



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

August 7, 2016
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. in the Holmes Chapel



By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.
For he looked forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.

-Hebrews 11: 8, 10

Welcome to this place of Christian worship.

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, and for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Please silence all cell phones.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.

Opening Voluntary

Sicilienne, op. 78

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Call to Worship

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

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

The hymn can be found on page 9 of this bulletin.

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

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.**

**You incite us to hope,
but we fall back into fear.**

**You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.**

**You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.**

Forgive us.

**Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work
in the world every day.**

For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Time for silent prayer



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

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Voluntary

Adoramus Te, Christe

Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)*

*Adoramus te, Christe,
Et benedicimus tibi,
Quia per tuam sanctam crucem
Redemisti mundum,
Domine, miserere nobis*

We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee,
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the world.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sermon

On the Road Again

Hymn

God, Our Help and Constant Refuge

MICHAEL

The people stand to sing. The hymn can be found on page 10 of this bulletin.

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.

Love One Another

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)**

But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently, see that ye love one another.

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 it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. On each tray there are wafers of gluten-free bread in a separate dish. Please take the center aisle to one of the communion stations, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God,
you have given us a share
in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation
and joy to all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Lead on, O King Eternal

The people stand to sing. The hymn can be found on page 10 of this bulletin.

LANCASHIRE

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Sortie

Horatio Parker (1863-1919)

*A service for healing and wholeness will be held in the Meditation Room immediately following the service today.
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: Elaine Mattar

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

Soloists: Hillary Hunt, Soprano; Hannah Taylor, Soprano; Brian Page, Tenor

Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Russell Braun, Warren Emblidge, Kathleen Kelly, Earl McColgin, Jennifer Russell, Roy Stewart

Elder Serving Today

Mark Hall

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of William G. Currie and Alice Louise Currie by William Currie

To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.

Important News:

Worship Times will change on Rally Day, September 11!

The Session approved the motion by the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee to implement the time change beginning Sunday September 11, 2016 - Rally Day - and to monitor how the change is impacting our congregational life on Sunday mornings.

The reason for this change is so that we can conclude the later worship service by 11:30am and to foster a fellowship time after worship at what we are calling "Meet and Mingle."

The "Meet and Mingle" fellowship time will be set up in the Holmes Room so that those leaving the Sanctuary through the pulpit side doors will step into a welcoming, attractive space with excellent refreshments. Our aim is to encourage mingling, connecting, bonding among our members, friends, and visitors who come from 34 zip codes and often only see one another briefly on Sundays. We also want to send folks on their way with the full afternoon to tend to domestic responsibilities, recreational activities, school work - whatever Sunday afternoons usually hold for our diverse membership.

The Sunday morning schedule will be as follows:

8:15am - Early Worship Service in the Holmes Chapel

9:00am - Adult Education and other activities

10:30am - Later Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Sunday School

11:30am - Meet and Mingle in the Holmes Room

We hope that you find this change helpful for and compatible with your Sunday morning experience. Please let your Elders and church staff know what you think. This is a trial run for the coming year. We look forward hearing from you!

PREACHING SCHEDULE

*One Service will be offered through September 4, 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel
Fall Hours resume on Rally Day, September 11*

August 14

Lay Preacher: Cameron Airhart

Maine Bisons Youth Group will participate worship

August 21

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Encounters of the Holy Kind

Hebrews 12: 18-29

August 28

Lay Preacher: Mark Aquino



A covenant between Presbyterians and Jews in pursuit of a more just world: Israel, Palestine, Divestment, and Longing for Peace. An opportunity for discussion and fellowship.

- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Temple Beth Zion
- North Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Shir Shalom

A Picnic Dinner will follow:

- All ages are welcome
- Activities for children
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and refreshments provided
- Bring casseroles and desserts to share
- Donations of paper towels/bathroom tissue, toothpaste, etc. for the Town Square Food Pantry are appreciated

The picnic will be held in the backyard of Shir Shalom
4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221

RSVP: Call Congregation Shir Shalom, 716-633-8877

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, and 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

Summer ENERGY is back! Four weeks of helping our students from refugee families prevent summer learning loss by introducing them to new sights and experiences in WNY. Consider volunteering for any amount of days/weeks that you can offer. Drivers are needed for Friday Field Trips (must be over 20 years old). Minimum commitment is 3-4 days. For more information, contact Carol Greetham, carol@wedibuffalo.org.

Visit The WestSide Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for summer 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, Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

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

CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare is available for children 5 years and younger, from 9:30 - 11:30am at the WECP (school) building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON RALLY DAY, SEPT. 11TH

- 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, need their coats.
- 1st-5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops: Creation Station, Holyhood and Apostles Playhouse
- 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 8th grade Confirmation Class meets 9:45-10:45AM in Parish Hall balcony
- Our Senior Highs (9th-12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, from August 17th through May 31st, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel. At 6PM, the choristers sing Choral Evensong in the Holmes Chapel, open to everyone. 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, August 17th through May 31st, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel, joining the Senior Choristers for the service of Choral Evensong at 6 PM, 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 18th through May 21st, during the 11AM Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley and Mrs. Julie Zenger.

Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. Rehearsals will resume in September. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music 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, September 18, 2016. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Case Library Summer Series-8:30 to 9:45am

A discussion of two Books by Christian Pastors: The Rev. Martin Thielen, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?* a 156-page paperback that emphasizes beliefs, Jesus & God; The Rev. Harry Cook, *Long Live Salvation by Works: A Humanist Manifesto*, a 157-page paperback that emphasizes works and humanism.

We will read chapters of each book (20-30 pages per book) and discuss our findings each Sunday before the 10:00am Summer Service. While encouraged, the reading is not required to attend, learn, and participate in the sessions.

Contact Jerry Kelly gerald@geraldkelly.com for books. It is not necessary to attend all the sessions as each session will have stand-alone material. Feel free to join us at any time!

Session Six – August 14 – Discussion Leader: Jerry Kelly

What's the Least I Can Believe

Chapter 19: Jesus' Promise – Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Chapter 20: Jesus' Vision – What is God's Dream?

Chapter 21: A Final Question – Do Mainline Churches Believe in Getting Saved?

Long Live Salvation by Works

Chapter 13: Practical Considerations for a Humanist

Chapter 14: A Sermon for Would Be Humanists

Appendix: Religion and Democracy – An American Experiment

SPIRITUAL LIFE, 9:30AM - 10:45AM in the Heritage Room
Join Spiritual Life again in September for programs which are designed to nurture and enhance the spiritual life of members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Grounded in scripture and from the perspective of our Presbyterian faith, we strive to develop opportunities for reflection, experiential learning, and, conversational sharing that magnifies our witness to the Divine. All are welcome; everyone is encouraged to attend.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume in September.
9:45AM - 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.

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

August 8-14: The Maine group in Buffalo
Save the Date! Wednesday, August 10. Westminster is hosting a picnic honoring the Maine youth group in Parish Hall from 6- 8PM. All Congregation Members and Friends are Welcome!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFE

The Heavenly Grounds Cafe is in need of donations of baked goods/cookies (store bought or homemade) for Sunday mornings. 4 Dozen pieces and 1 volunteer for each service are needed. Donations are needed by 9:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator in the first floor kitchen. Thank you!

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

We need your help in keeping our church records up-to-date. By doing so, we can:

- Ensure your family is kept informed about all that's happening at Westminster
- Continue to design effective & interesting programming
- Provide timely Pastoral Care

Forms to update your information can be found on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or at www.wpcbuffalo.org/lets-stay-connected
Thank you for your help in keeping our church family connected!

Nominations Wanted

All members are invited to submit names of candidates for openings on the Board of Deacons and the Session. New Deacons and Elders are needed to facilitate the many wonderful ministries of Westminster. Forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Place your suggestion form in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the Business Office.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

<p>Sunday, August 7 7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday 9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care 9:35 AM Case Library Conversations 10:00 AM Worship/Communion 11:00 AM Punch and Cookies</p> <p>Monday, August 8 6:00 PM Maine Bisons Arrive</p> <p>Tuesday, August 9 7:15 AM Wake Up Group 10:00 AM ENERGY Program 10:00 AM Garden Group 5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts 6:00 PM Zen Dharma</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 10 9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting 10:00 AM ENERGY Program 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 12:00 PM News Info. Deadline 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace 6:00 PM WPC Picnic honoring Maine Youth Group 8:00 PM AA Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, August 11 7:15 AM Wake Up Group 10:00 AM ENERGY Program</p>	<p>Friday, August 12 10:00 AM ENERGY Program</p> <p>Saturday, August 13 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Sunday, August 14 8:30 AM Case Library Conversations 9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Punch and Cookies 11:15 AM Nominating Committee Meeting</p>
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How Firm a Foundation

"K" in "A Selection of Hymns," 1787
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

FOUNDATION

American folk melody
Funk's "Genuine Church Music," 1832

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be they sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, through all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll ne - ver, no, ne - ver, no, ne - ver for - sake."

Notes on Today's Music

***Orlando di Lasso** (1532 – 1594) was a Netherlandish or Franco-Flemish composer of the late Renaissance. He is considered to be the chief representative of the mature polyphonic styles of the Franco-Flemish school and one of the three most famous and influential musicians in Europe at the end of the 16th century (the other two being Palestrina and Victoria). Lasso remained Catholic during this age of religious discord. The Catholic Counter-Reformation, which was reaching a peak in Bavaria in the late sixteenth century, had a demonstrable impact on Lasso's late work, including the liturgical music for the Roman Rite, the burgeoning number of Magnificats, the settings of the Catholic Ulenberg Psalter (1588), and especially the great penitential cycle of spiritual madrigals, the *Lagrima di San Pietro* (1594).

****Samuel Sebastian Wesley** (1810-1876) was born in London, the eldest child of composer Samuel Wesley's second family. His middle name derived from his father's lifelong admiration for the music of Bach. After singing in the choir of the Chapel Royal as a boy, Samuel Sebastian embarked on a career as a musician, and served as organist at Hereford Cathedral, Exeter Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church, Winchester Cathedral, and Gloucester Cathedral. In addition to his religious service, he taught at the Royal Academy of Music as Professor of Organ. He was known during his lifetime as one of his country's leading organists and choirmasters, and continues to enjoy great popularity in the Church of England today.

God, Our Help and Constant Refuge

Fred R. Anderson, 1986; alt.

MICHAEL

Herbert Howells, 1930, 1977



1. God, our help and con - stant re - fuge, E - ver pre - sent in our need!
2. Ho - ly riv - er of God's cit - y, Heal - ing flows with - in your streams,
3. God, the Lord of Hosts, is with us. Come, be - hold these might - y deeds:
4. Liv - ing Lord of Hosts, be with us. Come, and fill us with Your power.



Though the earth be e - ver chang - ing, Though it fall in - to the sea,
Giv - ing strength with - in our cri - sis, Firm and stead - y like a beam.
Wars are end - ed, spears are bro - ken, At this voice the world takes heed.
You, the hope of all the na - tions, Be ex - alt - ed in this hour.



Rock se - cure, E - ver sure Through all tu - mult You en - dure.
Na - tions rage, Wars to wage. God will still pro - tect this age.
Come, O Lord, Break the sword. Bring us peace as Your re - ward.
God Most High, Lest we die, Give us hope and hear our cry.

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835



1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;



Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:



And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.



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