea.
Your hand protecting it,
in Your goodness You gave man peace.
Thanks be to you, God,
You have led your people with you
Israel through the sea.*

Bina Pawley, Soprano

Sermon

Food for the Journey

Hymn, No. 401

When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

The people stand to sing.

RUSTINGTON

Invitation to the Offering

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.

Simple Gifts

Aaron Copland † (1900-1990)

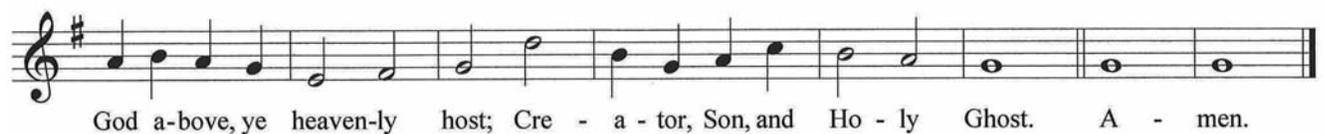
'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Bina Pawley, Soprano

Presentation of the Gifts

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer of Dedication

O God, creator of rain and sun and soil,
ruler of nations,
thank you for the abundance of the earth.
We know there is enough food
to feed everyone alive today;
we are grateful that there are cures
for the most common diseases;
we praise you for the witness of Jesus Christ,
who showed no lust for power or riches.
Fill the world with the Spirit of Christ
so that food, medicine, and peace flow as freely
as the river of life from the throne of the Lamb.
Bless our offerings
so that we can follow where Christ leads,
freeing the wealth of nations
for the service of the kingdom.
We pray in Jesus' 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

Let Us Build a House
The people stand to sing
See insert for hymn.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Concerto in D minor, Op. 26, No. 9; II. Andante
Nancy Anderson, Cello

Antonio Vivaldi††(1678-1741)

Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher: The Reverend Geri Lyon, M.Div., D.D.

Reader: Gwen Ito

Organist: Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Soloists: Nancy Anderson, Cello and Bina Pawley, Soprano

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Kathleen Kelly, Austin Sanders, Nancy Stevens

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Melba and Harry Chisholm by Marjorie Chisholm.

To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.

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

Notes on Today's Music

† **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 1930's and 1940's 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.

†† **Antonio Vivaldi** was born on March 4, 1678, in Venice, Italy. He was ordained as a priest, though he instead chose to follow his passion for music. A prolific composer who created hundreds of works, he became renowned for his concertos in Baroque style, becoming a highly influential innovator in form and pattern. He was also known for his operas, including *Argippo* and *Bajazet*.



Interfaith Congregational Picnic!

Sunday, August 23rd
4-7PM

- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Temple Beth Zion
- North Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Shir Shalom

A covenant between Presbyterians and Jews in pursuit of a more just world: Israel, Palestine, Divestment, and Longing for Peace. An opportunity for discussion and fellowship.

A Picnic Dinner will follow:

- All ages are welcome!
- Activities for children!
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and refreshments provided
- Bring casseroles, desserts to share!
- Donations of paper towels/bathroom tissue, toothpaste, etc. for the Town Square Food Pantry is appreciated.

The picnic will be held in the backyard of Shir Shalom on 4660 Sheridan Drive

RSVP:

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

Call: 716.884.9437 -or-

Online: bit.ly/1C2R431



PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

*Fall Worship Times (beginning on September 12)
8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary*

Becoming God's New People

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians seems to be addressed to Gentiles who are urged to 'no longer live as Gentiles live.' It is an epistle of radical transformation; encouraging, inviting the Ephesians to adopt and live into new personal and social identities. They are being resocialized into God's purposes and family. We will explore this timeless message for its powerful relevance to our time and culture.

August 2 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
We Belong to God; Ephesians 4:1-16

August 9 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Finding Our Deepest, Truest Selves; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 16 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
It Needn't Have Occurred, Nor Will It Be Repeated; Ephesians 5:15-20

August 23 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Resistance to a Culture of Blind Self-Absorption; Ephesians 6:10-20

August 30 - Lay Preacher, Mark Aquino

September 6 - Lay Preacher, Adam Utley

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 26

Maintenance-Carlos

8:30 AM Case Library Summer Series

9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship/Timlin Baptism

11:00 AM Punch & Cookies

Monday, July 27 - WPC Closed

Tuesday, July 28

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Garden Group

10:00 AM Summer ENERGY Program

5:15 PM Personnel Committee Meeting

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, July 29

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

10:00 AM Summer ENERGY Program

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, July 30

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Summer ENERGY Program

Friday, July 31

10:00 AM Summer ENERGY Program

Sunday, August 2

Maintenance-Jeff

Name Tag Sunday

8:30 AM Case Library Summer Series

9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care

9:30 AM Deacon Meeting

10:00 AM Worship/Communion

11:00 AM Cookies & Punch

11:00 AM Healing Service

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.

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY

Today we welcome the Rev. Geri Lyon, M.Div., D.D. to our Pulpit. Rev. Lyon is an honorably retired pastor and member of the PWN. She served as Pastor and head-of-staff at First Presbyterian Church Buffalo and was the Director of Pastoral Care at AIDS Family Services in Buffalo. She is a recognized Pastoral Care Specialist in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, with specialty training in domestic violence and HIV/AIDS. Geri is a long time friend of WPCs, and has preached, taught and led pastoral care groups in our congregation. She has a strong sense of social justice and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Just Communities and Jericho Road. In her retirement she has served University Presbyterian Church as Sabbatical Supply Pastor and Wayside Presbyterian Church as Stated Supply Pastor. Geri has two adult children and the joy of her life is her nine and a half year old granddaughter, Rebekah. Spending time with family and friends, being by any body of water, traveling, theater, needle arts and books are her passions. She also loves to laugh! And, is delighted to be with the good people of WPC this morning!

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: August 9, October 18, and December 13, 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. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

Summer ENERGY is Here! After a few weeks, summer vacation, boredom will be setting in, neighborhoods will be stifling, and the chil-

dren 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.

The West Side Bazaar: Take friends and family over to 25 Grant Street for a delicious lunch and do some shopping! Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11AM - 8PM, Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM- 8PM. Sunday & Monday: Closed. Bazaar Bucks on sale now. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

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

WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

Starting again in 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 Workshops 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 26: The Science of Interfaith Cooperation

August 2: The Art of Interfaith Leadership

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

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.

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.

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

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

Join us for a Picnic on August 12 at 6PM to Welcome the Maine Bisons Youth Group!

The Maine Bisons (Youth group from Maine) will be in Buffalo the week of August 10th. They will be staying at WPC, volunteering at various organizations throughout WNY and leading worship on August 16th. WPC will host a picnic for them on Wednesday, August 12th @ 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

The Forgiveness Project

Saturday, August 1, 2015, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
RiverRock Sanctuary, 184 Barton St. Buffalo, NY 14213



Dr. Rev. Mike Barry, former Director of Pastoral Care at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia, where he specialized in the connection between spirituality and health. He has served in the ministry for over twenty years and has appeared on numerous radio

and television shows around the country. He is the author of *A Reason for Hope*, *A Season for Hope*, *The Art of Caregiving*, and *The Forgiveness Project*.

Dr. Barry will be presenting three separate training sessions on the following topics:

- (1) The Relationship of Unforgiveness/Forgiveness to Health
- (2) Self-Forgiveness
- (3) Forgiving Others and Ministering to Those Who Need to Forgive

For more information, please contact The Rev. Dr. Bob Tice at 882-6671 or citysake@gmail.com



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