



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

February 14, 2016
First Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;
and he brought us into this place and gave us this land,
a land flowing with milk and honey.

-Deuteronomy 26:8, 9

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

Lento, from Sonata VI in G major, BWV 530

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

The Glory of These Forty Days

Josquin des Prez (1450-1521)

The glory of these forty days,
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by Whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

So grant us, Lord, to willing be
Full oft in fast and prayer with Thee;
Our spirits strengthen with Thy grace,
And give us joy to see Thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
To thee be ev'ry prayer addressed,
Who art in threefold Name adored,
From age to age, the only Lord.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn in Procession, No. 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie *Sung by the Choir.*

Messe Solennelle, op. 16
I. Kyrie Eleison

Louis Vierne* (1870-1937)

Kyrie Eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe Eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie Eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

The people stand to sing.

NADA TE TURBE

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef, G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Noth-ing can trou-ble, noth-ing can fright-en. Those who seek God will nev-er go want-ing. Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us."

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).

Time with Children

TALLIS CANON

At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers. When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef, G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day, that in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You."

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Chant: T. A. Walmisley (1814-1856)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."
Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Daniel Gawthrop** (b. 1949)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Sermon

Remembering Our Deliverance from the Dark Night

Hymn, No. 414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought
The people stand to sing.

FOREST GREEN

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.

The Altar

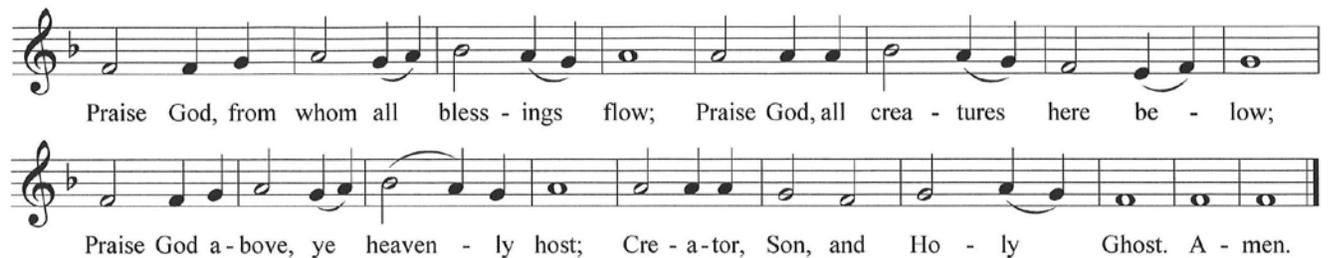
Roland Martin*** (b. 1955)
(text: George Herbert, 1593-1633)

A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy servant rears,
Made of a heart and cemented with tears;
Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;
No workman's tool hath touch'd the same.
A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r doth cut.
Wherefore each part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this frame
To praise thy name.
That if I chance to hold my peace,
These stones to praise thee may not cease.
Oh, let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,
And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.

Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand as the Deacons come forward and remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication.

HAMBURG



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

Gracious and Generous God,
we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance.
Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey.
Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined.
Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth.
We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received,
setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift,
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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, No. 81

O Lamb of God Most Holy!
The people stand to sing.

O LAMM GOTTES

Benediction and Choral Response

Give Me

Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)
Text: Khwaja Abdullah Ansari (1006–1088)

O God, give me a heart that I can pour out in thanksgiving.
Give me life that I can spend it working for the salvation of the world.

Closing Voluntary

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross
O man, lament your great sin

J. S. Bach

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: Claude Welch

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

Deacons Serving Today

Russell Braun, Warren Emblidge, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Kristin Kifner-Kennedy
Earl McColgin, Mike Reynolds, Ron Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Maura Kelly by Kathleen and Jeannette Kelly.

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

[†]**Louis Vierne** was born in Poitiers, Vienne, nearly blind due to congenital cataracts, but at an early age was discovered to have an unusual gift for music (at age two, he heard the piano for the first time: a pianist played him a Schubert lullaby and he promptly began to pick out the notes of the lullaby on the piano). After completing school in the provinces, Vierne entered the Paris Conservatory. From 1892, he served as an assistant to the organist Charles-Marie Widor at the church of Saint-Sulpice in Paris. Vierne subsequently became principal organist at the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris, a post he held from 1900 until his death in 1937. Vierne had a life that was physically and emotionally very difficult, with severe spiritual trials that are reflected in much of his music. His congenital cataracts did not make him completely blind, but he was what would be called today "legally blind." Later in life he resorted to Braille to do most of his work. A street accident in Paris caused him badly to fracture his leg, and it was briefly thought his leg would need to be amputated. The leg was saved, but his recovery, and the task of completely relearning his pedal technique, took a full year during one of the busiest times of his life. Vierne suffered either a stroke or a heart attack while giving his 1750th organ recital at Notre-Dame de Paris on the evening of 2 June 1937. He had completed the main concert, which members of the audience said showed him at his full powers—"as well as he has ever played." Directly after he finished playing, he suddenly pitched forward, lost consciousness. He had thus fulfilled his oft-stated lifelong dream—to die at the console of the great organ of Notre-Dame. Maurice Duruflé, another major French organist and composer, was at his side at the time of his death. Vierne had an elegant, clean style of writing. His harmonic language was romantically rich, but not as sentimental or theatrical as that of his early mentor César Franck. Like all of the great fin de siècle French organists, Vierne's music was very idiomatic for his chosen instrument and has inspired most of the great Parisian organist-composers who followed him. In 2003 German progressive rock group Inquire recorded an 18-minute version of Vierne's third organ symphony for their album *Melancholia*, remarking in the liner notes that "this symphony marks the beginning of a new movement, what we call 'rock and roll'."

Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, ^{**}**Dan Gawthrop** has been the recipient of over one hundred commissions to write original music. His works have been published by Dunstan House, Warner Brothers, and others. Gawthrop served for three years as Composer-in-Residence to the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and has been the recipient of four grants from The Barlow Endowment for Musical Composition. He has been commissioned by dozens of institutions and has had works première in the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Salt Lake City Mormon Tabernacle, and Washington National Cathedral. His choral pieces have been performed and recorded by such eminent ensembles as The United States Air Force Singing Sergeants, the Gregg Smith Singers, the Turtle Creek Chorale, the Paul Hill Chorale, the American Boychoir, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the Cathedral Choral Society and literally hundreds of other groups in the U.S. and abroad.

^{***}**Roland E. "Ron" Martin** is a member of the music faculty of The Buffalo Seminary, Daemen College, and the University at Buffalo. He is organist and Director of Music at St. Joseph University Church, Buffalo and the founder and director of *Speculum Musicae*, an ensemble for early music, and Music Director of the Freudig Singers of Western New York. He also serves as conductor/music director for *Opera Sacra* for many of its productions.

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 21:

9:30-11am & 12:30-1pm: College Care Packages /Holmes Room

9:30am-Confirmation Class

9:30am-Dialogue Diner/Parish Hall kitchen

Sunday, February 28

9:30-11am & 12:30-1pm: College Care Packages/Holmes Room

9:30am-Confirmation Class

9:30am-Dialogue Diner/Parish Hall kitchen

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 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.



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.



Fill a bag... Feed a Family.

Reminder: Please return your grocery bag for our Sunday School's Food Drive, filled with nonperishable items on Sunday, February 21st. This important drive benefits the Food Bank of Western New York.



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@wpccbuffalo.org for more information or to RSVP.

If you have any questions about the event or would like to invite friends, please contact your clergy.

GIVING 2016
GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



Pledges received as of 02/12/16

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
220	\$435,419	\$164,581

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 with
Communion offered on first Sunday of every month

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

February 21

Second Sunday in Lent

More Than We Dared To Hope For

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

February 28

Third Sunday in Lent

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.

- 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

Sun February 14-Lent I

- Reinaldo On Duty
- 8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 8:45 AM Worship/Communion
- 9:30 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:35 AM Adult Bible Class
- 9:35 AM Case Library/Spiritual Life
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 5:00 PM Compline/Season of Lent

Monday, February 15

- 7:00 AM WPC/WECP Closed

Tuesday, February 16

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
- 6:00 PM Mission Outreach Mtg.
- 7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

Wednesday, February 17

- 9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
- 4:30 PM WPC Choir School
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Program

- 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, February 18

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.
- 8:30 AM Centering Prayer
- 12:15 PM WOW Bible Study
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 19

- 11:30 AM Fridays @ WPC
- 5:30 PM Taize Worship
- 6:30 PM BOU Rehearsal

Sunday, February 21 - Lent II

- Carlos On Duty
- 8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
- 8:45 AM Worship/Communion
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 9:30 AM College Care Packages
- 9:30 AM Food Drive Bags Returned
- 9:30 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:35 AM Case Library/Spiritual Life
- 9:35 AM Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 11:10 AM Sunday School

COMPLINE FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

TODAY, February 14, 2016 5:00PM in the Sanctuary



The service of Compline is an act of worship with roots deep in the life of the Church. Its origins lie in the daily monastic offices of the Middle Ages, although in its meanings we are taken back to the very roots of the Christian faith. Compline is a service that is said or sung at the end of the day, indeed the last prayers before bedtime. We begin with prayers for "a peaceful night and a perfect end" followed by psalms appointed for the evening, a plea for protection and peace. We then hear a reading from the Gospel of Matthew, sing an ancient Latin hymn and prayers both familiar, such as the Lord's Prayer, and collects particular to Compline with special intentions for a peaceful night. The service culminates in the Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon, who rejoiced when he finally beheld the Messiah.

The entire service is chanted by the Schola. We play our part by active listening and prayerful reflection. Thus the worship we offer together today is but a small part of the far greater offering—the ceaseless praise of the whole Church throughout the world, at all times and in all places, and of the worship of the glorious company of heaven itself.

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

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

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross
O man, lament your great sin

J. S. Bach

Introit

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Tone IV.4

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."
Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn, No. 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)

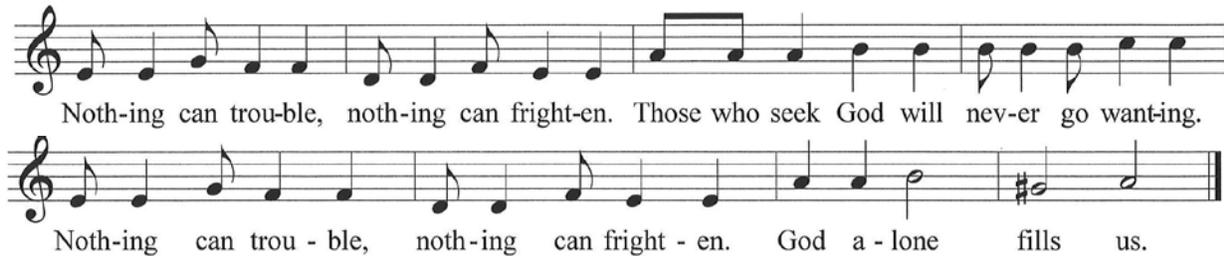
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Words of Assurance

Response

NADA TE TURBE

The people stand to sing.



Two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Noth-ing can trou-ble, noth-ing can fright-en. Those who seek God will nev-er go want-ing. Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us."

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Text for this reading is on page 4.

Anthem

He That is Down Need Fear No Fall

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

He that is down need fear no fall; he that is low, no pride;
He that is humble, ever shall have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have, little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave, because thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is, that go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss, is best from age to age.

Meditation

Remembering Our Deliverance from the Dark Night

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought
The people stand to sing.

FOREST GREEN

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Lento, from Sonata VI in G major, BWV 530

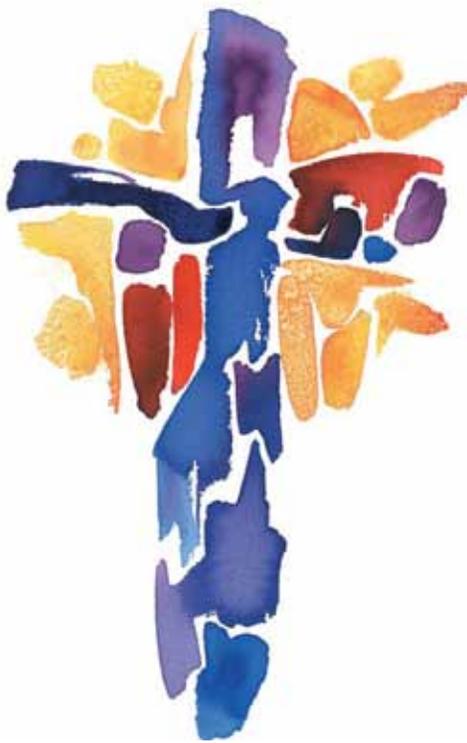
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

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

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@wpcbuffalo.org

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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