



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

January 31, 2016
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

-1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Aquino

Order of Worship

Opening Voluntary

Desseins eternels

Olivier Messiaen† (1908-1992)

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

Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown

arr. Thomas Gibbs (b. 1943)

Come, O thou Traveller unknown, whom still I hold but cannot see,
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.

My strength is gone, my nature dies, I sink beneath thy weighty hand,
Faint to revive, and fall to rise, I fall, and yet by faith I stand:
I stand, and will not let thee go, 'till I thy name, thy nature know.

I know Thee, Savior, who Thou art, Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend;
Nor wilt Thou with the night depart, but stay and love me to the end,
Thy mercies never shall remove; Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.

'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear Thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, universal love Thou art;
To me, to all, Thy mercies move, Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

If we speak in languages of earth and of angels, but do not love others,

We are noisy gongs or clanging cymbals.

If we give everything to the poor and even sacrifice our own bodies, but do not love others,

We gain nothing.

For love is patient and kind, not jealous or proud.

Love does not demand its own way.

Three things last forever:

Faith, hope, and love.

Yet one thing is the greatest:

The greatest of these is love.

Hymn in Procession

Now Praise the Hidden God of Love

See insert for hymn.

DUKE STREET

Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



Prayer of Confession

God of life,
we admit to you and to each other
that we have not always lived lives of love.
We have lost patience and been rude.
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.
We have even let love end.
Forgive us and heal us, dear God,
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate Amen.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie

The people sing.

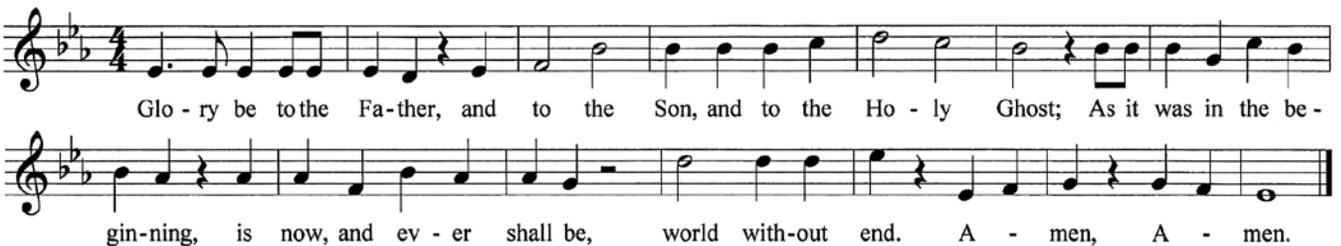
John Weaver (1984)



Assurance of Pardon

The people stand to sing.

GLORIA PATRI



Passing the Peace of Christ

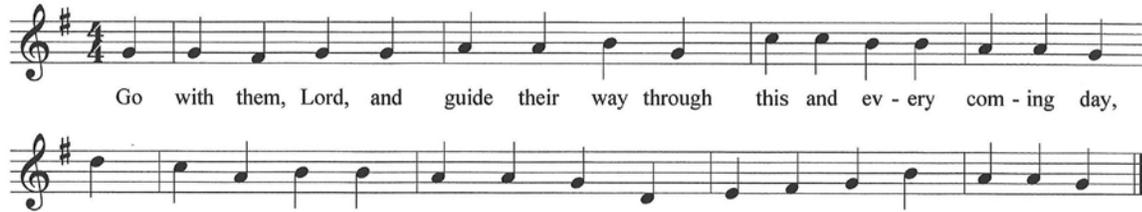
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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.



Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Lesson:

Psalm 71:1-6

Chant: Käthe Wright Kaufman (b. 1993)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 13

Cameron Airhart

Anthem

When the Perfect Comes

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, I call upon you:
Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God,
Which is your reasonable worship.

Prophecies will come to an end, tongues will cease, knowledge will come to an end;
But Love never ends. And when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.
Do not be conformed to the present age, but transformed by the renewing of the mind,
So that you may discern the will of God: what is good, what is well-pleasing,
What is good and perfect. Amen.

Sermon

And I Will Show You a Still More Excellent Way

Hymn

O Young and Fearless Prophet

The people stand to sing.

See insert for hymn.

BRAIRGOWRIE

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.

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

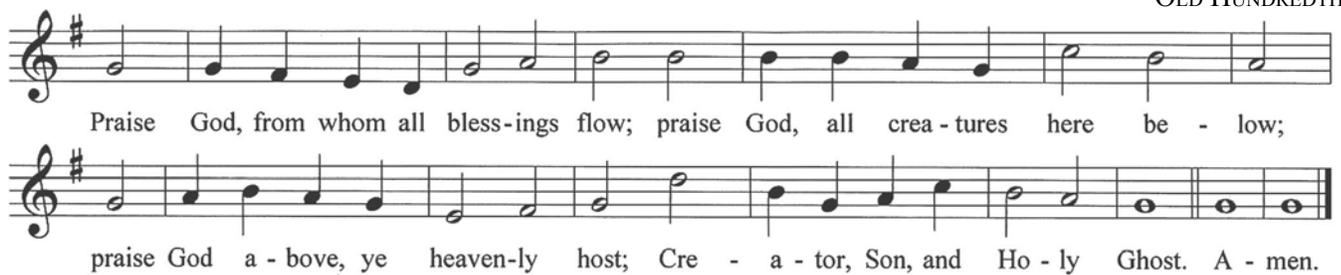
Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past and give us grace
To amend our sinful lives;
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart
Before thee now and evermore.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



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, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. 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. 419

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord
The people stand to sing.

REPTON

Benediction and Response

Awake My Heart

William Billings** (1746-1800)

Awake my heart, arise my tongue, prepare a tuneful voice;
In God, the life of all my joys, a loud will I rejoice.

Closing Voluntary

Grand Chœur in D Major

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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

Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher: Cameron Airhart

Reader: F. William Gray

Liturgist: Mark Aquino

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

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Doug Fabian, Cathy Forrest, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Nancy Stevens

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given in celebration of WEDI's 10 years of empowering economically disadvantaged people who live and/or work on Buffalo's West Side; and in honor of WEDI's visionary leaders, Gerald E. Kelly and John S. Perry, who along with our generous congregation, created WEDI as our mission to improve the quality of life for our neighbors.

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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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

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY

Today, we are pleased to welcome Cameron Airhart to our Pulpit. Cameron has been a professor of history at Houghton College since 1987, and a resident of the West Side since 2010. With Mindy, he became a member of Westminster last year and is a newly elected Deacon. He is currently Dean of Houghton College Buffalo, a new Associate of Arts degree program housed at First Presbyterian Church that serves the new immigrant and refugee community on the West Side. Cameron works closely with many Buffalo churches and agencies, including WEDI.

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 jadameczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years from 9:30AM to 12:30AM in the WECF building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECF) 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 February 2 to hear about Debbie Katz's Pilgrimage from Dublin's Book of Kells to the Iona Community where the Book of Kells was created. There were also side trips to the Stone Age Passage at New Grange in County Meath, St. Brigit of Kildare and Glendalough in County Wicklow. Please sign up on the table in the Gallery Room, or call Jamie, 884-9437 or jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org by January 27.

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, January 31: 9:30AM - Confirmation Class
9:30AM - Dialogue Diner (Holmes Room)
9:30 to 11AM & 12:30 - 1PM - College care packages (Holmes Room)

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

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

January 31, 2016

Travelogue Series: Westminsterites will present slide shows and share with us their travel experiences. Join us for the last presentation in this series.

January 31:

Presented by David Weeks and Debbie Erwin

Take a walk with David Weeks and Debbie Erwin across northern England from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. You'll cross three national parks from the Lake District to the Yorkshire Dales and finally the North Yorkshire Moors. Trace the famous Wainwrights' Coast to Coast Trail for 135 miles, through Wordsworth's inspirational landscapes and James Herriot's beloved dales and across the windswept moors with a stop or two at country inns and pubs. We'll also make a brief visit to David's ancestral home in the rolling farmland of Devon in southwest England's west country.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

January 24: *Prayer Beads*

Presenter: Joan Kuznia

Create your own prayer beads

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)

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.

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.



ASH
WEDNESDAY



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



15TH ANNUAL UNDERSTANDING ISLAM SERIES

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.

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 9:30-10:45AM, 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209

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| Topic | <p>Islam and the Future of Tolerance: A Dialogue</p> <p>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? What do words like Islamism, jihadism, and fundamentalism mean in today's world? Remarkable for the breadth and depth of its analysis, this dialogue will be reviewed by a Buffalo Christian and a Buffalo Muslim. Something new has been produced here: engagement in one of the most polarizing issues of our time — fearlessly and fully — and making progress. In a world riven by misunderstanding and violence, two people with very different views try to find common ground.</p> |
| Speakers | <p>David Weeks, Westminster Presbyterian Church Prof. Mustafa Gokcek, Niagara University & MPAC-WNY</p> |

Sunday, February 14, 2016, 9:30-10:45AM, 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209

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| Topic | <p>Muhammad Al-Ghazali — Life & Teachings</p> <p>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" (Hujjat al-Islam). We need to talk about the silent majority of Muslims and their understanding and practice of the religion. Al-Ghazali is one figure that deserves attention and is accepted by the majority of the Muslims. We will devote this session to his works and life. We will look at contemporary issues and problems from his point of view.</p> |
| Speaker | <p>Dr. Bayram Arman, MPAC-WNY</p> |

Sunday, February 21, 2016, 9:30-10:45AM, 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209

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| Topic | <p>Community Initiatives</p> <p>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. Offering various services such as: Youth Empowerment, Education, Women Empowerment, Conflict Resolution, Citizenship Classes, Employment, and other related services, H.E.A.L. often collaborates with other West Side organizations like Jericho Road, Journey's End, International Institute, MPAC, Mosques, WEDI, UB, Buffalo State, and Medaille College.</p> |
| Speakers | <p>John McClive — Case Library Conversations, Westminster Presbyterian Church Douglas Klotzbach — Executive Director, HEAL International Abdirahman Farah — Vice President, HEAL International & MPAC_WNY</p> |

Note: All sessions will be held in the Case Library of The Westminster Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, 724 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209. If you have any question, please contact: Jerry Kelly (gerald@geraldkelly.com) or Khalid J. Qazi (kqazi@buffalo.edu)

GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



Pledges received as of 01/29/16

| Number of Pledges Received | Total Pledges Received | Dollars to Goal |
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| 217 | \$423,619 | \$176,381 |

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 7

The Valley of Transfiguration; Luke 9:28-36

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.

5 February: John Novak, organ, Cheesy Chick Food Truck
12 February: Jordan Williams, organ, Food Truck TBA

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 January 31

6:30 AM Reinaldo On Duty
8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:45 AM Worship/Communion
9:30 AM College Care Packages
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Confirmation Class
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
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
11:10 AM Sunday School

Monday, February 1-WPC Closed

Tuesday, February 2

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
12:30 PM Passages Lunch
1:15 PM Passages Program

4:00 PM ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, February 3

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:00 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM WPC Choir School
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
7:00 PM ATG Board Mtg.
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, February 4

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
8:30 AM Centering Prayer
4:00 PM ENERGY Program
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 5

11:30 AM Fridays @ WPC
6:30 PM WEDI Winterfest

Sunday, February 7-Name Tag Sunday

Reinaldo 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 Food Drive/Bags distributed
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Confirmation Class
9:35 AM Case Library Conversations & Spiritual Life-Understanding Islam
9:35 AM Adult Bible Class
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Youth Service/1st Sunday
11:10 AM Sunday School
12:00 PM Healing Service

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

Desseins eternels

Olivier Messiaen† (1908-1992)

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Aquino

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn

Now Praise the Hidden God of Love
See insert for hymn.

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Prayer of Confession

God of life, we admit to you and to each other
that we have not always lived lives of love.
We have lost patience and been rude.
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.
We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God,
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate 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

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 -

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 13

Anthem

Beautiful Savior

Robert Lee (b. 1951)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.

Meditation And I Will Show You a Still More Excellent Way

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Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 419

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Communion Celebrant: Beth Hennessy

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

Notes on Today's Music

†**Olivier Messiaen** was a French composer, organist and ornithologist, one of the major composers of the 20th century. His music is rhythmically complex; harmonically and melodically it often uses modes of limited transposition, which he abstracted from his early compositions and improvisation. Messiaen also drew on his Roman Catholic faith for his pieces. He travelled widely and wrote works inspired by diverse influences such as Japanese music, the landscape of Bryce Canyon in Utah, and the life of St. Francis of Assisi. He said he perceived colors when he heard certain musical chords (a phenomenon known as synaesthesia in its literal manifestation); combinations of these colors, he said, were important in his compositional process. His style absorbed many exotic musical influences such as Indonesian gamelan (tuned percussion often features prominently in his orchestral works).

Messiaen entered the Paris Conservatoire at the age of 11 and was taught by Paul Dukas, Maurice Emmanuel, Charles-Marie Widor and Marcel Dupré, among others. He was appointed organist at the Église de la Sainte-Trinité in Paris in 1931, a post held until his death. He taught at the Schola Cantorum de Paris during the 1930s. On the fall of France in 1940, Messiaen was made a prisoner of war, during which time he composed his *Quatuor pour la fin du temps* ("Quartet for the end of time") for the four available instruments—piano, violin, cello and clarinet. The piece was first performed by Messiaen and fellow prisoners for an audience of inmates and prison guards. He was appointed professor of harmony soon after his release in 1941, and professor of composition in 1966 at the Paris Conservatoire, positions he held until his retirement in 1978. His many distinguished pupils included Quincy Jones, Pierre Boulez, Karlheinz Stockhausen and Yvonne Loriod, who became his second wife. He found birdsong fascinating, notating bird songs worldwide and incorporating birdsong transcriptions into his music. His innovative use of color, his conception of the relationship between time and music, and his use of birdsong are among the features that make Messiaen's music distinctive.

††**William Billings** was a self-taught colonial American choral composer widely regarded as the father of American choral music. Originally a tanner by trade, and lacking formal training in music, Billings created what is now recognized as a uniquely American style. A contemporary account describes him thus: "He had one eye, a deformed arm and a harsh voice; he was lame in one leg; and he was addicted to snuff." Most of his compositions are part-songs and fuging tunes for four voices, known by their tune names such as Africa and Chester



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