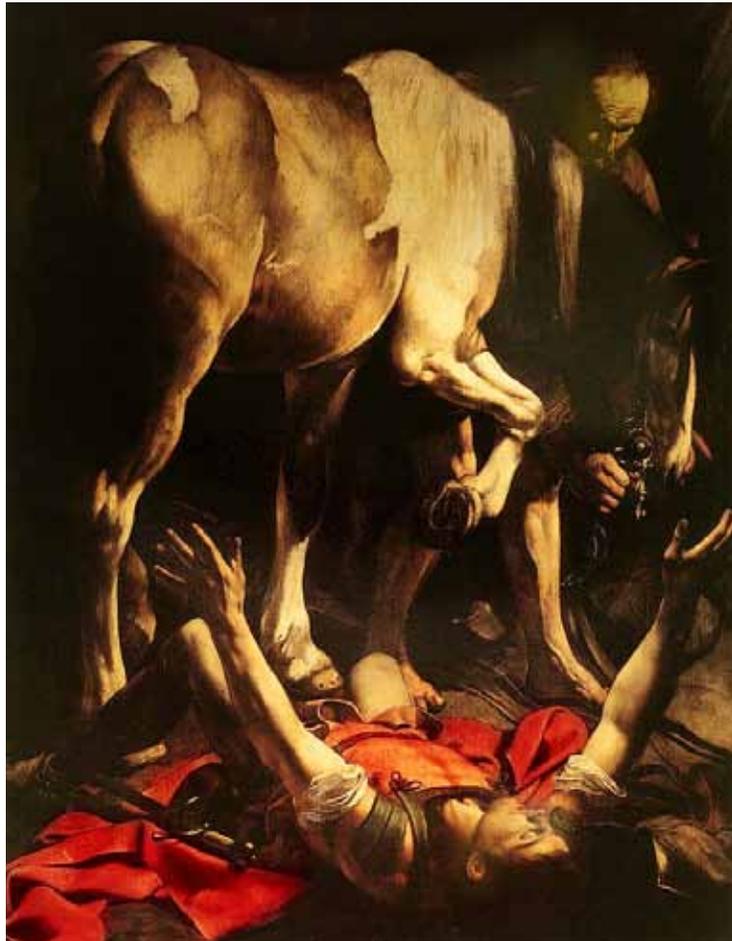




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

**April 10, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**



He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'  
He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.  
But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

-Acts 9:4-6

## Welcome to this place of Christian worship.

*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. Please silence all cell phones.*

*Childcare is available in the Westminster Early Childhood Programs building for children 5 years old and younger.*

### Opening Voluntary

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

## Order of Worship - 11:00AM

### 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.*

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn that follows.*

### Hymn in Procession

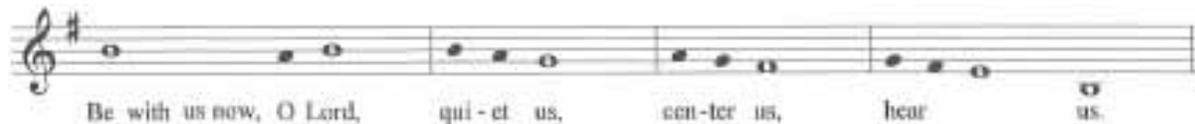
God, Bless Your Church with Strength

DIADEMATA

*See insert for hymn*

### Call to Confession

Cantor:



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

Congregation:



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, an-swer us.



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and lis-ten to us.

### Prayer Of Confession

**Lord God, in the light of your glory  
we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.  
Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy,  
and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way  
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver



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

### Words of Assurance

## Response to the Assurance

GLORIA PATRI

*The people stand to sing.*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

## Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

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

## Time with Children

TALLIS CANON

*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.*

Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,  
that in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalm Lesson

Psalm 30

Chant: Gerald Knight (1908-1979)

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
And have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.  
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
You restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
Give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.  
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime.  
Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.  
While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.  
I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."  
You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
You have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.  
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ <sup>5</sup>He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ <sup>7</sup>The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.’ <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’

## Anthem

Te Deum in C

Benjamin Britten †(1913-1976)

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.  
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,  
The Father, of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true, and only Son,  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ; thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we magnify thee, and we worship thy Name ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

## Sermon

God Had Other Plans

## Hymn, No. 419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord  
*The people stand to sing.*

REPTON

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

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

O Sing to the Lord a New Song

John Purifoy<sup>††</sup> (b. 1952)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done great things!  
His right hand and His Holy arm have won the victory.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord ye lands, break forth into joyful song and sing His praises!  
Sing praise to the Lord with the Lyre and sound of melody,  
With trumpet and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the Lord, the king.  
Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world, and those who dwell therein.  
Let the floods clap their hand. Let the hills sing for joy together!

## Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -  
low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our  
gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly  
Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

## Prayer of Dedication

Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.  
Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise  
and use them for your glory and the good of your people;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. 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 and ever. Amen.

## **Sending Hymn, No. 429**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
*Stand to sing.*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

## **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.

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*All are invited to gather for fellowship and refreshments in the Oak Room, following the Service.*

## **Worship Leaders**

**Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

**Reader:** Claude Welch

**Organists:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

## **Deacons Serving Today**

Russell Braun, Patty Charlier, Doug Fabian, Kathleen Kelly, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Joan Kuznia  
Earl McColgin, Mike Reynolds, Jo Stevens

## **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of William G. Currie and Alice Louise Currie  
by the Currie family.

## **Notes on Today's Music**

†**Edward Benjamin Britten** was an English composer, conductor and pianist. He was a central figure of 20th-century British classical music, with a range of works including opera, other vocal music, orchestral and chamber pieces. His best-known works include the opera *Peter Grimes* (1945), the *War Requiem* (1962) and the orchestral showpiece *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* (1945).

Born in Suffolk, the son of a dentist, Britten showed talent from an early age. He studied at the Royal College of Music in London and privately with the composer Frank Bridge. Britten first came to public attention with the a cappella choral work *A Boy was Born* in 1934. With the premiere of *Peter Grimes* in 1945, he leapt to international fame. Over the next 28 years, he wrote 14 more operas, establishing himself as one of the leading 20th-century composers in the genre. In addition to large-scale operas for Sadler's Wells and Covent Garden, he wrote "chamber operas" for small forces, suitable for performance in venues of modest size. Among the best known of these is *The Turn of the Screw* (1954). Recurring themes in the operas are the struggle of an outsider against a hostile society, and the corruption of innocence.

Britten's other works range from orchestral to choral, solo vocal, chamber and instrumental as well as film music. He took a great interest in writing music for children and amateur performers, including the opera *Noye's Fludde*, a *Missa Brevis*, and the song collection *Friday Afternoons*. He often composed with particular performers in mind. His most frequent and important muse was his personal and professional partner, the tenor Peter Pears; others included Kathleen Ferrier, Jennifer Vyvyan, Janet Baker, Dennis Brain, Julian Bream, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Mstislav Rostropovich. Britten was a celebrated pianist and conductor, performing many of his own works in concert and on record. He also performed and recorded works by others, such as Bach's Brandenburg concertos, Mozart symphonies, and song cycles by Schubert and Schumann.

Together with Pears and the librettist and producer Eric Crozier, Britten founded the annual *Aldeburgh Festival* in 1948, and he was responsible for the creation of *Snape Maltings* concert hall in 1967. In his last year, he was the first composer to be given a life peerage.

††**John Purifoy** holds degrees from The University of Arkansas and The University of Texas at Austin. He is the recipient of the Freedom's Foundation Award and five-time recipient of the ASCAP Standard Award. Mr. Purifoy resides in his native Knoxville, Tennessee. Today's Introit was commissioned by the Carson-Newman College School of Music.

†††**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.

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## 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](mailto:carol@wedibuffalo.org) for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

Visit The West Side Bazaar: 25 Grant Street for lunch and shopping.

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 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](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years from 9:30AM to 12:30AM in the WECP building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECP) 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, Holywood 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 Dialogue Diner.

### PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lunch at 12:30PM in the Oak Room, 1:15PM program in the Case Library, on the first Tuesday of each month. May 3: Beth Hennessy and Debbie Katz will talk about how to begin a conversation of end of life choices, and decisions. Too many people are dying in ways they wouldn't choose and too many of their loved ones are left feeling bereaved, guilty and uncertain. Let's begin this conversation at the kitchen table, not in the intensive care unit, with the people we love. If you're ready to join us, we ask you, have you had the conversation? *Sign up in the Gallery Room, or call Jamie, 884-9437 or [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org)*

### THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

*The Senior Choristers*, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-6PM 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, 4:30-6PM 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 Sunday, September through May, during Sunday School in the 11am service 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 Music [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@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. Our next date is Sunday, April 17. 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](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) or 830-8596, Karen Keaton, [khkeaton@verizon.net](mailto:khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

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

**Sunday, April 10:** 9:30AM– Dialogue Diner (Parish Hall Kitchen)  
**Sunday, April 17:** 9:30AM– Dialogue Diner (Parish Hall Kitchen)  
**Saturday, April 23:** 10AM - Buffalo RiverKeeper clean up (off-site)  
12PM - Lunch and fellowship at Deerhurst Presbyterian Church  
7pm -Buffalo Bandits game  
10PM - lock-in at WPC (Heritage/ENERGY Rooms)

## SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**CASE LIBRARY ENVIRONMENTAL SERIES, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 Sundays, 9:35AM - 10:45AM in the Case Library**

April 10: University at Buffalo Professor of Environmental Law, Jessica Owley, will present a report on the results of last summer's Paris Accords. Professor Owley actually attended the event so she will have an excellent insight into the proceedings and the results. The program will explain the Paris Accords in layman's language and assess its impact potential for climate change on a global scale.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE,

**April 3, 17 & 24, 9:35AM - 10:45AM** in the Holmes Room

*The Spiritual Art of Attentiveness*

Facilitator: Allan Hayes

**April 10:** *Exploring Our Dream Life: Dream Images* Artist Dot Keller and Allan Hayes will explore some recurring, familiar and unusual dream images with some hands-on exercises.

**April 17 & 24:** *The Spiritual Art of Attentiveness*

Facilitator: Allan Hayes. Explore ways to a fuller and deeper sense of attentiveness to the world around us and to the presence of God in that world. PLEASE, if you have one, bring your cell phone with camera. As Esther de Waal says, "if we fail to find the time to stand back, to give ourselves a break, a breathing space, we are in danger of failing to be fuller alive or to enjoy that fullness for which we were created."

### ADULT BIBLE

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.

## WESTMINSTER GOES TO THE BALLPARK!

Friday, June 3, Buffalo Bisons vs. Syracuse Chiefs, 7:05PM at Coca-Cola Field. Join us for a picnic at the church before the game at 5:00PM and fireworks at the park after the game! Tickets are \$11.00 each and you can purchase them from George Gates before and after worship on Sundays, starting on April 3. We'll supply the hot dogs & pop. Please bring a dish to share!! Parking is available at the United Way parking lot.

## 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 benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

**April 15:** David Henning, organ,  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, TX  
Food Truck: You Crack Me Up!

**A Festival of Choirs - Sunday, April 17, 4PM** The Choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, under the direction of Jonathan Scarozza, Calvary Episcopal Church Williamsville, under the direction of Alex Benestelli, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Garrett Martin, join together to present a preview of works commissioned for the 2016 American Guild of Organists National Convention (Houston, TX) with brass, organ, and choirs. The three choirs are joined by Houston musician and organist, Dr. David Henning.

## WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary with Communion offered on first Sunday of every month

*The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach in April*

### April 17-Easter IV

*More New Life*  
Acts 9:36-43

### April 24 - Easter V

*The Circle of Love*  
John 13:31-35

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, April 10

Carlos On Duty  
8:00 AM Senior Choirster's  
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:45 AM Worship/Communion  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
9:35 AM Case Library  
Conversations  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship  
11:10 AM Sunday School  
12:30 PM Dream Group 1  
7:00 PM Interfaith Congregational  
Conversations

### Monday, April 11 - WPC Closed

6:00 PM First-Aid/CPR Training

### Tuesday, April 12

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
9:00 AM Lenore Vacation Day  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
7:00 PM ATG Rehearsal for  
Story Series  
7:00 PM Knitting Group

### Wednesday, April 13

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 Case Library Mtg.  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
7:00 PM ATG Story Series  
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

### Thursday, April 14

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
8:00 AM 2016 Giving Mtg.  
8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
5:00 PM Reserved For  
Choir Festival  
5:30 PM Gay Bingo Board Mtg.  
6:00 PM Handbells  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, April 15

12:00 PM Fridays @ WPC  
12:00 PM WECP Art Show Set Up  
4:00 PM WECP Art Show  
5:30 PM Taize Worship

### Saturday, April 16

10:00 AM Andrew Izatt  
Memorial Service  
11:00 AM Izatt Reception

### Sunday, April 17

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8:00 AM Senior Choirster's  
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:45 AM Worship/Communion  
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
9:35 AM Case Library  
Conversations  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship  
11:10 AM Sunday School  
12:15 PM Racial Justice  
Committee Mtg.  
12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg./Light  
Refreshments  
4:00 PM AGO Preview

# WESTMINSTER *Presents*

An Inaugural Gala to benefit the  
Westminster's Friends of Music  
Featuring



## Matt Alber in Concert Friday, May 13, 2016, 7:30PM at the Saturn Club

Join us for an evening of great food, fun and music as we welcome singer-songwriter Matt Alber along with a string quartet.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres ,  
a buffet dinner with carving stations and open bar.

There will be a raffle and silent auction, which will include a "Behind the Scenes" tour of the organs of Westminster with Garrett Martin as your tour guide and a "Take Flight" item which includes a flying lesson and tour plus much more!

Tickets are available online at [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org)

Prices are: \$75/\$100 at the door.

*A GREAT value for this evenings event! Black Tie Optional*

***Tickets will be sold today in the Holmes Room  
before and after worship!***

Read all about this acclaimed performer at [MattAlber.com](http://MattAlber.com)

## Interfaith Congregational Conversations



Going Deeper:  
The Current Issues Driving  
Israeli-Palestinian Relations

We will continue our four congregation conversations with North Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth Zion, and Congregation Shir Shalom. The next two events will explore some of the pressing issues that led to the decision of the Presbyterian Church to divest of three corporations doing business in Israel that aid or maintain the construction of the fence of separation and more generally issues driving Israeli-Palestinian relations today.



**The April 10 event** will be at WPC at 7PM. It will be a simulation of a Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly. The purpose of the simulation will be to give participants a 'hands on' experience of how the GA works and how issues get discussed, presented and voted upon. J.C. Austin, of Auburn Theological Seminary and a leader of the movement opposed to divestment, will offer a status report on the discussion within the PCUSA regarding divestment specifically and relations with Israel generally.



**The May 22 event** will take place at Congregation Shir Shalom on at 7PM. A brief documentary titled, "The Promise" will be presented. This documentary explores the theme of Israeli and Palestinian narratives. The film interviews an Israeli teenager and a Palestinian teenager who describe their experiences of the tensions between their people quite differently. We will discuss issues the documentary raises as well as other issues raised in the previous 2 sessions.

These conversations are designed to equip participants with a deeper understanding of the complex issues that affect the State of Israel and to prepare those who also intend to make the four-congregation trip to Israel (to be scheduled for winter of 2017) to make the best use of our visit to Israel and the opportunity to meet the voices 'on the ground' in Israel that are affected by and influencing Israeli-Palestinian relations.

Please contact Jamie Adamczyk at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org) for more information or to RSVP.

***If you have any questions about the event or would like to invite friends, please contact your clergy.***

## GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



### GIVING 2016

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## Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:45AM

*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

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

### 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 30

Chant: Gerald Knight (1908-1979)

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
And have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.  
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
You restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
Give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.  
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime.  
Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.  
While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed."  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.  
I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."  
You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
You have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.  
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

### Call to Worship

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

### Hymn

God, Bless Your Church with Strength

DIADEMATA

*See insert for hymn*

### Prayer Of Confession

**Lord God, in the light of your glory  
we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.  
Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy,  
and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way  
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)

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

## Words of Assurance

### Response

*Stand to sing.*

GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

### Prayer for Illumination.

### Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:1-20

*Text can be found on page 4*

### Anthem

We Are the Lord's

Roland Martin (b. 1955)

We are the Lord's; His all sufficient merit,  
Sealed on the cross, to us this grace accords.  
We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;  
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender  
Our souls to Him in deeds, not empty words.  
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render  
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's; no darkness brooding o'er us  
Can make us tremble while this star affords  
A steady light along the path before us—  
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's; no evil can befall us  
In the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords;  
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.  
Death we shall vanquish, for we are the Lord's.

### Meditation

God Had Other Plans

Dr. Yorty

### Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Sending Hymn, No. 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
*Stand to sing.*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

Improvisation

Garrett F. Martin

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**Organist:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries

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