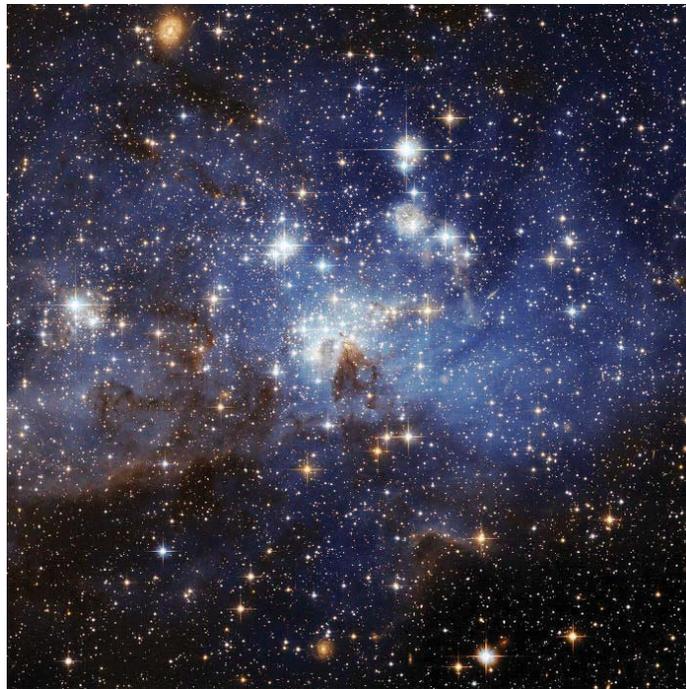




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

August 21, 2016
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. in the Holmes Chapel



Nature and Creation of Stars - Genesis 1

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking;
for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth,
how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised,
'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'

-Hebrews 12:25-26

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

Liebeslied

Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962)

Call to Worship

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

Hymn

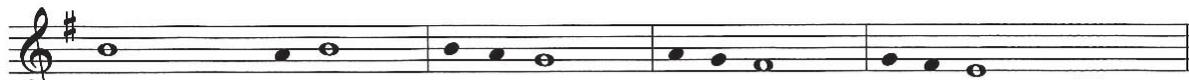
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

The hymn can be found on page 8 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

**God of justice and love,
we confess to you and to each other
that we have not offered food to the hungry
or satisfied the needs of the afflicted.
We have spoken evil of others
and pointed fingers in blame.
We have turned away from you and our community,
pursuing instead our own self-interests.
Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help.
Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways,
that we may be renewed like a garden freshly
watered. 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 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’ ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ ²⁷This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Voluntary

Gloria, RV 589

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

VI. Domine Deus

*Domine Deus, rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

Lord God, heavenly king,
God the Father almighty.

Sermon

Encounters of the Holy Kind

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

The people stand to sing. The hymn can be found on page 9 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.

Beau Soir

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)*

Presentation of the Gifts

OLD HUNDRETH

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;
praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre-a-tor, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

**Lord of the Sabbath,
we rejoice in offering you these gifts,
that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing
of your love in the world. 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

ST. DENIO

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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: Sherrie Bernat

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

Soloist: Val Cooley, soprano

Musicians: Matt Cone, violin

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Doug Fabian, Kathleen Kelly, Earl McColgin, Ron Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this morning are given in memory of Emma Currie from the Currie family.

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 to hearing from you!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 21

Jeff/Ron on Duty

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

Monday, August 22

10:00 AM Generosity Education Meeting

4:00 PM Betty Ott Memorial Service

5:00 PM Betty Ott Reception

7:30 PM Chris & Aaron James Recital

Tuesday, August 23

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM Management Meeting

10:00 AM Garden Group

5:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, August 24

8:00 AM Planned Giving Meeting

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Meeting

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

Thursday, August 25

No Scheduled Activities

Friday, August 26

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, August 27

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, August 28

Jeff/Ron on Duty

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

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 28 - Lay Preacher: Mark Aquino

September 4 - The Reverend Beth Hennessey, Pastoral Care Minister
"Thin Places and Sacred Spaces"

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.



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

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

ENERGY All-American Multicultural Potluck Picnic, Tuesday, September 20th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the South Lawn. All are invited! Families of all our students, old and new, are invited. Please consider bringing a dish to share. We will gratefully accept donations of napkins, sturdy 9" paper plates, plastic forks, 7-8 oz. cups, hot dog buns and condiments. Juggling entertainment provided by Noah Cremeans. Call Carol at 507-8216. Donations to defray the costs gratefully accepted. Please RSVP at carol@wedibuffalo.org

While shopping, please consider buying the following items for ENERGY: plastic folders, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, Pink erasers, dry erase markers, black Sharpie markers, glue sticks, white glue, Crayola watercolor sets. Additionally, ENERGY can use sturdy paper plates, 7 oz. cups, napkins, plastic forks, cake mix and frosting cans. Donations may be left on the kitchen counter in the basement ENERGY rooms.

Want to make difference in the lives of children from refugee families? ENERGY is looking for an intern/volunteer to provide administrative assistance. Responsibilities include data entry, organizing donations, filing, copying and organization. Your help is needed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 4:30-6:30 during the school year. Please contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org to learn more about this great opportunity.

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, Hollywood and Apostles Playhouse
- 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 8th 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 CONVERSATION SERIES

Join us in September at our new time, 9:00AM - 10:15AM. Our presentations will be held in the Case Library and will offer informative presentations and speakers. Program information will be available in the September newsletter.

SPIRITUAL LIFE, 9:00AM - 10:15AM 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

Our classes will resume in September and our new time will be 9:00AM - 10:15AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor. We welcome 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.

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.

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!

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

John Newton, 1779

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and



of our God; God, whose word can - not be bro - ken,
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - ering,



Formed thee for a blest a - bode. On the rock of a - ges found - ed,
 And all fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
 Show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner



What can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
 Ev - er flows their thirst to as - suage? Grace, which like the
 Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -



walls sur - round - ed, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 Lord the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 on the man - na Which God gives them when they pray.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

English melody, 17th century
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea - tures great and small,
All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

*Repeat Refrain



Westminster Presents Aaron and Chris James

Monday, August 22nd at 7:30PM
in the Sanctuary



Westminster Presbyterian Church will host a performance by Canadian brothers Aaron and Chris James. Aaron is an organist, pianist and musicologist based in the Rochester area, where he teaches music history at the University of Rochester and is director of music at St Mary's Church in Auburn; Chris is a busy orchestral flutist and chamber musician who plays principal flute in the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and has appeared with numerous other orchestras, including the Buffalo Philharmonic. This summer, the two brothers come together from their separate careers to perform a program of old and new favorites, including works by Sancan, Karg-Elert, Gaubert, and Muczynski.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in "Caniadau y Cyssegr," 1839



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - mighty, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

Notes on Today's Music

*Claude-Achille Debussy was a French composer. Along with Maurice Ravel, he was one of the most prominent figures associated with Impressionist music, though he himself disliked the term when applied to his compositions. He was made Chevalier of the Legion of Honour in his native France in 1903. Debussy was among the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and his use of non-traditional scales and chromaticism influenced many composers who followed.

Debussy's music is noted for its sensory content and frequent usage of nontraditional tonalities. The prominent French literary style of his period was known as Symbolism, and this movement directly inspired Debussy both as a composer and as an active cultural participant.

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