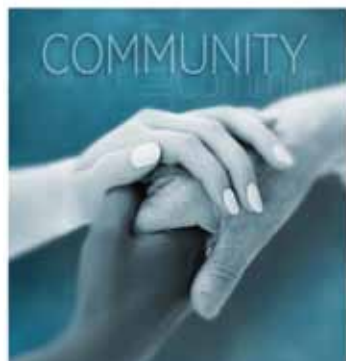
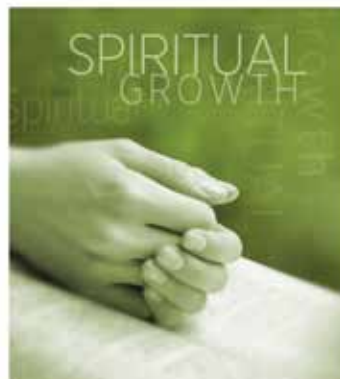
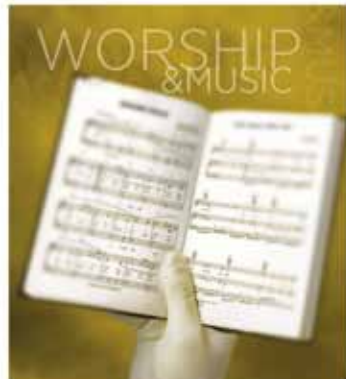




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

November 8, 2015 - Generosity Sunday
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



*We continue to express our gratitude to God
by sharing with generosity from our blessings.*

Welcome to this Place of Christian Worship

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

Welcome

Dr. Yorty

Announcements

The Gift of Talents
Debbie Lamendola, Volunteer Ministry Coordinator

First Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

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.

Introit

Voluntary in D minor

Timothy Waugh (b. 1957)

Call to Worship

The Gift of Music
Bobbie Neal, Choir Member

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

In those days I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams
And your young men shall see visions
Even on the male and female slaves
In those days I will pour out my spirit. - Joel 2:28-29

Second Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

Processional Hymn

Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace
Please see insert for this hymn.

OWEN

Invitation to Confession

The Gift of Compassion
The Rev. Beth Hennessey, Pastoral Care Associate

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you gave us your only son,
yet we fail to give you our best.
You answer our prayers,
even though we pray with a haughty spirit.
You continue to bless us,
even as we ignore those in need.
Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Third Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

Kyrie

John Weaver (1984)



Words of Assurance

The Gift of Faith
Cricket Gordon, Spiritual Growth Committee

Fourth Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

Response

Hymn, No. 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
The people stand to sing.

FAITHFULNESS

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Gift of Leadership
Sandy Laub, Elder

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).

Fifth Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

Our Commitment to Children

The Gift of Children
Chris Lamendola, WPC Sunday School Teacher
Carol Greetham, ENERGY Program Coordinator

Sixth Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

*At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers.
When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.*

Invitation to the Morning Offering

The Gift of Generosity
Sawrie Becker, Giving 2016 Co-Chair

Seventh Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

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 the pew.

Builders for Christ

Carson P. Cooman† (b. 1982)

Bind us together in Christian love as: Builders for Christ.

Builders for Christ: to do his work together throughout the world for all eternity!

And Jesus said: "Whoever hears these words of mine and acts upon them
Is like a wise man who built his house on solid rock."

The rain came down, and the winds blew mightily against it;

Yet it did not fall, for its foundation was built upon the rock.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

Doxology

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

O God beyond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Prayer of Dedication

The Gift of Outreach
Debbie Erwin, Mission/Outreach Committee Chair

Almighty God,
whether we have given from abundance
or from little,
we humbly offer these gifts to you,
and for the glory of your name,
through your son Jesus Christ with the
Holy Spirit. Amen.

Eighth Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

The Lessons

Psalm 125

The Gift of Hospitality
Doug Fabian, Deacon

Mark 12:38-44

The Gift of Friendship
Christian Wyse, Youth Ministry Member

Ninth and Tenth Candles of Gratitude are lighted.

Meditation

The Motivation to Give

Voluntary

Variations on NETTLETON

Albert Travis** (b. 1940)

Prayers of the People

 Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Gift of Youth
Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator

**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.**

Eleventh Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

Response to God's Generosity with our Dedication and Service

The Gift of Gratitude
Mike Reynolds, Giving 2016 Chair

Twelfth Candle of Gratitude is lighted.

Members of the Ministry of Generosity Committee will now pass the baskets to receive your generous pledges and gifts and tithes to Westminster for 2016.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

The people stand and sing:

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Prayer of Dedication for 2016 Giving and Generosity

Praise be to you, O God, who gives everything a season
and breathes life and love into the dust of us.

**We praise you for life and labor and for the capacity to give and serve.
We ask that in this year to come you would bless the work
of our hands and lives that we might be a blessing to others.
Prosper our efforts, we pray, that they would bear abundant fruit,
bring glory to your name, announce good news,
release the captive and proclaim the reign of your peace and justice.
So now we bring with gratitude, these gifts to you. Amen.**

Benediction and Choral Response

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

André J. Thomas*** (b. 1952)

My good Lord's done been here! Blessed my soul and gone away.

When I get to heaven and my work is done,
Going to sit down with my sister Mary and chatter with the darling son.

Going down to the river of Jordan one of these days.
Going to sit at the welcome table. There, I will see my savior's face.

Hold up the Baptist finger, hold up the Baptist hand,
When I get in the heavens, going to join the Baptist Band.

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Readers: Doug Fabian, Christian Wyse
Organists: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
Musician: Drew Cone, cello
Acolytes: Elizabeth and Christina Boj dak

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Mary Callaghan, Warren Emblidge, Cathy Forrest, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Janet Kifner-Arnatt
Mike Reynolds, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Eugene C. Seib and Elenora L. Seib
by Elenora J. Seib.

The flowers at the Pulpit are in memory of James M. Benson, James M. Benson, Jr., Jacob and Elsie Betz,
and Janice and Adrian Dedecker by Arlene Benson.

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

†**Carson Cooman** is an American composer with a catalog of hundreds of works in many forms—from solo instrumental pieces to operas, and from orchestral works to hymn tunes. His music has been performed on all six inhabited continents in venues that range from the stage of Carnegie Hall to the basket of a hot air balloon. Cooman's music appears on over forty recordings, including more than twenty complete CDs on the Naxos, Albany, Artek, Gothic, Divine Art, Métier, Diversions, Convivium, Altarus, MSR Classics, Raven, and Zimbel labels. Cooman's primary composition studies were with Bernard Rands, Judith Weir, Alan Fletcher, and James Willey. As an active concert organist, Cooman specializes in the performance of contemporary music. Over 150 new compositions by more than 100 international composers have been written for him, and his organ performances can be heard on a number of CD recordings. Cooman is also a writer on musical subjects, producing articles and reviews frequently for a number of international publications. He serves as an active consultant on music business matters to composers and performing organizations, specializing particularly in the area of composer estates and archives.

††**Dr. Albert L. Travis** is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Organ at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He served on the faculty of the School of Church Music from 1977-2008. Dr. Travis has been Organist of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth since 1978, and is currently serving as Organist and Director of Music Ministries where he plays the Rildia Bee O'Bryan Cliburn Organ. The Casavant organ has 191 ranks, the largest installation by the Canadian organ company, and one of the largest church organs in the world. Dr. Travis has degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University, Syracuse University, and The University of Michigan. The set of variations we hear for today's Opening Voluntary begins with a chorale, followed by a trio with an ornamented tune, a brief scherzo bouncing between the gallery and chancel organs, a soft meditation on the lush strings stops, and finishing with a vibrant toccata with the tune in the pedal, showcasing the full resources of the organ.

†††**André Thomas**, the Owen F. Sellers Professor of Music, is Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Choral Music Education at Florida State University. A previous faculty member at the University of Texas, Austin, Dr. Thomas received his degrees from Friends University (B.A.), Northwestern University (M. M.), and the University of Illinois (D.M.A.). He is in demand as a choral adjudicator, clinician, and director of Honor/All-State Choirs throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, New Zealand, and Australia.

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary

November 15

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
The End of Religion
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-2

November 22

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Pilate's Q and A
John 18:33-37

November 29 - Advent I

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Attention Shoppers!
Luke 21:25-36

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

Fridays @ Westminster! Come for Music, Stay for Lunch

Each Friday, a 30 minute lunchtime concert featuring local Buffalo artists will play in our historic Sanctuary, from Noon until 12:30PM. A Food Truck will be at Westminster each Friday, so stay for lunch! Donations will benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

November 13	Patrick Davis, organ, Food Truck: The Louisiana Cookery
November 20	Jonathan Scarozza, organ, Food Truck: Chef's
December 4	Jonathan Sandburg, tenor; Alex Benestelli, piano Food Truck: Knight Slider
December 11	Peter Gonciarz, organ, Food Truck: Chef's
December 18	Käthe Wright Kaufman, organ, Food Truck: 716

December 6th at 5PM
Compline for the Season of Advent with the WPC Schola

Christmas Eve at Westminster

5:15PM: Family Service
Carols, The Childrens Choirs and Scripture.

Christmas Eve Concert and Service
Westminster's Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, and Organ.
The Westminster Choir will present Bach's *Magnificat* followed by a candlelit Festival Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols.

10PM: Concert Prelude

10:45PM: Lessons & Carols

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.

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: 25 Grant Street . Lunch and shopping. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11AM – 8PM, Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM-8PM. Sunday & Monday:

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 Members: 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

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

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

Sunday School Food Drive: Thank you to everyone who returned their filled grocery bags today for the Sunday School Food Drive! Bring back your filled bags and place them on the Chancel. The Food Bank truck will be here at noon to collect our donations.

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lunch at 12:30pm in the Oak Room, 1:15pm program in the Case Library. The first Tuesday of each month. These programs vary between speakers, music concerts and films with a focus on the intellectual, physical and spiritual life of retired adults. On Tuesday, December 1, The Nardin Elementary Choir will perform a variety of seasonal songs. Please join us for this lovely holiday treat. Please sign up on the table in the Gallery Room, or RSVP to Jamie, 884-9437 or jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Senior Choristers produce a high volume of quality choral repertoire each week for use in worship and concert.

The Junior Choristers, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel, with the assistance of Ms. Hillary Hunt. The Junior Choristers further their ability to read music and various languages while shaping the voice into a beautiful treble instrument.

The Apprentice Choristers, ages 4-6, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley. Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Musicgmartin@wpcbuffalo.org 884.9437 ext. 318.

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: 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.

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

The Senior Highs will be making and selling their homemade apple pies again this November just in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser. Reserve your pies on Sunday mornings throughout November. Pie pickup is on Sunday November 22nd. We are always looking for additional hands to help us bake pies! Please see Mark Aquino or Debbie Katz with any questions.

Sunday, November 8: 9:30AM–Apple Pie Orders & Dialogue Diner
12PM–Apple Pie Orders

Sunday, November 15: 9:30AM–Apple Pie Orders & Dialogue Diner
12PM–Apple Pie Orders 12PM–3rd Confirmand/Sponsor lunch/Parish Hall
12PM-Youth Committee Meeting

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spiritual Growth Offerings will resume next week, November 15

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

9:35AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor. Our class welcomes adults who are interested in exploring the Christian story, by studying the scripture and applying those lessons learned to our present lives. Come as your schedule permits. This class uses Feasting on the Word curriculum which explores the Bible passages used in worship.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sundays, 9:35AM- this week in Parish Hall

November 15

Spiritual Life will join Case Library Conversations today for their presentation. *The Human Touch* by Michael Frayn - A book discussion with Chris Lamendola will be rescheduled. Date TBA

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS

Sundays, 9:35AM in the Case Library

November 15 *Books & Manuscripts*: A Story of Hope The Journey of a Lost Boy, - Deng Jongkuch, of Sudan. Organizer: Reed Taylor. Deng will share the poignant story about his harrowing journey as one of the Lost Boys of Sudan. With hope and courage, he survived many hardships such as walking over 1 year in the desert and nearly 14 years in refugee camps when he was displaced from his family and village during the Sudan Civil war.

November 22: Nutrition and Healthy Diets

Presenters: Alaina Hoschke, Nicolette Sarvis, and Jordan Kowalczewski, UB Dietetic Interns. People in poverty areas of Buffalo have limited access to

healthy food choices. Stores that sell healthy foods are often not within walking distance in those neighborhoods. There may also be time or budget constraints. Consequently, many children have a diet of processed food which is generally felt to be the main contributor to obesity. We will hear about several programs underway today to change this.

A FOUR CONGREGATION EVENT

How Did We Get Here? Historical Perspectives on Arab-Israeli Relations
 A Four Congregation Event • North Presbyterian Church • Temple Beth Zion • Congregation Shir Shalom • Westminster Presbyterian Church invite you to join us in conversation with Dr. Claude Welch, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, and Dr. Daniel B. Kotzin, Associate Professor, Medaille College, Division Head, Liberal Arts Department. Sunday, November 15, 7:00 – 9:00PM, North Presbyterian Church 300 North Forest Road. Refreshments, including homemade cookies, will be served. For reservations contact Cynthia Machamer, 632- 1330 or N.Church@verizon.net on or before Thursday, November 13.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 8

Generosity Sunday

- 8:00 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 8:45 AM Worship/Communion
- 9:30 AM Youths Selling Apple Pies
- 9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 11:10 AM Sunday School
- 12:00 PM Confirmand/Sponsor Lunch
- 12:30 PM Dream Group 1

Monday, November 9 - WPC Closed

- 7:30 PM Pundit Club Mtg.

Tuesday, November 10

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 4:00 PM ENERGY Program
- 5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
- 7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, November 11

- 9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
- 4:00 PM ENERGY Program
- 4:30 PM WPC Choir School
- 5:00 PM CMH Board Mtg.
- 5:00 PM Spiritual Life Mtg.
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 7:00 PM Against The Grain Mtg.

- 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, November 12

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 8:30 AM Centering Prayer
- 12:00 PM Angel Tree Up
- 12:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner set up
- 4:00 PM ENERGY Program
- 5:30 PM Gay Bingo Board Mtg.
- 6:00 PM Handbells
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 13

- 11:30 AM Fridays @ WPC
- 4:30 PM WECP Spaghetti Dinner
- 7:00 PM BOU Rehearsal

Saturday, November 14

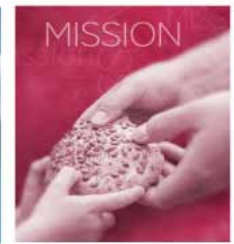
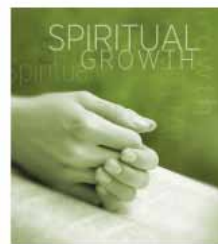
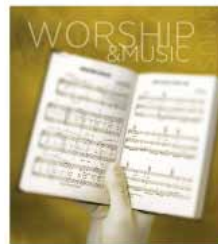
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- 9:35 AM Case Library Conversations
- 9:35 AM Spiritual Life
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 11:10 AM Sunday School
- 12:00 PM Racial Justice Mtg.
- 12:15 PM Confirmation/Mentor Lunch

Sunday Morning Worship: Readers & Liturgists

If you are interested in participating in worship as a reader/liturgist during Sunday Worship Services, here is an opportunity to learn more about it and see if it is right for you. You will learn more about the work and service of the Liturgist’s position, we cheerfully invite you to join us for a brief explanatory orientation meeting. There are two dates for these meetings, November 15th and November 22nd, directly following the 11:00AM Worship service; a light lunch will be served. Please indicate which date you will be attending by signing up on the sheet on the Gallery room table. We want to open this ministry up to as many people as possible, and also to support our liturgists in this “work of the people” (the root of liturgy from Greek). Working together with the Pastor, the liturgist leads the congregation in worship. Serving as the liturgist is a ministry. We invite you to approach it prayerfully and we look forward to seeing you!



GIVING 2016

GRATITUDE IN EVERY
Action

We ask that you consider the blessing that Westminster is in your life and with a grateful heart send your Intention Card with support for 2016. Giving your financial pledge will enable Westminster to continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing our blessings within our church home and our community. There are several ways to share your intention: Return your intention card by mail or make your pledge online at www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016 or email Nancy Berger, nberger@wpcbuffalo.org Please give - every gift counts!

Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:45 a.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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Chiming of the Trinity

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Opening Voluntary

Variations on NETTLETON

Albert Travis (b. 1940)

Call to Worship

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Bobbie Neal, Choir Member

Hymn

Now Let Us Rise and Hymn the Grace
Please see insert for this hymn.

OWEN

Testimonies of Gratitude

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Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best.
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Silence is kept.

Kyrie *The people sing.*

John Weaver



Words of Assurance

Response

The people stand to sing.

GLORIA PATRI



Testimonies of Gratitude

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Debbie Lamendola, Volunteer Ministry Coordinator

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:38-44

Anthem

Harvest Blessings, Richly Showered

Vernon Hoyle (b. 1948)

Harvest blessings, richly showered by the God of love;
Field and Garden, sweetly flowered; heaven's blue sky above.

Nature's wonders yearly sharing, thank we now our Lord,
Who, for all his creatures caring, doth his gifts afford.

Loving God and loving neighbor, man in joy doth reap
Harvest of the farmer's labour, harvest of the deep.

He who took the bread and brake it, blessed it with the wine,
Common food of earth doth make it sustenance divine.

Harvest blessings, richly showered by the God of might;
Body, soul and mind, empowered praise him in the height!

For these mercies now we sing grateful praise to God our King.

Testimonies of Gratitude

Christian Wyse, Youth Ministry Member
Doug Fabian, Deacon

Meditation

The Motivation to Give

Voluntary

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

Jesu, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Jesu's name, the savior of mankind.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
In thee be all glory now, and through eternity.

Prayers of the People Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator

Response to God's Generosity with our Dedication and Service

Mike Reynolds, Giving 2016 Chair

Members of the Ministry of Generosity Committee will now pass the baskets to receive your generous pledges and gifts and tithes to Westminster for 2016.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 356

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing
The people stand to sing.

NETTLETON

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on NETTLETON

Garrett F. Martin

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Organists: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
Choir: The Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School



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