



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.

March 22, 2015
Fifth Sunday in Lent



....says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

- Jeremiah 31:33

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

Prélude Modal

Jean Langlais† (1907-1991)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship - 11AM

The 8:45AM worship service can be found on page 9 &10 of this bulletin.

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 51:1-13

Tone IV.4

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession

This is the Day of New Beginnings
See insert for hymn.

BEGINNINGS

Call to Confession

Cantor:

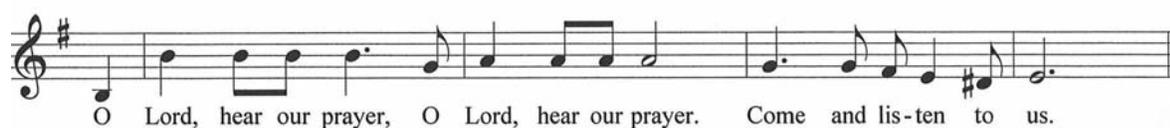


Be with us now, O Lord, qui - et us, cen - ter us, hear us.

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

Redeeming God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;
we have strayed from your commandments.
Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities,
that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. 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).

Recognition of New Members

Charlotte Werner-Kohler, Anna Karoline Israel & Ferdinand Schweser, Heidi Fors & Douglas Kohler,
John H. Heer, Reenie Fitzgibbons & Colleen Mages, Mindy Airhart & Cameron Airhart, Linda B. Grant

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

Anthem

Amazing Grace

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Sermon

The Body of Christ: Changed Within

Baptism

Naseem Haj-Dahmane

Service of Confirmation

Presentation of Stoles and Crosses by parents and mentors

Confirmation of Baptismal Vows

Confirming their Baptismal Vows: Matt Cone, Flynn Granville, Naseem Haj-Dahmane, Callan Izatt,
Julian Payne, Anna Pyne, and Jo Stevens.

As members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, you do not come to us as strangers, but as sisters and brothers in the Lord. Please renew your vows of baptism by answering the call to discipleship.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Do you trust him?

I do.

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word, and to show his love?

I do.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you go?

I will.

Statement of Faith - Confirmation Class 2015

The last task for each confirmation class is to write a corporate faith statement. This reflects what they believe at this point in their faith journey. Please join with them and affirm together this statement of faith.

We believe in God Creator of all, who loves us even when we make mistakes. God is the Divine member of everybody's family who loves us unconditionally. As our Protector and our Forgiver, God guides us through the troubling world wherever we may go.

We believe Jesus is our Savior, the Son of God who teaches us God's message. Jesus is the human embodiment of God, where God became human. Jesus is our Redeemer sent by God to save us by spreading God's word.

The Holy Spirit is in all living things in the universe including us. The Holy Spirit protects and nurtures us. The light of the Holy Spirit gives us the choice to follow the path to God.

We believe the Church is a community of God that is devoted to carrying out God's will and mission by helping everyone in need. Our faith is nurtured by the Church through worship, music, fellowship, teaching and living out God's message throughout the week.

The Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Confirmation

All those ordained as Elders or Deacons are invited forward for the laying on of hands.

At this time all children through 7th grade will leave with their teacher for Sunday School. Please make sure your children take their belongings with them when they leave.

Hymn

O God, Who Gives Us Life
*The people stand to sing.
See insert for hymn.*

NOEL

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.

Requiem, Op. 9 (1947)
VI. Agnus Dei

Maurice Duruflé†† (1902-1986)

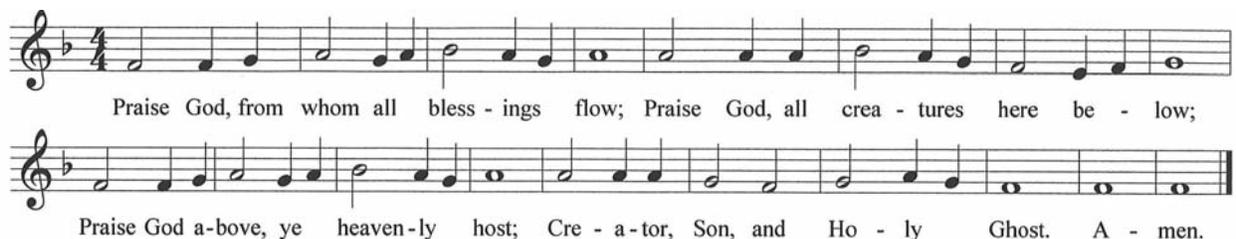
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.

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

As the high priest Melchizedek blessed Abraham
and offered his tithe of bread and wine at your holy altar,
may our gifts be made perfect through Christ
to glorify you and bless the world. 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. 371

Lift High the Cross
The people stand to sing.

CRUCIFER

Benediction

Teach Me, O Lord
Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Closing Voluntary

Symphonie VI
I. Allegro

Charles-Marie Widor††† (1844-1937)

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Reader: Roy Stewart
Organists: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music
Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Zandy Barrett, Mary Callaghan, Cathy Forrest, Eric Forrest, Earl McColgin, Becky Read-Lukan
Austin Sanders, Nancy Stevens,

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Marcia and William Reynolds by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers at the Pulpit are given in memory of Mary Kittinger Diebold and Mary Dewitt Kittinger by the Diebold family.

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

†**Jean Langlais** was a French composer of modern classical music, organist, and improviser. His works are mostly masses and organ music, some based on Gregorian themes, often enhanced by polymodal harmonies. Langlais was born in La Fontenelle (Ille-et-Vilaine, Brittany), a small village near Mont Saint-Michel, France. Langlais became blind due to glaucoma when he was only two years old, and was sent to the Institut National des Jeunes Aveugles (National Institute for Blind Children) in Paris, where he began to study the organ with André Marchal. From there, he progressed to the Paris Conservatoire, obtaining prizes in organ, which he studied with Marcel Dupré; he studied composition with Paul Dukas; he studied improvisation with Charles Tournemire. It was as an organist, however, that Langlais made his name, following in the footsteps of César Franck and Tournemire as organiste titulaire at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris in 1945, a post in which he remained until 1988. He was much in demand as a concert organist, and toured widely across Europe and the United States.

††**Maurice Duruflé** was a fastidious composer, whose small but significant oeuvre has become firmly established in concert repertoire. His *Requiem* was originally a commission for an organ mass, but upon the death of his father, Duruflé chose to complete it as a Requiem Mass. Although completed in 1947, only within the last several decades has the work begun to take its rightful place among the major choral masterworks.

Duruflé wrote in unpublished program notes for a 1980 concert: "This Requiem is composed entirely on the Gregorian themes of the Mass for the Dead. Sometimes the musical text has been respected in full, the orchestra intervening only to sustain or to comment on it; sometimes I was simply inspired by it or sometimes removed myself from it altogether...This Requiem is not an ethereal work which sings of detachment from earthly worries. It reflects, in the immutable form of the Christian prayer, the agony of man faced with the mystery of his ultimate end. It is often dramatic, or filled with resignation, or hope, or terror, just as the words of the Scripture themselves which are used in the liturgy. It tends to translate human feelings before their terrifying, unexplainable or consoling destiny. It represents the idea of Peace, of Faith, and of Hope."

†††**Charles-Marie Widor** was a French organist, composer and teacher. Widor was born in Lyon, to a family of organ builders, and initially studied music there with his father. The French organ builder Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, reviver of the art of organ building, was a friend of the Widor family; he arranged for the talented young organist to study in Brussels in 1863 with Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens for organ technique and with the elderly François-Joseph Fétis, director of the Brussels Conservatoire, for composition. After this term of study, Widor moved to Paris, where he would make his home for the rest of his life. At the age of 24 he was appointed assistant to Camille Saint-Saëns at Église de la Madeleine.

In January 1870, with the combined lobbying of Cavaillé-Coll, Saint-Saëns, and Charles Gounod, the 25-year-old Widor was appointed as "provisional" organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, the most prominent position for a French organist. The organ at St-Sulpice was Cavaillé-Coll's masterwork; the instrument's spectacular capabilities proved an inspiration to Widor. Despite his job's ostensibly "provisional" nature, Widor remained as organist at St-Sulpice for nearly 64 years, until the end of 1933. He was succeeded in 1934 by his former student and assistant, Marcel Dupré. In 1890, upon the death of César Franck, Widor succeeded him as organ professor at the Paris Conservatoire. The class he inherited was initially stunned by this new teacher, who suddenly demanded a formidable technique and a knowledge of J.S. Bach's organ works as prerequisites to effective improvisation. Later (1896), he gave up this post to become composition professor at the same institution. Widor had several students in Paris who were to become famous composers and organists in their own right, most notably the aforementioned Dupré, Louis Vierne, Charles Tournemire, Darius Milhaud, Alexander Schreiner, Edgard Varèse, and the Canadian Henri Gagnon. Albert Schweitzer (who is pictured in our "Praise" window off of the narthex) also studied with Widor, mainly from 1899; master and pupil collaborated on an annotated edition of J. S. Bach's organ works published in 1912-14. Widor, whose own master Lemmens was an important Bach exponent, encouraged Schweitzer's theological exploration of Bach's music.

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This Week at Westminster

Sunday, March 22

6:00 AM Carlos On Duty

7:00 AM Confirmation Sunday

8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds

8:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care

8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion

9:35 AM Case Library/Adult Bible/Spiritual Life

9:35 AM 6th & 7th Graders Meet

9:45 AM Breakfast For Confirmands/Elders

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship W/ New Members

11:10 AM Sunday School

12:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting

Monday, March 23 - WPC Closed

Tuesday, March 24

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

4:00 PM Stated Presbytery Meeting

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, March 25

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

3:30 PM Tech Meeting

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

4:30 PM The Westminster Choir School

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

6:00 PM Lenten Program Dinner/Program

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, March 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

Sunday, March 29

6:00 AM Jeff On Duty

7:00 AM Palm Sunday

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 Palm Sunday Breakfast

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship

11:10 AM Sunday School

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: 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.

WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

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.

ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Passages, A Program for Older Adults: Tuesday, April 7: Please join us when our speaker will be Karen Davis, the Consumer Fraud Representative from the Office of Consumer Affairs in the NYS Attorney General's Office. Karen will talk about current scams and offer ways for us to be on our guard. Lunch at 12:30PM - speaker at 1:15PM. Sign Up on the Information Table or call the church office, 884-9437. RSVP necessary by March 29.

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-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

Knitting Group: Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 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.

Palm Sunday Breakfast! Sunday, March 29, 9:35am in Parish Hall. The Sunday School invites everyone to begin Holy Week with a pot luck breakfast and we will also prepare palm crosses for worship. Please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room and let us know what you will bring! This is a time for us to remember, tell and pass on the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Please join us and bring a friend!

Easter Reception: Sunday, April 5 following the 11am service. Join us for a time of fellowship at a reception in the Case Library. This is an opportunity to gather with members, friends, and guests. We welcome donations of finger foods such as vegetables and hummus /dip, fruit, cheese and crackers or baked goods. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gallery Room. Thank you in advance for sharing in this Westminster Family occasion. Questions, contact Laurel Braun at 716-830-5692, dlrbraun@gmail.com Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

Good Friday, April 3: 12-1PM: Improvisations on the *Stations of the Cross* Garrett Martin, organ

7:44PM: (Sundown) Tenebrae Service: Choral Masterpieces, scripture readings, and meditation

Special Taize Service at 5:30PM, Friday, April 10th: We will be hosting Brother Emmanuel from the Taize Community at our April Taize service. **Please note** the change from the third to the second Friday for this month. Brother Emmanuel will lead this service. There will be refreshments after the service and conversation with Brother Emmanuel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER



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 WECF 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.

March Rotation Workshop: Down thro' the Roof

Sundav. March 22



Creation Station - in Parish Hall
3rd grade class



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



Apostles Playhouse - in Parish Hall
4th & 5th grade classes

- Our 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our 8th grader confirmation class meets from 9:45-10:45AM in the Parish Hall balcony classroom.
- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LENTEN SERIES

Case Library Conversations, Spiritual Life & Adult Bible Study welcome Rev. Dr. Lance Brown, Sundays, February 22 - March 22



Dr. Brown will teach a special five-week Lenten Series in the Case Library. Please join us for the final offering of 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.

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

Sunday, March 22 - No Dialogue Diner
9:45AM- Confirmation Sunday
12PM - Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 29: 9:30AM - Dialogue Diner
9:45AM- C.I.A.assist w/Palm Sun. Breakfast

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

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

Please join us for the final presentation in our series:

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.

PREACHING IN LENT

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. 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.

As we approach the end of Lent, we 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.

PREACHING IN HOLY WEEK & EASTERTIDE

(The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach unless otherwise indicated)

March 29: Palm/Passion Sunday
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11
The Body of Christ: Meeting the Jesus We Never Knew

April 2: Maundy Thursday, 6PM in the Holmes Chapel
John 13:1-17, 31b-35, *I Give You An Example*

April 3: Good Friday, Service of Tenebrae, 7:44PM in the Sanctuary
John 19:30, *It Is Finished*

April 5: Easter Sunday, John 20:1-18, *Mary's Witness*

April 12: Second Sunday of Easter, John 20:19-31
Mark Aquino, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, will preach

April 19: Third Sunday of Easter, Luke 24:34-48,
More Than A Miracle

April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter, John 10:11-18,
The Real Power of Resurrection

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.*

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and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
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The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



Words of Assurance

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

Anthem

Requiem, op. 48

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

IV. Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem, Sempeternam requiem.

Merciful Lord Jesus, Give them rest, Everlasting rest.

Meditation

The Body of Christ: Changed Within

Dr. Yorty

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 371

Lift High the Cross

The people stand to sing.

CRUCIFER

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Symphonie VI

I. Allegro

Charles-Marie Widor †††(1844-1937)

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