



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

**February 21, 2016**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**



*Starry Night*  
Artist: Vincent van Gogh

He brought him outside and said,  
'Look towards heaven and count the stars,  
if you are able to count them.'

- Genesis 15:5

## 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.*

## Opening Voluntary

Herzliebster Jesu, Op. 122 No. 2

Johannes Brahms† (1833-1897)

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

## Order of Worship

## Chiming of the Trinity

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

## Introit

Precious Lord, Take My Hand††

Arnold Sevier (b. 1969)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

## Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.*

## Hymn in Procession

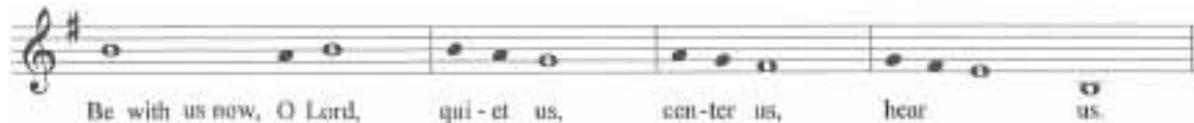
Now Let Us All with One Accord

BOURBON

*See insert for hymn.*

## Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
you have made us citizens of heaven,  
but we confess that we have set our minds  
on earthly things.  
We have let our desire for security  
restrain our commitment to serve the poor.  
We have let our fear of danger  
curb our obligation to love our enemies.  
We have let our love of things  
dull our generosity to the needy.

*Silence is kept.*

## Kyrie *Sung by the Choir:*

John Weaver (1984)



## Assurance of Pardon

*The people stand to sing.*

NADA TE TURBE

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).

*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.*

## Where We Are - 2016 Generosity Campaign

Mike Reynolds, Co-Chair 2016

## Prayer for Illumination

## Psalm Lesson

Psalm 27

Chant: Luke Flintoff (1680-1727)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
It was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.  
Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.  
One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
He shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.  
Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.  
Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.  
What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
Wait patiently for the Lord.

## Scripture Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'<sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'<sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.'<sup>8</sup> But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?'<sup>9</sup> He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'<sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.<sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.<sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

## **Anthem**

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Gerald Near (b.1942)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,  
Just tell the love of Jesus, and that He died for all.

## **Sermon**

More Than We Dared To Hope For

## **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.*

I Waited Patiently Upon the Lord

Stephan Casurella (b. 1973)

I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
He set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.  
He put a new song into my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
Many shall see and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

## **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**

O God,  
we have beheld your goodness to us.  
Accept the offering of the work of our hands,  
and use us for the sake of 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.**

## Hymn, No. 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee  
*The people stand to sing.*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

## Benediction and Choral Response

A Lenten Amen

## Closing Voluntary

Fugue in D minor, BWV 538b “Dorian”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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*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:** Ray Herman

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

## Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Doug Fabian, Earl McColgin, Johnpatrick Marr, Rebecca Read-Lukan, Roy Stewart, Ronald Sutz

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord’s Table are given in memory of Elizabeth and Walter Constantine, George and Betty Urban, and Jane and Sandy Cordes by Jane and Robert Constantine.

*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

†**Johannes Brahms** was a German composer and pianist. Born in Hamburg into a Lutheran family, Brahms spent much of his professional life in Vienna, Austria. In his lifetime, Brahms’s popularity and influence were considerable. He is sometimes grouped with Johann Sebastian Bach and Ludwig van Beethoven as one of the “Three Bs”, a comment originally made by the nineteenth-century conductor Hans von Bülow.

Brahms composed for piano, chamber ensembles, symphony orchestra, and for voice and chorus. A virtuoso pianist, he premiered many of his own works. He worked with some of the leading performers of his time, including the pianist Clara Schumann and the violinist Joseph Joachim (the three were close friends). Many of his works have become staples of the modern concert repertoire. Brahms, an uncompromising perfectionist, destroyed some of his works and left others unpublished.

Brahms is often considered both a traditionalist and an innovator. His music is firmly rooted in the structures and compositional techniques of the Baroque and Classical masters. He was a master of counterpoint, the complex and highly disciplined art for which Johann Sebastian Bach is famous, and of development, a compositional ethos pioneered by Joseph Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, and other composers. Brahms aimed to honor the “purity” of these venerable “German” structures and advance them into a Romantic idiom, in the process creating bold new approaches to harmony and melody. While many contemporaries found his music too academic, his contribution and craftsmanship have been admired by subsequent figures as diverse as Arnold Schoenberg and Edward Elgar. The diligent, highly constructed nature of Brahms’s works was a starting point and an inspiration for a generation of composers. Within his meticulous structures is embedded, however, a highly romantic nature.

††**Thomas A. Dorsey** (1899-1993) was the most important figure in the gospel song movement. Not to be confused with the well-known band-leader and trombonist of the same name, Dorsey was a blues singer and pianist. The son of an African-American revivalist preacher, he studied composition in Chicago, began writing gospel songs in the 1920s, and went on to organize the first gospel choir (1931) and founded the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses. He soon opened a publishing house for the promotion of black American gospel music. *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* was written in 1932, after the deaths of Dorsey’s first wife and infant son in childbirth.

## 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 - MARCH 1ST

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, during Sunday School in the 11am service 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 today, 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 (Details on page 8)**

#### February 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.

## CASE LIBRARY LENTEN SERIES

### February 28-March 13: *Sabbath as Resistance*

Join our Case Library Conversations when we explore Walter Brueggemann's thesis that the celebration of Sabbath is an act of both resistance and alternative. Keeping Sabbath is a visible insistence that our lives are not defined by the production and consumption of commodity goods. The alternative that Sabbath offers us is to be on the receiving end of the gifts of God. Plan to join this three session series. Rev. Yorty will begin on Sunday, Feb. 28th, John McClive will lead on March 6th and Debbie Katz will conclude this series on Sunday, March 13th. Copies of *Sabbath as Resistance* are available for \$12 from Debbie Katz.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### February 28: *Human Touch* by Michael Frayn

Presenter: Chris LaMendola

Join the discussion of *The Human Touch* with Chris. In this brilliant, insightful book, Michael Frayn asks this fundamental question, "If the universe is what we make, then what are we?"

### March 6 and 13: *When Praying Becomes a Joy*

Presented by the Spiritual Life Committee members

We will discuss then use art, writing and music to see if we can apply ideas as Henri Nouwen's "When you recognize the festive and the still moments as moments of prayer, then you gradually realize that to pray is to live."



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Sunday, February 21, 9:30-10:45AM in the Case Library

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

### 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.

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.



## 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 22 at 7PM**. 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](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.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 2/19/2016

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
226	\$443,039	\$156,961

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](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/pledge2016) or email Patricia Kelly, [pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org)

## 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.

26 February: David Snyder, organ  
Food Truck: Center Street BBQ

4 March: Audrey Yu, oboe, Eastman School of Music  
Food Truck: Cheesy Chick

11 March: Lecture on Westminster's 2016 Masterworks  
Garrett Martin presents on Andrew Carter's *Benedicite*  
Matt Marco presents on Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*  
Food Truck: 716

18 March: Kent Tisher, tenor, Matt Marco, piano  
Food Truck: Center Street BBQ

25 March: Good Friday Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross  
Garrett Martin, organ  
Food Truck: Richos Pinchos Place

### Taizé Service-Friday, March 18

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*.

## 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

### February 28 - Third Sunday in Lent

*When Bad Things Happen To Good People*, Luke 13:1-9

### March 6 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Removing the Barriers*, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

### March 13-Fifth Sunday in Lent

*The Beginning of the End of Despair*, John 12:1-8

### March 20- Palm Sunday

*Execution by the State*, Luke 22:14-23:56

### March 24 - Maundy Thursday

*The Last Parable*

### March 25 - Good Friday Tenebrae

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service on at 7:14 PM (sundown) in the Sanctuary

*When Violence Outdoes Itself*

### March 27 - Easter Sunday

The Choirs of Westminster sing this Festival Service for Easter Day with brass, timpani, and organ in morning worship

8:45 and 11PM in the Sanctuary

*When Mystery Engulfs Reason*, John 20:1-18

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, February 21-Lent II

6:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Program  
8:00 AM AA Mtg.  
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 Food Drive Bagsreturned  
9:30 AM College Care Packages  
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  
12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg./Light Refreshments

### Monday, February 22-WPC Closed

### Tuesday, February 23

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
5:30 PM Personnel Comm. Mtg.  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
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

8:00 AM AA Mtg.  
**Thursday, February 25**  
7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
4:00 PM ENERGY Program  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
**Friday, February 26**  
11:30 AM Fridays @ WPC  
**Saturday, February 27**  
8:30 AM Confirmation Retreat  
**Sunday, February 28 -Lent III**  
Reinaldo 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 Confirmation Class  
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:35 AM Case Library Series  
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class  
9:35 AM Spiritual Life  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship  
11:10 AM Sunday School  
12:30 PM Downton Abbey WOW Tea  
1:00 PM Virginia Paul Piano Recital

## **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.*

### **Opening Voluntary**

Herzliebster Jesu, Op. 122 No. 2

Johannes Brahms† (1833-1897)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Yorty

### **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**

Psalm 27

Plainchant Tone VIII.1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
It was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.  
Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.  
One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
He shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.  
Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.  
Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.  
What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
Wait patiently for the Lord.

### **Call to Worship**

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.*

### **Hymn**

Now Let Us All with One Accord

BOURBON

*See insert for hymn.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven,  
but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.  
We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor.  
We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies.  
We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)



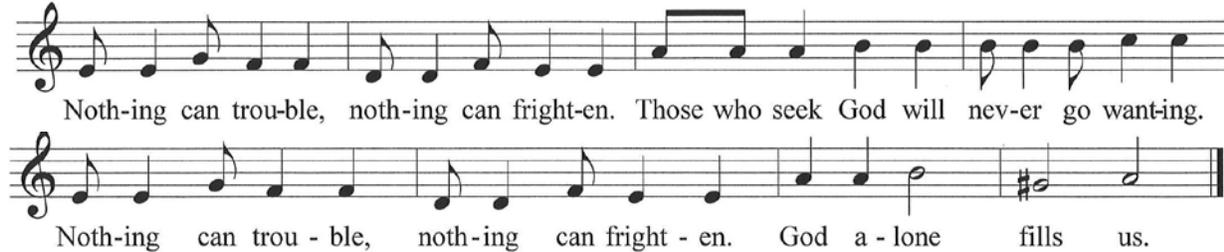
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Words of Assurance

### Response

NADA TE TURBE

*The people stand to sing.*



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.

## Where We Are - 2016 Generosity Campaign

Mike Reynolds, Co Chair 2016

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*Text for this reading is on page 4.*

### Anthem

Steal Away

Spiritual, arr. Malcolm Archer

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home; I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me by the thunder.  
Green trees abending poor sinner stands trembling.  
The trumpet sounds within my soul.

### Meditation

More Than We Dared To Hope For

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Hymn, No. 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee  
*The people stand to sing.*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

### Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

Fugue in D minor, BWV 538b "Dorian"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## Worship Leaders

**Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

**Organists:** 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](mailto: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 24: John Montague, Elder, Artist

Chapters: “Servanthood”, “Givenness”, and “Awakening”.

Wednesday, March 2: Marcia Buhl, Elder

Chapters: “Decline”, “Fear”, and “Proofs”

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

Chapters: “Memory”, “Value”, and “Metaphysics”.

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

Chapters: “Theology”, “Experience” and “Son of Adam, Son of Man”



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