



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

August 28, 2016
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. in the Holmes Chapel



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

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

Mark Aquino

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

Cello Suite No. 5 in C minor, BWV 1101

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

I. Prelude

Call to Worship

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

We are called to go into the world!
And make disciples of all people,

Baptizing them in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,
And teaching them to obey all the words of Jesus.

Let our worship of God be a reflection of this call.

And may our prayers, songs, silence, and learning be focused on the life-changing nature of Jesus Christ.

Come, let us worship our God who gives us the great commission!

Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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, our fears and prejudices run deep.
Sometimes we can only see our own point of view.
We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones.
We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace.
We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them.
We deny the power of the gospel to unite us with those who are different from us.
Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear.
Open us to new possibilities of life for all nations,
and use us to enact the new life given in Christ. Amen**

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie *The people sing.*

John Weaver



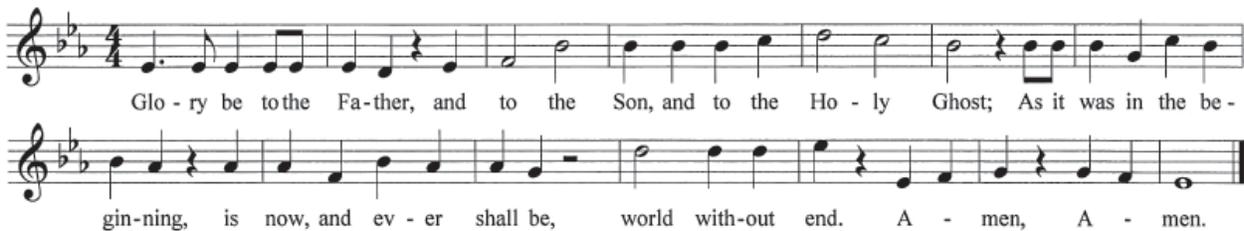
Words of Assurance

God's life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God for the Good News!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response to the Assurance

GLORIA PATRI

The people stand to sing.



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

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Voluntary

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.*

*Te trina Deitas, unaque poscimus,
Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.*

The bread of the angels becomes the bread of man;
The bread of heaven is given a bounded form.
O wondrous thing!
The poor, the slave and the humble man feed on their lord.

Of you, threefold and one God, we ask:
Come to visit us as we worship you;
Lead us on your paths to where we want to go:
To the light in which you dwell.

Sermon

Go, See, and Do!

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

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.

Cello Concerto in E minor, op. 85
III. Adagio

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)†

Presentation of the Gifts

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 Jesus Christ, you were rich.
Yet for our sakes, you became poor,
so that through your poverty we might become rich.
Help us who have received so freely from you to give as freely in our turn,
and so have the pleasure of giving and the happiness of receiving.
Accept this collection as a token of gratitude for all you have done. 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

Come, Labor On
The people stand to sing. The hymn can be found on page 9 of this bulletin.

ORA LABORA

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Caprice No. 3

Carlo Alfredo Piatti (1822-1901)^{††}

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

Worship Leaders

Lay Preacher: Mark Aquino, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Emily Reynolds, Christian Wyse, and Emily Smith
Reader: Debbie Katz
Organist: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Musicians: Drew Cone, cello
Jenece Gerber, mezzo-soprano
Max Pipinich, tenor

Deacons Serving Today

Russell Braun, Warren Emblidge, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Jo Stevens, Nancy Stevens

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this morning are given in memory of Melba and Harry Chisholm by Marjorie Chisholm.

*To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends,
sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room.*

Notes on Today's Music

†**Edward Elgar's** Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85, is his last notable work, composed in the aftermath of World War I and inspired by rumblings of artillery across the English Channel. In contrast with the composer's earlier Violin Concerto, which is lyrical and passionate, the Cello Concerto is contemplative and elegiac. Critic Ernest Newman wrote after the premiere: "The work itself is lovely stuff, very simple – that pregnant simplicity that has come upon Elgar's music in the last couple of years – but with a profound wisdom and beauty underlying its simplicity."

††**Carlo Alfredo Piatti** originally began studies on the violin before switching to the cello. After only two years of study, he joined the theater orchestra, where he played for three months. He made his concert debut at 15 and started touring at 16. Franz Liszt invited him to appear as a guest performer at one of his recitals; stunned by what the boy could do on a borrowed cello, Liszt presented him with a superb new instrument. Piatti went on to become one of the most celebrated cellists of his day, as popular for the pieces he wrote, as for the robust and unsentimental way he performed them.

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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!

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Fall Hours resume on Rally Day, September 11

September 4 -10AM in the Holmes Chapel - One Service

The Reverend Beth Hennessy

Pastoral Care Minister

Thin Places and Sacred Spaces; I Corinthians 12:4-26

Communion will be offered

September 11-Rally Day!

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

New Worship Hours begin:

8:15am in the Holmes Chapel and 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Kitungano Baptism; *Joy in Heaven*; Luke 15:1-10

September 18

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Only A Savior Like Jesus Could Love People Like Us; Luke 16:1-13

September 25

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Temporal Acts, Eternal Consequences; Luke 16:19-31

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

Sunday, August 28

Jeff/Ron on Duty

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

Monday, August 29

7:00 PM Buffalo Bach Project

Tuesday, August 30

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM Management Meeting

10:00 AM Garden Group

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, August 31

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline

4:00 PM Choir School Rehearsal

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

7:00 PM Buffalo Bach Project

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, September 1

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

7:30 AM WECP Closed

8:30 AM WECP Staff meeting

2:00 PM Buffalo Bach Project

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 2

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, September 3

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, September 4

Name Tag Sunday

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship/Communion

11:00 AM Punch & Cookies

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](http://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, and 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!

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Jeffery, W. Rowthorn, 1978

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap - tize and teach."
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y, this my blood."
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they do, for - give."



Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, And the gos - pel go un - heard,
 That the world may trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
 Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure All that you so free - ly give.



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 Give us all new fer - vor, draw us Clo - ser in com - mu - ni - ty;
 Ask - ing that the world a - round us Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
 May your care and mer - cy lead us To a just so - ci - e - ty;



With the Spir - it's gifts em - power us For the work of min - is - try.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

Wyeth's "Repository of Sacred Music, 1813"



1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Here I raise my E-be- nez-er, Hit-her by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a deb-tor Dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!



Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise.
And I hope, by Thy good plea-sure, Safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee:



Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, Sung by fla-ming tongues a-bove;
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan-der, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed u-pon it, Mount of God's un-chan-ging love!
He, to res-cue me from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a-bove.

Come, Labor On

ORALABORA

Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859

Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918



1. Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i-dle on the har-vest plain
2. Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call-ing an-gels can-not share;
3. Come, la-bor on. A-way with gloom-y doubts and faith-less fear!
4. Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky



While all a-round us waves the gold-en grain? And to each ser-vant
To young and old the gos-pel glad-ness bear. Re-deem the time; its
No arm so weak but may do ser-vice here; Though fee-ble a-gents,
Till the long shad-ows o'er our path-way lie, And a glad sound comes



does the Mas-ter say, "Go work to-day."
hours too swift-ly fly. The night draws nigh.
may we all ful-fill God's righ-teous will.
with the set-ting sun, "Well done, well done!"



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Rally Day!

Sunday, September 11

Rally Day At-A-Glance: New Worship Times

- 8:15am: Worship in the Holmes Chapel
- 9:00am: Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 10:30am: Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30am: Meet & Mingle in the Holmes room

Join us for Worship on Rally Day at 10:30am, when we will commission our Sunday School Teachers, Confirmation Mentors, Adult Education Leaders, WECF teachers and Cindy-Lynn Garbe, the new Director. At the end of worship, we will process with the choir on to Delaware Avenue to dedicate the new garden, and for the Benediction.

Our program year is off to an exciting start! Our two worship services resume at NEW times, Sunday School begins on Rally Day, our education programs are scheduled for the new year along with more fellowship events, and glorious music programming. Time to get re-connected with friends, and make new ones.

- Volunteer to help on a fellowship event
- Join a committee
- Choose one month to teach Sunday School Workshop Rotation Classes.
- Try out for the Adult Choir or the Choir School for children
- Become an ENERGY Volunteer

This year at Westminster we will be offering opportunities for families with children to reflect together on their hopes and dreams. We will seek to do so remembering Whom it is who calls us together as couples, families and a congregation.

**Please join us as we
welcome in our new and
exciting program year!**