



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

**April 3, 2016**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**



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The high priest questioned them, saying,

‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name...’

- Acts 5:27-28

## **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.*

**Communion Sunday:** *The children will meet with their teachers in the Holmes Room and join the congregation for Communion. Childcare is available in the Westminster Early Childhood Programs building for children 5 years old and younger.*

### **Opening Voluntary**

Suite No. 3 in D minor  
I. Allemande  
II. Courante

Georg Bohm (1661-1733)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Yorty

### **Order of Worship**

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#### **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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Call to Worship**

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

#### **Hymn in Procession, No. 121**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

#### **Prayer Of Confession**

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,  
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,  
forgive us and help us to find our voice.  
When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,  
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.  
When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,  
join with the weak to make us all strong.**

**When we are confined by our hurts,  
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.  
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,  
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and  
give us peace. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver



## 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).*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalm Lesson

Psalm 150

George S. Talbot (1875-1918)

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.  
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.

### Scripture Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,  
<sup>28</sup> saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.'  
<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.'  
<sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.  
<sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.  
<sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## **Anthem**

This Joyful Eastertide

William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:  
Till sound from East to West shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: but now Christ is arisen.

## **Sermon**

Threat to the Status Quo

## **Hymn**

Christ is Risen

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*The people stand to sing.  
See insert for hymn*

## **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.*

Most Glorious Lord of Life

William Henry Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin,  
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity then captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,  
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity.

And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again;  
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

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

### **Invitation**

#### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

*Sanctus & Benedictus*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

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

**Voluntary at Communion**

Suite No. 3 in D minor  
III. Sarabande  
IV. Gigue

Georg Böhm†

**Prayer after Communion**

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

**Sending Hymn, No. 443**

O Christ, the Great Foundation  
*The people stand to sing.*

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**Benediction and Choral Response**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

**Closing Voluntary**

Toccata on *O filii et filiae*

Lynnwood Farnam (1885-1930)

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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:** John Heer

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

## **Deacons Serving Today**

Cameron Airhart, Shea Akers, Russell Braun, Doug Fabian, Carol Huber, Callan Izatt, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Becky Read-Lukan, Jennifer Russell, Ron Sutz

## **Elders Serving Today**

Chris Lamendoal, Sandy Laub, Ardrey Manning, Jeff Renzoni, Mimi Steadman, Elizabeth Stewart, Tom Warszawski,

## **Chancel Flowers**

We keep the ones who have left us alive in our hearts and mind. In loving memory of our family members of The Russell Family, The Reaves Family, The Caffrey Family and The Schultz Family.

*A service for healing and wholeness will be held in the Meditation Room immediately following the service today.  
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## **Notes on Today's Music**

†**Georg Böhm** was a German Baroque organist and composer. He is notable for his development of the chorale partita and for his influence on the young J. S. Bach.

Böhm was born in 1661 in Hohenkirchen. He received his first music lessons from his father, a schoolmaster and organist who died in 1675. He may also have received lessons from Johann Heinrich Hildebrand, Kantor at Ohrdruf, who was a pupil of Heinrich Bach and Johann Christian Bach. After his father's death, Böhm studied at the Lateinschule at Goldbach, and later at the Gymnasium at Gotha, graduating in 1684. Both cities had Kantors taught by the same members of the Bach family who may have influenced Böhm. On 28 August 1684 Böhm entered the University of Jena. Little is known about Böhm's university years or his life after graduation. He resurfaces again only in 1693, in Hamburg. We know nothing of how Böhm lived there, but presumably he was influenced by the musical life of the city and the surrounding area. French and Italian operas were regularly performed in Hamburg, while in the area of sacred music, Johann Adam Reincken of St. Katharine's Church (Katharinenkirche) was one of the leading organists and keyboard composers of his time. Böhm may have also heard Vincent Lübeck in the nearby Stade, or possibly even Dieterich Buxtehude in Lübeck, which was also close

In 1698 Böhm succeeded Christian Flor as organist of the principal church of Lüneburg, the Church of St. John (Johanniskirche). Soon after Flor died in 1697, Böhm applied for an audition for the post, mentioning that he had no regular employment at the time. He was promptly accepted by the town council, settled in Lüneburg and held the position until his death. He married and had five sons. From 1700 to 1702 he must have met and possibly tutored the young Johann Sebastian Bach, who arrived in Lüneburg in 1700 and studied at the Michaelisschule, a school associated with the Church of St. Michael (Michaeliskirche). Practically no direct evidence exists to prove that Bach studied under Böhm, and indeed studying with the organist of the Johanniskirche would have been difficult for a pupil of the Michaelisschule, since the two choirs were not on good terms. Yet this apprenticeship is extremely likely. Carl Philip Emmanuel Bach, writing to Johann Nikolaus Forkel in 1775, claimed his father loved and studied Böhm's music, and a correction in his note shows that his first thought was to say that Böhm was Johann Sebastian's teacher. On 31 August 2006 the discovery of the earliest known Bach autographs was announced, one of them (a copy of Reincken's famous chorale fantasia *An Wasserflüssen Babylon*) signed "Il Fine à Dom. Georg: Böhme descriptum ao. 1700 Lunaburgi". The "Dom." bit may suggest either "domus" (house) or "Dominus" (master), but in any case it proves that Bach knew Böhm personally. This connection must have become a close friendship that lasted for many years, for in 1727 Bach named none other than Böhm as his northern agent for the sale of keyboard partitas nos. 2 and 3.

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# WESTMINSTER *Presents*

## Matt Alber in Concert Friday, May 13 - 7:30PM



The first Annual Gala Event for Westminster's "Friends of Music" will be held at the Saturn Club. More information and ticket purchase will soon be available at [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org)

### Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon

### 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 [jadameczyk@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 pre-school 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 Dialog 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. Join us on April 5 when we welcome Investigative Post environmental reporter, Dan Telvock who will discuss his reporting of the badly polluted Scajaquada Creek and how his work has sparked local, state and federal action. *Sign up in the Gallery Room, or call Jamie, 884-9437 or jadameczyk@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 3: 9:30AM Dialogue Diner (Parish Hall Kitchen)

11AM – Youth Service (Holmes Chapel)

Sunday, April 10: 9:30AM– Dialogue Diner (Parish Hall Kitchen)

### SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

**April 3:** Our speaker will be Heidi Romer, Community Advancement Liaison of Harmac Medical Products, 2201 Bailey Avenue, which is the driving force behind “Bailey Green,” a 30-acre redevelopment project west of Bailey and East Ferry. Plans call for: hydroponic greenhouses, soccer mini-pitches, new single homes, a community garden, a retail store offering lower-cost food, a healthy food café offering food from the green houses. Bailey Green is a finalist in the 53rd annual International “Making Cities More Livable Design” Competition, being held in Rome. Copies of the article on the project, from the Buffalo News are on the Table in the Gallery Room

### SPIRITUAL LIFE,

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

*The Spiritual Art of Attentiveness*

Facilitator: Allan Hayes

**April 3:** *Exploring Our Dream Life:* Introduction Group discussion led by Jan Beurskens from the Jung Center. Bring a dream that you are willing to share.

**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.

### 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 8:** The NY Consort Early Music Ensemble Food Truck: OG Wood Fire

**April 15:** David Henning, organ, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, TX

Food Truck: 716

**Studies in Brass - Sunday, April 3, 3PM in the Sanctuary**

Buffalo Silver Band in concert. Free and open to the public.

**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.

**First Annual WPC Gala Event featuring singer-songwriter, Matt Alber** along with a string quartet. A Gala for Westminster's Friends of Music will be held on Friday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more information!

### 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 10- Easter III**

*God Had Other Plans; Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)*

**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 3

Jeff On Duty 4:30 PM WPC Choir School  
 Name Tag Sunday 5:00 PM Spiritual Life Mtg.  
 8:00 AM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
 Rehearsal 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
 8:45 AM Worship/Communion  
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
 9:30 AM Deacon Mtg.  
 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 Youth Service/ First  
 Sunday/Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship/Communion  
 12:00 PM Healing Service  
 1:00 PM Studies In Brass Concert

### Monday, April 4

WPC Closed

### Tuesday, April 5

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 12:30 PM Passages Lunch  
 1:15 PM Passages Program  
 4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:00 PM WPC op Comm. Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

### Wednesday, April 6

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.  
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline  
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
 4:00 PM Joint Programming Mtg.  
 4:00 PM ENERGY Program

4:30 PM WPC Choir School  
 5:00 PM Spiritual Life Mtg.  
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

### Thursday, April 7

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
 4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
 6:00 PM Handbells  
 6:00 PM First Aid/CPR Training  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, April 8

12:00 PM Fridays @ WPC  
 1:30 PM Replace Music Sign  
 4:00 PM UB Community  
 poetry reading  
 6:00 PM GAY BINGO SET UP

### Saturday, April 9

6:00 PM Gay Bingo

### Sunday, April 10

6:30 AM Carlos On Duty  
 8:00 AM Children's Choir  
 Rehearsal  
 8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
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 11:10 AM Sunday School

## 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

Pledges received as of 4/1/2016

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
249	\$500,979	\$99,021

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](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016) or email Patricia Kelly, [pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org)

## 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.*

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### Prayer Of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,  
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice.  
When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive.  
When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong.  
When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.  
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts,  
and give us 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

*The people 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 5:27-32

*Text can be found on page 3*

### Anthem

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;  
They triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.  
To you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,  
The leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;  
And youth renewed, with health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light.  
And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then,  
In every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death;  
Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless with your almighty breath,  
On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour,  
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

### Meditation

Threat to the Status Quo

Dr. Yorty

### Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Sending Hymn, No. 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

*The people stand to sing.*

AURELIA

### Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

Toccata on *O filii et filiae*

Lynnwood Farnam (1885-1930)

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