



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

February 7, 2016
Transfiguration Sunday
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Transfiguration of Christ
Artist: Raphael

And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white....
Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'... Luke 9:29, 35

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. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

On Communion Sundays, the children meet for Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel and they will join the service in time for Communion.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship

Opening Voluntary

Andante in F minor
WPC Handbell Choir

Michael Helman (b. 1956)

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

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton ^{†††}(b. 1957)

Sing 'till the power of the Lord comes down. Shout hallelujah! Praise His Holy name.
Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout hallelujah! Praise His Holy name.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn in Procession

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory
See insert for hymn.

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God,
we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short.
We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly.
We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will.
What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace.
Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,
our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)

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

Assurance of Pardon

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.

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 99

Chant: Thomas Atwood (1765-1838)

The Lord is King; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.
Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.
"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool;
He is the Holy One.
Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
They kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them,
Yet punished them for their evil deeds.
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;
For the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:28-36

Anthem

Elijah Rock

Moses Hogan** (1957-2003)

Oh, Elijah rock. Come on sister help me to pray, tell me my Lord done pass this way.
Satan ain't nothin' but a snake in the grass. He's a conjur. He's a liar. Hallelujah, Lord.
If I could, I surely would, stand on the rock where Moses stood.
Oh, Elijah rock. Hallelujah Jesus!
Oh, Elijah rock. I'm comin' up Lord!

Sermon

The Valley of Transfiguration

Hymn, No. 74

Jesus on the Mountain Peak
The people stand to sing.

MOWSLEY

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.

Transfiguration

Craig Phillips† (b. 1961)
Text: Mechtild of Magdeburg (1207-1294)

O burning mountain, O chosen sun, O perfect moon, O fathomless well,
O unattainable height, O unattainable light, O clearness beyond all measure,
O wisdom without end, O mercy without all limit,
O strength beyond resistance, O crown of all majesty,
All creation humbly sings your praise:
Bright stars, high mountains, depths of the seas, rushing waters,
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation:
This is my Son, my beloved, my chosen One. Alleluia!

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
The choir sings.

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:
The choir sings.

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

Bread of the World

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token, that by thy grace our souls are fed.

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. Amen.

Sending Hymn, No. 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
The people stand to sing.

DEO GRACIAS

Benediction and Choral Response

Mt. St. Alban Service: Nunc Dimittis

David Hogan (1949-1996)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Suite for Organ: Finale

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*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: Dr. Phil Stevens

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

Westminster Handbell Choir: W.S. Mayo, Director

Elders Serving Today

Melissa Balbach, Bob Bojdak, Maureen Boyd, Jen Callaghan, Bill Gray, Mark Hall, Ellen Kennedy,

Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Callan Izatt, Kate Dierenfield, Joan Kuzina, Johnpatrick Marr, Becky Read-Lukan,
Mike Reynolds, Jennifer Russell, Nancy Stevens

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Vivian Potter Galley by David Galley.

Purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends. Look for the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.

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Notes on Today's Music

[†]**Craig Phillips** (b. 1961) is a distinguished and popular American composer and organist. His choral and organ music is heard Sunday by Sunday in churches and cathedrals across the United States, and many of his works have been performed in concert throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Last year, he was named the American Guild of Organists Distinguished Composer for 2012 — the seventeenth recipient of this special award. Dr. Phillips joins an illustrious list that includes past honorees Virgil Thomson, Ned Rorem, Daniel Pinkham, Stephen Paulus, David Hurd and others. Dr. Phillips holds the degrees Doctor of Musical Arts, Master of Music, and the Performers Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, where he studied with the great pedagogue Russell Saunders. His Bachelor of Music Degree is from Oklahoma Baptist University, and his early musical studies were at the Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music in Nashville with Peter Fyfe, who was also Garrett Martin's first organ teacher at Blair. Dr. Phillips has served as Director of Music at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills since 2009. He previously served for 20 years as the churches' Associate Director of Music and Composer-in-Residence. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Anglican Musicians, and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and serves on the board of the Clarence Mader Foundation. He resides in West Hollywood, California.

^{††}**Moses Hogan** (1957-2003) was an African-American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor and arranger of international renown. He died suddenly of a brain tumor at the age of 45.

^{†††}**Keith Hampton** is best known for his arrangements of gospel songs and spirituals. After earning his Bachelor of Music from Westminster Choir College and his Master of Arts from Marywood University, Hampton received a Doctor of Music from Northwestern University with an emphasis on church music, conducting, theory, and organ performance. In 2010, the North Central American Choral Directors Association named Keith Hampton one of the top 25 contemporary composers.

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

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

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

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

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

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

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program - creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

The West Side Bazaar: 25 Grant Street. Lunch and shopping.

Friday: 11 AM – 8PM, Saturday, 10 AM – 8PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11AM – 7PM

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years from 9:30AM to 12:30AM in the WECP building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECP) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.

- 3–5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved 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, 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 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. The first Tuesday of each month. These programs vary between speakers, music concerts and films with a focus on the intellectual, physical and spiritual life of retired adults. Join us on March 1st when we welcome back our guest speaker, Elizabeth Ingold, an attorney who specializes in senior law., Ms. In-

gold is passionate about educating the public on estate planning and long term care planning issues. **Please sign up on the table in the Gallery Room, or call Jamie, 884-9437 or jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org by February 23. If you are planning on lunch, it is important to RSVP!**

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 Wednesday, September through May, (times TBA) 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 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, February 21. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty, tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton, khkeaton@verizon.net or any staff member.

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

Sunday, February 7: 9:30am-Confirmation Class
9:30am-Dialogue Diner (Holmes Room)
11am-Youth Service (Holmes Chapel)

Friday, February 12-Monday, February 15
Mission trip to Rochester w/Deerhurst Presbyterian

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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.

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

The 15 Annual Understanding Islam Series

February 7, 14, and 21

Organizers: Al Ryan & Jerry Kelly

This year will mark the 15th year Westminster has co-sponsored with the Muslim Public Affairs Council this critically important conversation. This annual time of conversation, learning and reflection is designed to gain a deeper appreciation with our Muslim brothers and sisters of one another's faith traditions. This is a joint presentation with Case Library and Spiritual Life. (See page 8 for details)

The Women of Westminster
invite women of all ages to a

Downton Abbey Tea

in the Case Library on Sunday, February 28
Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service

Draped in lace tablecloths, adorned with flowers and antique teacups, our library will be transformed to a Highclere Castle tearoom. Missing only the Dowager Duchess, herself. An offering of soup, savory and sweet tea sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream, dainty pastries and, of course, tea, will be served by Mrs. Patmore's helpers. (white gloves NOT mandatory!) Sign up in the Gallery Room. Cost: \$5.



February 10, 2016
12 Noon and 6PM
in the Holmes Chapel

The Start of our Lenten Journey.

The Choirs of Westminster begin the season of Lent at this solemn service. The traditional service of imposition of ashes, and celebration of the Lord's Supper at both services.

Fill a bag... Feed a Family.



Our Sunday School's lovingly decorated grocery bags will be distributed today Sunday, February 7th. Please return your bag filled with nonperishable items on Sunday, February 21st. This drive benefits the Food Bank of WNY.



UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Sundays, February 7, 14 and 21
9:30-10:45AM in the Case Library

**A Joint Program presented by MPAC-WNY
and Westminster Presbyterian Church**

In light of current events, please join us for this most informative and timely series as we continue our vital interfaith conversations. All three sessions are free of charge and open to the public.

February 7: Topic: Islam and the Future of Tolerance: A Dialogue

Speakers: David Weeks, Westminster Presbyterian Church
Prof. Mustafa Gokcek, Niagara University & MPAC-WNY
In this short book Sam Harris and Maajid Nawaz invite you to join an urgently needed conversation: Is Islam a religion of peace or war? Is it amenable to reform? Why do some Muslims seem drawn to extremism? This dialogue will be reviewed by a Buffalo Christian and a Buffalo Muslim. In a world driven by misunderstanding and violence, two people with very different views try to find common ground.

February 14: Topic: Muhammad Al-Ghazali - Life & Teachings

Speaker: Dr. Bayram Arman, MPAC-WNY
Al-Ghazali is considered to be a Mujaddid or renewer of the faith. His works were so highly acclaimed by his contemporaries and later generations that Al-Ghazali was awarded the honorific title "Proof of Islam" We need to talk about the silent majority of Muslims and their understanding and practice of the religion. We will devote this session to his works and life. We will look at contemporary issues and problems from his point of view.

February 21: Topic: Community Initiatives

Speakers: John McClive, Case Library Conversations, WPC
Douglas Klotzbach, Executive Director, HEAL International
Abdirahman Farah, Vice President, HEAL International & MPAC_WNY
Douglas Klotzbach and Abdirahman Farah will report how refugees/immigrants are helped by people of many faiths to adapt to our city and culture. Their organization, H.E.A.L. (Helping Everyone Achieve Livelihood), was started and continues to be managed by former refugees/immigrants to help newer residents from other countries adapt to their new life.



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 three 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 first event will be at Temple Beth Zion, 700 Sweet Home Road in Amherst on **February 28 at 7PM**. It will be a simulation of the Israeli Knesset. We will use a model for simulation designed by the Union for Reform Judaism. The purpose of this exercise will be to provide a 'hands on' experience of the complexity and inner workings of the Israeli political process. There are some things in the neighborhood of thirty political parties in Israel. Often the coalitions are formed around issues that bring together strange bedfellows that further complicate the path to consensus.

The second event will be at WPC on **April 10 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 Third Event** will take place at Congregation Shir Shalom on **May 15 at 4PM**. A brief documentary titled, "The Promise" will be presented. This documentary explores the theme of Israeli and Palestinian narratives. The film interviews an Israeli teenager and a Palestinian teenager who describe their experiences of the tensions between their people quite differently. We will discuss issues the documentary raises as well as other issues raised in the previous 2 sessions.

These conversations are designed to equip participants with a deeper understanding of the complex issues that affect the State of Israel and to prepare those who also intend to make the four-congregation trip to Israel (to be scheduled for winter of 2017) to make the best use of our visit to Israel and the opportunity to meet the voices 'on the ground' in Israel that are affected by and influencing Israeli-Palestinian relations.

Please contact Jamie Adamczyk at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org for more information or to RSVP.

GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



Pledges received as of 02/05/16

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
220	\$426,619	\$173,381

We ask that you consider the blessing that Westminster is in your life and with a grateful heart send your Intention Card with support for 2016. Giving your financial pledge will enable Westminster to continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing our blessings within our church home and our community. Return your intention card by mail or make your pledge online at www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016 or email Nancy Berger, nberger@wpcbuffalo.org

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach in February

February 14 - Lent I

Remembering Our Deliverance from the Dark Night

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

February 21 - Lent II

More Than We Dared To Hope For

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

February 28 - Lent III

When Bad Things Happen To Good People

Luke 13:1-9

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.

12 February	Jordan Williams, organ, Food Truck TBA
19 February	Emily Greetham, violin, Garrett Martin, piano Food Truck: OG Wood Fire
26 February	David Snyder, organ Food Truck: Center Street BBQ

Taizé Service

Friday, February 19

Westminster will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer and contemplation on the third Friday of each month.

Masterworks Service

Sunday, March 13: The Choirs of Westminster, the Buffalo Niagara Youth Choirs, and musicians of the BPO present two choral and orchestral masterworks: Andrew Carter's *Benedicite* and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, February 7

Reinaldo On Duty
7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday
8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:45 AM Worship/Communion
9:30 AM Deacon Mtg.
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:30 AM Confirmation Class
9:30 AM Food Drive Bags distributed
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:35 AM Spiritual Life
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class
9:35 AM Case Library Conversations
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Youth Service/1st Sunday Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship W/ Communion
11:10 AM Sunday School
12:00 PM Healing Service
12:30 PM Dream Group 3

Monday, February 8 - WPC Closed

Tuesday, February 9

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:00 PM ENERGY Program

5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, February 10

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

4:30 PM WPC Choir School

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday

7:00 PM Session Mtg.(TENTATIVE)

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, February 11

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

8:30 AM Centering Prayer

9:00 AM WECP Open House

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

5:00 PM WECP Open House

5:30 PM Gay Bingo Board Mtg.

6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 12

9:00 AM WECP Open House

11:30 AM Fridays @ WPC

1:30 PM Replace Music Sign

5:30 PM Mission Trip Rochester/Deerhurst Pres.

6:00 PM Gay Bingo set-up

Saturday, February 13

10:00 AM Valentine Family Fun

6:00 PM Gay Bingo

Sunday, February 14 - Lent I

Jeff On Duty

8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:45 AM Worship/Communion

9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds

9:30 AM Confirmation Class

9:35 AM Case Library Conversations

9:35 AM Adult Bible Class

9:35 AM Spiritual Life

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship

12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg./Light Refreshments

5:00 PM Vespers for the Season of Lent

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.*

Chiming of the Trinity

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Introit

Christ is the World's True Light

Walter Kendall Stanton (1891-1978)

Christ is the world's true light, its Captain of salvation,
The Day-star clear and bright of every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes, where'er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all peoples meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare bear the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Opening Voluntary

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn

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The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)

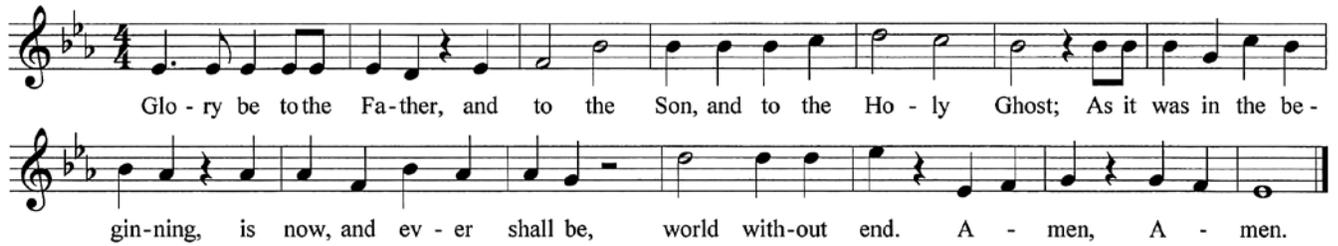
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Words of Assurance

Response

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 9:28-36

Anthem

Psalm 34

Craig Phillips[†] (b. 1961)

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver

Meditation

 The Valley of Transfiguration

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
The people stand to sing.

DEO GRACIAS

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Suite for Organ: Finale

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

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Choir: Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

We will hold our annual dinner/ discussions on Wednesday evenings in the Holmes Room.

- Dinner is at 6pm - \$5 suggested donation
- Presentation is at 6:30pm • Discussion is at 7:00pm • Concludes at 7:30pm
- RSVP is Necessary: Sign up at the Information Table in the Gallery Room or email Jamie, jadamczyk@wpcbuffalolog

We will continue our tradition of Wednesday dinners in Lent followed by a presentation and discussion. This year we will explore the work of novelist, theologian, essayist Marilynne Robinson and her new book *The Givenness of Things*. Robinson explores a variety of current topics in her new work including science and religion and touches on many of the issues of the day – gun violence, racism, the religious right, the economy and distribution of wealth.

Our presenters will be:

Wednesday, February 17 and 24: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Wednesday, March 2: Marcia Buhl, Elder

Wednesday, March 9: Tracy Daub, Pastor, University Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 16: The Reverend Bill Hennessy, Pastor, North Presbyterian Church



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