



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

April 17, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.
She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

-Acts 9:36

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

Imperial March

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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.

Introit

Entrance Responsory

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in; from this time forth forevermore.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship

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

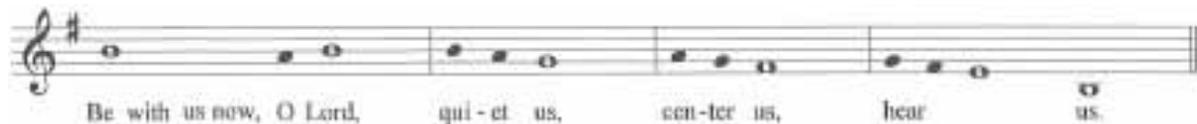
Hymn in Procession, No. 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



Prayer Of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed
from your paths of right relationship and peace,
and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation;
we repent of these hurtful ways.
Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others,
and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver



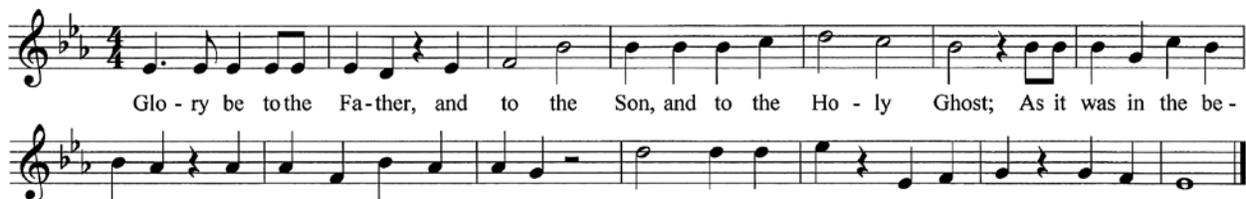
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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).

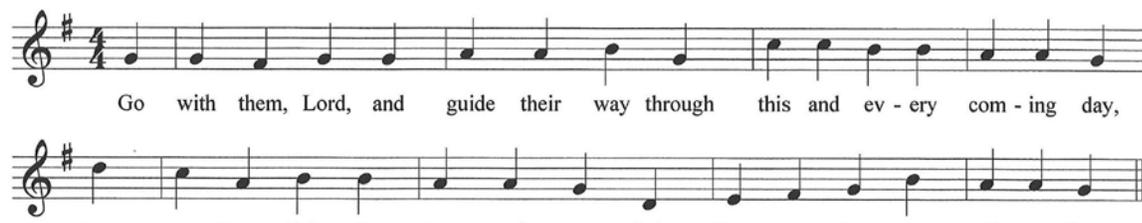
What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).

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

Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 23

chant: Bobby McFerrin† (b. 1950)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark & dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil, And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life, And I will live in her house forever, and forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, & Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Anthem

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar L. Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

Sermon

More New Life

Hymn, No. 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
The people stand to sing.

AMAZING GRACE

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.

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion

Malcolm Boyle (1902-1976)

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee.
He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house,
Even of Thy holy temple.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee:
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in Thee.
Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.

Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

The musical score is written for four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures 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

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness;
your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world
as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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. 332

Live Into Hope
Stand to sing.

TRURO

Benediction and Choral Response

Nunc Dimittis

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Albert L. Travis^{††} (b. 1940)

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: Ray Herman

Organists: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Dr. David Henning, Guest Organist

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Carol Huber, Callan Izatt, Janet Kifner-Arnat, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu,
Earl McColgin, Johnpatrick Marr, Roy Stewart, Ronald Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in honor of Dr. David Henning, the continued ministry of the Westminster Choir, our visiting choirs from St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Buffalo, and Calvary Episcopal Church, Williamsville.

Notes on Today's Music

[†]**Robert Keith "Bobby" McFerrin, Jr.** is an American vocalist and conductor. He is best known for his 1988 hit song "Don't Worry, Be Happy". He is a ten-time Grammy Award winner, who is known for his unique vocal techniques, such as singing fluidly but with quick and considerable jumps in pitch—for example, sustaining a melody while also rapidly alternating with arpeggios and harmonies—as well as scat singing, polyphonic overtone singing, vocal basslines, and improvisational vocal percussion. He is widely known for performing and recording regularly as an unaccompanied solo vocal artist. He has frequently collaborated with other artists, from both the jazz and classical scenes.

McFerrin's song "Don't Worry, Be Happy" was a No. 1 U.S. pop hit in 1988 and won Song of the Year and Record of the Year honors at the 1989 Grammy Awards. McFerrin has also worked in collaboration with instrumentalists, including pianists Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock, and Joe Zawinul, drummer Tony Williams, and cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

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.

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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 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

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*

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 or 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, June 19. 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)

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,

Sundays, 9:35AM - 10:45AM in the Case Library

April 17: Westminster's own David Kowalski will discuss religion and our Mother Earth. His theme will be Earth Stewardship. Climate change and our warming planet will be discussed, but this talk will broaden the discussion to encourage respect and reverence for Nature as a whole.

April 24: Community Action Organization: NUTRI-MART Urban Farms on Buffalo's East Side. Speaker, Michael Lee, Director of the Green Entrepreneurial Center for the Community Action Organization of Erie County (CAO), will lead the discussion about the advantages and considerations of vegetables raised hydroponically and the CAO NUTRI-MART Urban Farm and its benefits to the community.

SPIRITUAL LIFE,

9:35AM - 10:45AM in the Holmes Room

The Spiritual Art of Attentiveness

Facilitator: Allan Hayes

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 22: Nancy Anderson, cello. Food Truck:Center Street BBQ

April 29: Arioso Trio, featuring Carol Timmerman-Yorty Clarinet, Piano, and Cello. Food Truck:You Crack Me Up!

A Festival of Choirs - TODAY! 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.

Bells with a Beat! The Westminster Handbell Choir joins with the The Hamburg High School Percussion Ensemble, Larry Dubill, Director, on May 1, 2016 at 4PM in the Sanctuary. Don't miss this wonderful collaboration and an opportunity to tap your feet!

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 & May

April 24 - Easter V

The Circle of Love; John 13:31-35

May 1 - Easter VI

Comforter, Companion, Teacher; John 14:23-29

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 17

Reinaldo On Duty
7:00 AM WECPART SHOW
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 Spiritual Life
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class
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 Mtg.
12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg./Light Refreshments
4:00 PM AGO Preview & Reception

Monday, April 18 - WPC Closed

6:00 PM Presbytery Branch Mtg.
7:00 PM WOW Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 19

5:00 AM Art Show Opening
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
3:00 PM Three Church Mtg.
3:30 PM WOW (Retreat Debrief)
4:00 PM ENERGY Program
5:00 PM WECP Art Show
Opening
5:15 PM Invested Funds
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
6:00 PM Mission Outreach Mtg.
7:00 PM WECP Parent
Board Mtg.
7:30 PM ATG Story Series

Wednesday, April 20

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
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, April 21

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.
8:30 AM Centering Prayer
4:00 PM ENERGY Program
5:00 PM Congregational Life Mtg.
6:00 PM Handbells
6:00 PM WECP- Child Abuse
Prevention Training
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 22

12:00 PM Fridays @ WPC
12:00 PM WECPART SHOW
Take Down
5:00 PM BNYC Festival
7:00 PM Buffalo Opera Unlimited
Rehearsal
7:00 PM Nickel City Opera
Chorus Rehearsal

Saturday, April 23

9:00 AM BNYC Festival
10:00 AM Buffalo River Keeper
Clean Up-Youths
12:00 PM Lunch/Fellowship/
Deerhurst Presbyterian-
Youths
7:00 PM Youths to Bandits Game
10:00 PM Youth Lock-In

Sunday, April 24

Jeff 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 3

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

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

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 event 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 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 for more information or to RSVP.

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

Annual Meeting: May 15, 2016

"What better day than Pentecost to hold our Annual Meeting of Westminster Church and Society", our Elders asked at a late winter meeting. And so, at the 11am service on May 15, the worship service will be designed to hear our leaders report back to and tell us about the ways in which Westminster is continuing this brave mission begun long ago in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter.

We will intersperse reports, testimonies and stories with hymns and prayers. Join us as we catch the pulse of this Body of Christ called Westminster and commit to the year ahead!

See you in worship!

GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



GIVING 2016

Pledges received as of 4/15/2016

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
253	\$ 507,104	\$92,896

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. Return your intention card by mail or make your pledge online at www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016 or email Patricia Kelly, pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org

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

Imperial March

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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 23

chant: Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950)

The Lord is my Shepard, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark & dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house forever, and forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, & Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be,
World without end. Amen

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn, No. 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

Prayer Of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed
from your paths of right relationship and peace,
and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation;
we repent of these hurtful ways.**

**Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others,
and guide our feet into the way of peace. 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

GLORIA PATRI

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.

Prayer for Illumination.

Scripture Lessons

Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17

Text can be found on page 4

Anthem

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

William France (1912-1985)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand. None can pluck me from thy hand.
I would bless thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, every near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

Meditation

More New Life

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Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 332

Live Into Hope

Stand to sing.

TRURO

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Albert L. Travis (b. 1940)

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