



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

July 31, 2016
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. in the Holmes Chapel



“And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry’
But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you.
And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

- Luke 12:19-20

Welcome to this place of Christian worship.

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, and for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Please silence all cell phones.

Childcare is available in the Westminster Early Childhood Programs building for children 5 years old and younger.

Welcome and Announcements

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.

Opening Voluntary

Litany

Myron J. Roberts (1912-2004)

Call to Worship

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

Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The hymn can be found on page 9 of this bulletin.

Call to Confession

Cantor:

Be with us now, O Lord, qui - et us, cen - ter us, hear us.

Congregation:

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, an - swer us.

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and lis - ten to us.

Prayer Of Confession

**Nurturing God, you continue to lead us
in upright ways
on account of your love for us.
Yet we do not always follow your call;
we turn away from you and go our own way.
Forgive us,
and return us to our rightful home in you,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.



Words of Assurance

Response to the Assurance

GLORIA PATRI

The people stand to sing.

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

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).

Recognition of Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Voluntary

How Can I Keep from Singing*

Quaker Hymn

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation;
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing.

While though the tempest loudly roars, I know my Saviour liveth;
Although the darkness binds me close, deep in the night sweet songs he giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing.

Sermon

What Makes A Life?

Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

The people stand to sing. The hymn can be found on page 10 of this bulletin.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God. 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.

Honor! Honor!

Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson** (1888-1970)

King Jesus lit the candle by the waterside to see the little children when they truly baptize.
Oh, run along, children, and be baptized. Mighty pretty meeting by the waterside.
I prayed all day, I prayed all night, my head got sprinkled with the midnight dew.
Honor, honor unto the dying Lamb!

Presentation of the Gifts

OLD HUNDREDETH

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One,
we give you thanks for the richness of our lives.
Bless these tithes and offerings,
that they might be used as expressions of your
steadfast love
for those in need near and far. 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

All Who Love and Serve Your City
The people stand to sing. The hymn can be found on page 10 of this bulletin.

CHARLESTOWN

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fantasia, op. 57

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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: John Heer

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

Soloist: MaryAlice Devine, mezzo-soprano

Deacons Serving Today

Patty Charlier, Callan Izatt, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Becky Read-Lukan, Mike Reynolds, Ron Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this morning are given with gratitude for members of the Timmerman and Whetmore families whose memory lives forever in our hearts.

To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

*One Service will be offered through September 4, 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel
Fall Hours resume on Rally Day, September 11*

August 7

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
On the Road Again Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

August 14

Maine Bisons Youth Group
will lead worship

August 21

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Encounters of the Holy Kind Hebrews 12: 18-29

August 28

Guest Preacher, Mark Aquino



A covenant between Presbyterians and Jews in pursuit of a more just world: Israel, Palestine, Divestment, and Longing for Peace. An opportunity for discussion and fellowship.

- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Temple Beth Zion
- North Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Shir Shalom

A Picnic Dinner will follow:

- All ages are welcome
- Activities for children
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and refreshments provided
- Bring casseroles and desserts to share
- Donations of paper towels/bathroom tissue, toothpaste, etc. for the Town Square Food Pantry are appreciated

The picnic will be held in the backyard of Shir Shalom
4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221

RSVP: Call Congregation Shir Shalom, 716-633-8877

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

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

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

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

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

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

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Summer ENERGY is back! Four weeks of helping our students from refugee families prevent summer learning loss by introducing them to new sights and experiences in WNY. Consider volunteering for any amount of days/weeks that you can offer. Drivers are needed for Friday Field Trips (must be over 20 years old). Minimum commitment is 3-4 days. For more information, contact Carol Greetham, carol@wedibuffalo.org.

Visit The WestSide Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for summer lunch and shopping.

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral Service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Ken Carter 833-9287, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

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

CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare is available for children 5 years and younger, from 9:30 - 11:30am at the WECP (school) building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON RALLY DAY, SEPT. 11TH

- 3-5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved preschool teachers. The three through five year class meets in the Early Childhood building. The children and their teachers walk to the building together, and in cold weather, need their coats.
- 1st-5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops: Creation Station, Holywood and Apostles Playhouse
- 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 8th grade Confirmation Class meets 9:45-10:45AM in Parish Hall balcony
- Our Senior Highs (9th-12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, from August 17th through May 31st, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel. At 6PM, the choristers sing Choral Evensong in the Holmes Chapel, open to everyone. The Senior Choristers produce a high volume of quality choral repertoire each week for use in worship and concert.

The Junior Choristers, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, August 17th through May 31st, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel, joining the Senior Choristers for the service of Choral Evensong at 6 PM, with the assistance of Ms. Hillary Hunt. The Junior Choristers further their ability to read music and various languages while shaping the voice into a beautiful treble instrument.

The Apprentice Choristers, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday, September 18th through May 21st, during the 11AM Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley and Mrs. Julie Zenger.

Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. Rehearsals will resume in September. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org 884.9437 ext. 318.

BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE

Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. Our next date is Sunday, September 18, 2016. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty, tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596, Karen Keaton, khkeaton@verizon.net or any staff member.

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Case Library Summer Series-8:30 to 9:45am

A discussion of two Books by Christian Pastors: The Rev. Martin Thielen, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?* a 156-page paperback that emphasizes beliefs, Jesus & God; The Rev. Harry Cook, *Long Live Salvation by Works: A Humanist Manifesto*, a 157-page paperback that emphasizes works and humanism.

We will read chapters of each book (20-30 pages per book) and discuss our findings each Sunday before the 10:00am Summer Service. While encouraged, the reading is not required to attend, learn and participate in the sessions.

Contact Jerry Kelly gerald@geraldkelly.com for books. It is not necessary to attend all the sessions as each session will have stand-alone material. Feel free to join us at any time!

Session Five – August 7 – Discussion Leader: Mark Aquino

What's the Least I Can Believe

Chapter 15: Jesus' Example – What Brings Fulfillment?

Chapter 16: Jesus' Death – What About Suffering?

Chapter 17: Jesus' Resurrection – Is There Hope?

Chapter 18: Jesus' Legacy – Is the Church Still Relevant?

Long Live Salvation by Works

Chapter 10: What Is a Nontheistic Ethic of Restraint and Inquiry?

Chapter 11: Is the Humanist's Goal Simply Becoming Human?

Chapter 12: Can Life Be Negotiated as a Humanist?

SPIRITUAL LIFE, 9:30AM - 10:45AM in the Heritage Room
Join Spiritual Life again in September for programs which are designed to nurture and enhance the spiritual life of members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Grounded in scripture and from the perspective of our Presbyterian faith, we strive to develop opportunities for reflection, experiential learning, and, conversational sharing that magnifies our witness to the Divine. All are welcome; everyone is encouraged to attend.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume in September.
9:45AM - 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.

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

August 8-14: The Maine group in Buffalo
Save the Date! Wednesday, August 10. Westminster is hosting a picnic honoring the Maine youth group in Parish Hall from 6- 8PM. All Congregation Members and Friends are Welcome!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFE

The Heavenly Grounds Cafe is in need of donations of baked goods/cookies (store bought or homemade) for Sunday mornings. 4 Dozen pieces are needed. 1 volunteer for each service to bring their donation by 9:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator in the first floor kitchen. Thank you!!

WESTMINSTER DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA - August 3rd

This year Westminster is excited to join with the Buffalo Unitarian Universalist and Trinity Episcopal churches for a Three Church Venture with all three of our pastors at Chautauqua!

- Half Day Gate Pass: \$16. All-day Gate Pass: \$40
- Carpool from WPC parking lot leaving promptly at:
Full Day Trip: 7:00AM Half Day Trip: 10:30AM
- All are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch
- We will meet at 12:30PM for a three-church picnic
- A sign-up sheet is in the Gallery Room. You must sign up if you intend to carpool

The half-day pass will hear Rev. William Barber II, national chair of NAACP's Legislative Political Action Committee. People who choose the all-day pass will also hear the Rev. John Philip Newel, author in the field of Celtic spirituality.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

We need your help in keeping our church records up-to-date. By doing so, we can:

- Ensure your family is kept informed about all that's happening at Westminster
- Continue to design effective & interesting programming
- Provide timely Pastoral Care

Forms to update your information can be found on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or at www.wpcbuffalo.org/lets-stay-connected
Thank you for your help in keeping our church family connected!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 31

6:30 AM Jeff on Duty
8:30 AM Case Library Conversations
9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Punch and Cookies
11:00 AM Case Library Committee Meeting

Monday, August 1

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, August 2

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
10:00 AM ENERGY Program
10:00 AM Garden Group
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, August 3

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting
10:00 AM ENERGY Program
12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, August 4

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
7:45 AM Ministry of Generosity
10:00 AM ENERGY Program

Friday, August 5

10:00 AM ENERGY Program

Saturday, August 6

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, August 7

7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday
9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care
9:35 AM Case Library Conversations
10:00 AM Worship W/ Communion
11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;
3. Here be-stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of You to gain,
4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or to the Son,



Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious, Bind - ing all the church in one;
With Your wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness Hear Your peo - ple as they pray,
What they gain from You for - ev - er With the bless - ed to re - tain,
Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, Ev - er three and ev - er one;



Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
And Your full - est ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
And here - af - ter in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
One in might and one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

Notes on Today's Music

***“How Can I Keep From Singing?”** is a Christian hymn with music written by American Baptist minister Robert Wadsworth Lowry. The song is frequently, though erroneously, cited as a traditional Quaker or Shaker hymn. The original composition has now entered into the public domain, and appears in several hymnals and song collections, both in its original form and with a revised text. Although widely used today, the hymn was not popular in early twentieth-century congregational worship. Pete Seeger learned a version of this song from a family friend and bolstered the song's popularity in the folk revival of the 1960s. Seeger's version omits or modifies much of the Christian wording of the original to reference the 'witch hunts' of the House Un-American Activities Committee. In the late 1970s and early 80s, “How Can I Keep From Singing” was recorded by Catholic Folk musician Ed Gutfreund, and was published in a widely used Hymnal called “Glory and Praise”, which was popular among Catholic liturgical musicians.

****Francis Hall Johnson**, known professionally as Hall Johnson, was one of a number of American composers and arrangers who elevated the African-American spiritual to an art form, comparable in its musical sophistication to the compositions of European Classical composers. He received an extensive education in violin and viola, and studied for a time at the Juilliard School. In time, he became more interested in choral music, and formed the Hall Johnson Negro Choir. He would also go on to arrange music for more than thirty feature-length Hollywood films, as well as a number of short films and cartoons. Fluent in German and French, Johnson coached extensively with singers Marian Anderson, Bobby McFerrin, and Shirley Verrett. In 1975 he was posthumously honored for his work in films by election to the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame.

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

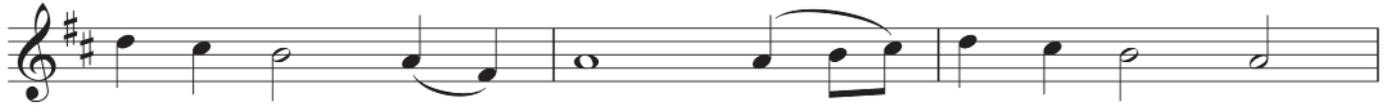
Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

DUNLAP'S CREEK

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816



1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No
2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3. Help then, O lord, our un - be - lief; And
4. That, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke: But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found:
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Erik Routley, 1966

CHARLESTOWN

"The United States Sacred Harmony," 1799



1. All who love and serve your cit - y, All who bear its dai - ly stress,
2. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, Wast - ed work and wast - ed play,
3. For all days are days of judge ment, And the Lord is wait - ing still,
4. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y Be the cit - y of de - spair?



All who cry for peace and jus - tice, All who curse and all who bless:
Call to mind the word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
Draw - ing near a world that spurns Him, Of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"



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