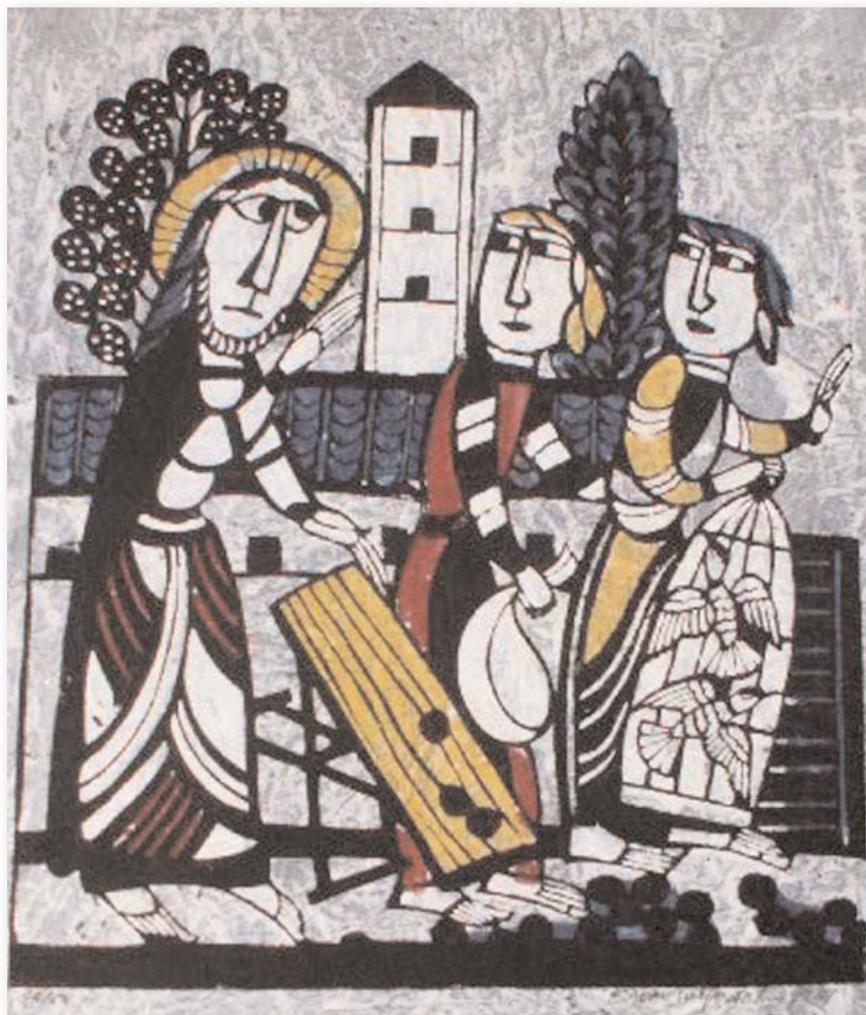




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

March 8, 2015
Third Sunday in Lent



Jesus Cleanses the Temple

In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my father's house a marketplace!'

- John 2:14-16

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.

On Communion Sundays, the children meet for Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel and they will join the service in time for Communion.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship

Opening Voluntary

Symphonie No. 3, op. 28
II. Cantilène

Louis Vierne† (1870-1937)

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 19

Plainchant Tone VI

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language
and their voices are not heard.
Their sound is gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 416

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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

Merciful God,
let Your commandments clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.
Let your commandments rule and guide us.
Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.
Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships
with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.
Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,
rather than words that belittle or destroy.
Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.
Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power,
for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery,
and has brought us into the community of faith.
Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

Messe Solennelle, op. 16
I. Kyrie Eleison

Louis Vierne† (1870-1937)

Kyrie Eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe Eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie Eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

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).

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

Sermon

The Body of Christ: Trouble the Waters, Heal the World

Hymn, No. 515

Now to Your Table Spread
The people stand to sing.

LOVE UNKNOWN

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.

Expectans Expectavi

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

This sanctuary of my soul
Unwitting I keep white and whole,
Unlatched and lit, if Thou should'st care
To enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretched hands
And listening ears Thy servant stands,
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
To Thy great service dedicate.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements. Unfermented grape juice is used.

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

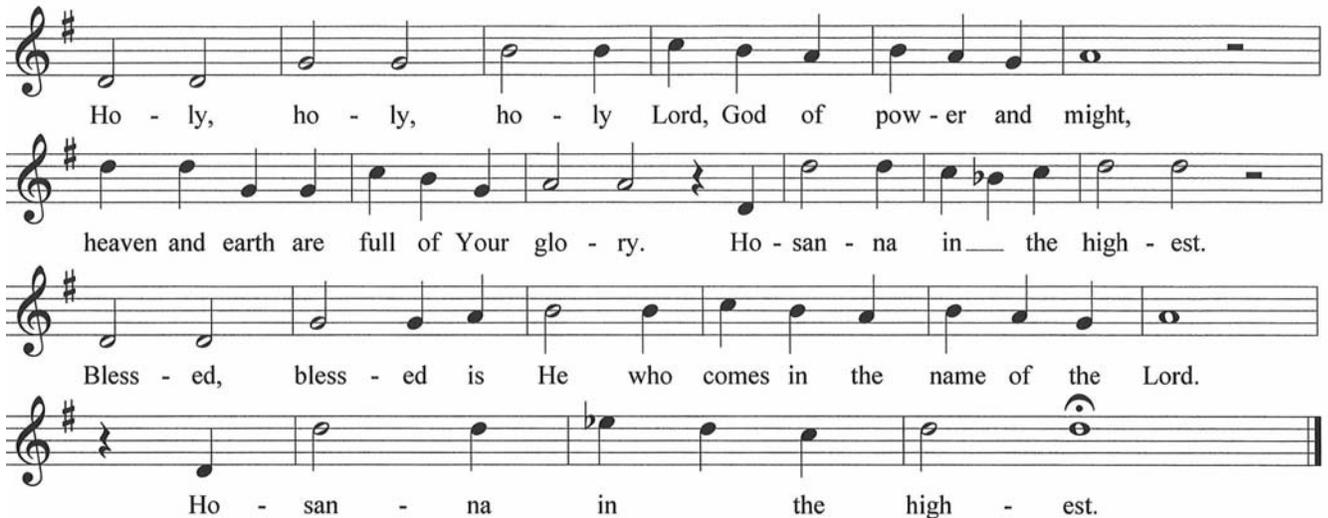
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
God of majesty and splendor....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the choirs of angels, and sing the glory of your name:

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty....

Great is the mystery of faith:

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayers of Intercession are offered...

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. On each tray there are wafers of gluten-free bread in a separate dish. Please take the right side (facing the chancel) of the aisle closest to you to receive the elements and return to your pew on the right side (facing the rear or Delaware Avenue side) of the same aisle.

Voluntary

Ubi Caritas

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love abide, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus,
who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal.
We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him,
and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you served us.

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



Sending Hymn, No. 291

O God of Earth and Altar
The people stand to sing.

LLANGLOFFAN

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Symphonie No. 3, op. 28
V. Final

Louis Vierne† (1870-1937)

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader: Ray Herman

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

Guest Organist: David Henning

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Cathy Forrest, Kathleen Kelly, Joan Kuznia, Roh-Yu Shen, Roy Stewart

Elders Serving Today

Bill Currie, Ardrey Manning, Jeff Renzoni, Brad Smith, Reed Stevens, Elizabeth Stewart, Tom Warszawski

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Victor Koon by Debby and Chris LaMenola.

Notes on Today's Music

†**Louis Vierne** was born in Poitiers, nearly blind due to congenital cataracts, but at an early age was discovered to have an unusual gift for music (at age two, he heard the piano for the first time: a pianist played him a Schubert lullaby and he promptly began to pick out the notes of the lullaby on the piano). After completing school in the provinces, Vierne entered the Paris Conservatory. From 1892, he served as an assistant to the organist Charles-Marie Widor at the church of Saint-Sulpice in Paris. Vierne subsequently became principal organist at the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris, a post he held from 1900 until his death in 1937.

Vierne had a life that was physically and emotionally very difficult, with severe spiritual trials that are reflected in much of his music. His congenital cataracts did not make him completely blind, but he was what would be called today “legally blind.” Early in his career, he composed on outsized manuscript paper, using “a large pencil” as his friend Marcel Dupré described. Later in life, as his limited sight continued to diminish, he resorted to Braille to do most of his work. He was deeply affected by a separation and subsequent divorce from his wife, and he lost both his brother René and his son Jacques to the battlefields of World War I. Though he held one of the most prestigious organ posts in France, the Notre-Dame organ was in a state of disrepair throughout much of his tenure at the instrument. He eventually undertook a concert tour of North America to raise money for its restoration. The tour, which included major recitals on the famous Wanamaker Organ in Philadelphia and its smaller sister instrument, the Wanamaker Auditorium Organ in New York City was very successful, although the trip physically drained him.

A street accident in Paris caused him badly to fracture his leg, and it was briefly thought his leg would need to be amputated. The leg was saved, but his recovery, and the task of completely re-learning his pedal technique, took a full year during one of the busiest times of his life. Despite his difficulties, however, his students uniformly described him as a kind, patient and encouraging teacher. Among his pupils were Augustin Barié, Edward Shippen Barnes, Lili Boulanger, Nadia Boulanger, Marcel Dupré, André Fleury, Isadore Freed, Henri Gagnebin, Gaston Litaize, Édouard Mignan, Émile Poillot, Alexander Schreiner, and Georges-Émile Tanguay.

Vierne suffered either a stroke or a heart attack (eyewitness reports differ) while giving his 1750th organ recital at Notre-Dame de Paris on the evening of 2 June 1937. He had completed the main concert, which members of the audience said showed him at his full powers—“as well as he has ever played.” Directly after he had finished playing his *Stele pour un enfant defun* from his *Triptyque*, Op 58, the closing section was to be two improvisations on submitted themes. He read the first theme in Braille, then selected the stops he would use for the improvisation. He suddenly pitched forward, and fell off the bench as his foot hit the low “E” pedal of the organ. He lost consciousness as the single note echoed throughout the church. He had thus fulfilled his oft-stated lifelong dream—to die at the console of the great organ of Notre-Dame. Maurice Duruflé, another major French organist and composer, was at his side at the time of his death.

Vierne had an elegant, clean style of writing that respected form above all else. His harmonic language was romantically rich, but not as sentimental or theatrical as that of his early mentor César Franck. Like all of the great *fin de siècle* French organists, Vierne’s music was very idiomatic for his chosen instrument and has inspired most of the great Parisian organist-composers who followed him. In 2003 German progressive rock group *Inquire* recorded an 18-minute version of Vierne’s third organ symphony for their album *Melancholia*, remarking in the liner notes that “this symphony marks the beginning of a new movement, what we call ‘rock and roll’.”

††**Felix Mendelssohn** was a German composer, pianist, organist, and conductor of the early Romantic period. A grandson of the philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn was born into a prominent Jewish family. Although initially he was raised without religion, he was later baptized as a Reformed Christian. Mendelssohn was recognized early as a musical prodigy, but his parents were cautious and did not seek to capitalize on his talent.

Mendelssohn enjoyed early success in Germany, where he also revived interest in the music of Johann Sebastian Bach in his travels throughout Europe. He was particularly well received in Britain as a composer, conductor, and soloist; his ten visits there (during which many of his major works were premiered) form an important part of his adult career. His essentially conservative musical tastes, however, set him apart from many of his more adventurous musical contemporaries such as Franz Liszt, Richard Wagner, and Hector Berlioz. The Leipzig Conservatoire (now the University of Music and Theatre Leipzig), which he founded, became a bastion of this anti-radical outlook. After a long period of relative denigration due to changing musical tastes and anti-Semitism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, his creative originality has now been recognized and re-evaluated. He is now among the most popular composers of the Romantic era.

GIVING 2015

GRATITUDE IN EVERY SEASON

Pledges received as of 03/06/2015



■ Dollars to Goal ■ Received to Date

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars To Goal
264	\$506,877	\$68,123

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

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: Today, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, and November 8, 2015. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty (tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton (khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program. creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. A nutritious meal, positive adult relationships, and homework help provide physical, social and academic support to the students. ENERGY meets Tue., Wed., & Thurs., 4:30-6:30PM. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or volunteer.

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

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

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

Sunday, March 8: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner 11AM – Youth Service
Sunday, March 15: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner

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

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.

Experience a Taizé Service, Friday, March 20. Westminster will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer and contemplation on the third Friday of each month from 5:30-6:00PM in the Holmes Chapel.

ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Passages, A Program for Older Adults: Tuesday, April 7: *Our speaker will be announced.* Lunch at 12:30PM - Speaker at 1:15PM. Sign Up on the Information Table or call the church office, 884-9437.

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:15PM in the Case Library. Join us as we look at Paul's advice to the church in Corinth and consider what we have in common with Paul and his community of believers. Questions? Contact Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at dkatz@westminster-bflo.org, 884-9437, ext. 329.

WOW Book Discussion: The discussion planned for Rebecca Montague's house has been changed from Feb. 10th to Tuesday, March 10th. *Little Failure: A Memoir* by Gary Shteyngart. Meet at her house at 7:00 PM. Email Molly at mollyggray@gmail.com for the address. All are welcome to come and discuss the book, or come and hear the discussion.

Westminster Member - Life Changes? If you are recovering from an illness/surgery or are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

Knitting Group: Our next meetings a 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.

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 Noon: Improvisations on the *Stations of the Cross* Garrett Martin, organ
7:44PM: (Sundown) Tenebrae Service Choral Masterpieces, scripture readings, and meditation.



Westminster's Sunday School

Children are a vital part of the life and worship at Westminster.

Childcare for Infants and Toddlers:

8:30AM to 12:30PM in the WECP Building

Sunday School:

- 3 – 5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved preschool teachers. The three through five year class meets in the Early Childhood building. The children and their teachers walk to the building together and in cold weather, the children need their coats.
- 1st - 5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops.

March Rotation Workshop: Down thro' the Roof Sunday, March 15

(March 8: Communion Sunday- All classes meet in the Holmes Chapel at 11AM)



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.

Case Library, Spiritual Life & Adult Bible Study
welcome

Rev. Dr. Lance Brown

Sundays, February 22 through March 22

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



The Case Library, Spiritual Life and Adult Bible Study will join together for these small-group conversation style sessions led by Dr. Brown, who will be following the lectionary – so his topics will follow what Rev. Yorty will be preaching. Dr. Brown is the retired pastor from First Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda and a favorite teacher at the Lay Academy of Western New York where he has taught Old Testament, Reformed Theology and New Testament courses. Dr. Brown brings a wealth of experience to this study. Besides his years in parish ministry, Lance served as a member and Chair of the General Assembly's Advisory Council on Discipleship and Worship during the creation of our current Book of Common Worship, the Presbyterian Hymnal, and the Directory of Worship in our Book of Order.

David Henning

Organist in Recital

TODAY at 4PM in the Sanctuary

Free admission. Donations accepted,
benefitting the Westminster Friends of Music

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, March 8

- 6:00 AM Carlos-Maintenance on Duty
- 8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 8:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care
- 8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 9:35 AM Case Library, Adult Bible, Spiritual Life
- 9:35 AM 6th & 7th Graders Meet
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Children's Worship/Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship W/ Communion
- 12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg. w/ Light Refreshments
- 4:00 PM Organ Recital W/ David Henning

Monday, March 9 - WPC Closed

- 10:00 AM WECP - African Dancing

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 4:00 PM ENERGY Program
- 4:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg.

- 5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts
- 5:30 PM Congregational Life/Membership Mtg.
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
- 6:30 PM Roswell Park Grief Support Group
- 7:00 PM WOW Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 11

- 9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 12:15 PM CMH Board Mtg.
- 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
- 4:00 PM ENERGY Program
- 4:30 PM Choir School
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 6:00 PM Lenten Program Dinner/Program
- 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, March 12

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 8:30 AM Centering Prayer
- 4:00 PM ENERGY Program
- 5:30 PM Gay Bingo Board Mtg.
- 6:00 PM Handbells

- 6:00 PM Blood Cancer Support Group
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 14

- 9:00 AM WEDI Strategic Planning
- 1:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Sleepover
- 2:00 PM Against The Grain-Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Gay Bingo

Sunday, March 15

- 6:00 AM Jeff-Maintenance on Duty
- 8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 8:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care
- 8:45 AM Worship W/ Communion
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 9:35 AM Case Library, Adult Bible, Spiritual Life
- 9:35 AM 6th & 7th Graders Meet
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship - Lukan Baptism
- 11:10 AM Sunday School

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.*

Opening Voluntary

Sonate I, Op. 65, no. 1 (1844)
II. Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 19

Plainchant Tone VI

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language
and their voices are not heard.
Their sound is gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn:

Hymn, No. 416

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, let Your commandments clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.
Let your commandments rule and guide us.
Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.
Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships
with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.
Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy.
Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.
Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power,
for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith.
Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



Words of Assurance

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

Anthem

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Richard Allain

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly. Amen.

Meditation

The Body of Christ: Trouble the Waters, Heal the World

Dr. Yorty

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 291

O God of Earth and Altar

The people stand to sing.

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Sonate I, Op. 65, no. 1 (1844)

IV. Allegro vivace assai

Felix Mendelssohn†† (1809-1847)

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Organists: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music

Matthew Marco, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Choirs: The Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School

PREACHING SCHEDULE

*A Lenten Worship, Study, Art Experience –
“The Body of Christ”*

Dr. Yorty will preach through Lent on the theme of *The Body of Christ*, otherwise known as the Church. We are the hands and feet, the mind and heart of Christ in the world after the Resurrection and Pentecost when the Holy Spirit formed the Church. The Scripture lessons for Lent trace the development of God's people from the beginning of God's promise to Noah to never again destroy creation, through the setting apart of the work of God's people in the world, through the invitation to become new and whole people through our encounter today in real time with the Risen Christ. During the weeks of Lent, we will invite all who join us in worship to complete a rose colored prayer/service slip, filled out during morning prayers on Sunday, for placement in the Christ figure on the cross. This sculpture, created by WNY artist, Rose Popper, will be placed by the Lectern and we will witness the body of Christ literally forming before our eyes as it takes shape from the pledges of service and ministry we make.

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

March 8

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

March 15

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

March 22

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

March 29

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

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

On Wednesday March 4, Eva Hassett, Executive Director of the International Institute (our neighbor on Delaware Ave.) will talk to us about Buffalo's history of immigration and our current burgeoning population of new immigrants and refugees (many of whom we work with on the West Side through the Westminster Economic Development Initiative).

On Wednesday March 11, Citizen Action and on Wednesday March 25, VOICE-Buffalo will explore local efforts to implement a restorative justice approach to discipline in our schools as well as with first offenders. Citizen Action will describe what a restorative justice approach is all about, and how it can bring positive results in our Buffalo Public Schools. VOICE-Buffalo will show how restorative justice can be applied in the criminal justice system.

On Wednesday March 18, Professor Rick Su of the UB Law School, an immigration expert, will give us an overview of US immigration policy historically and what the issues are today that lawmakers find so challenging to address. Professor Su will offer his suggestions for cogent, fair immigration reform. He is a new young faculty member who our own UB Distinguished Professor Claude Welch describes as one of the new bright lights of the University. Our goal is to examine these issues using a "justice lens" to help us understand the problem and lead us to solutions. Each of these presentations will not only provide new knowledge, but will suggest ways we can participate in the solutions as individuals and as a congregation.

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