

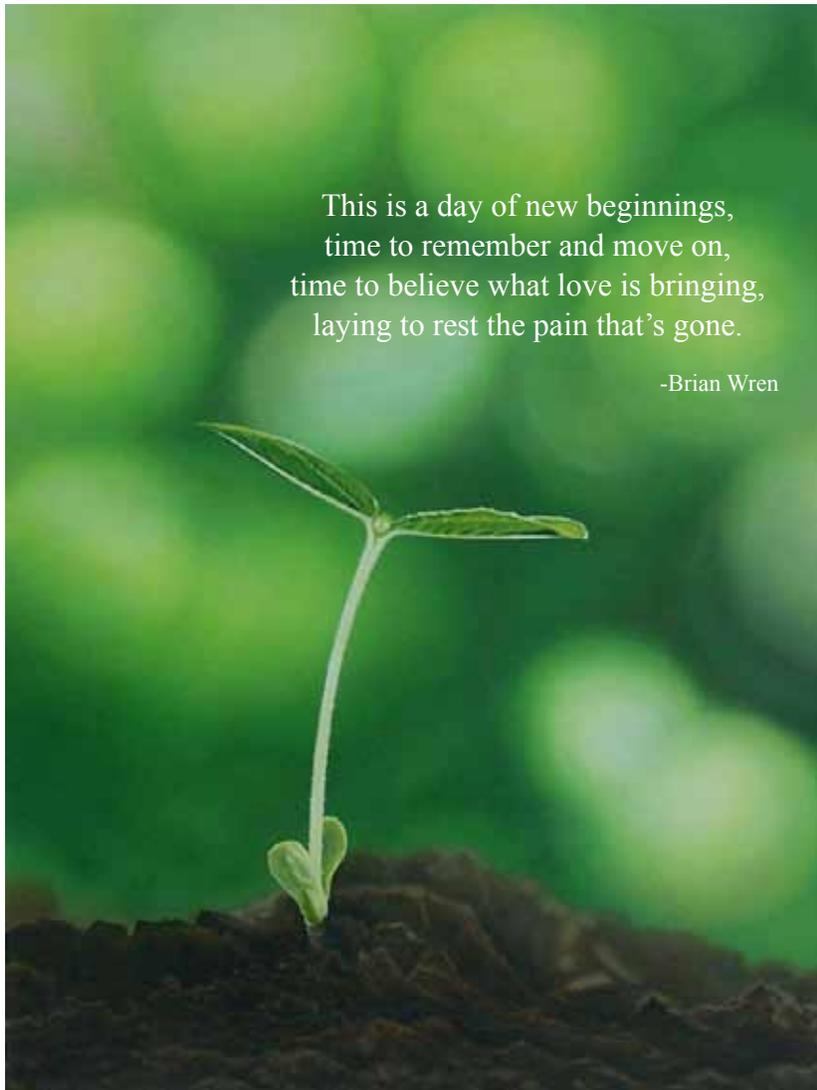


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

-Brian Wren



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. 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.

Opening Voluntary

The Blessing
The Westminster Handbell Choir

Paul McKlveen (b. 1959)

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.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn in Procession, No. 516

Lord, We Have Come at Your own Invitation

O QUANTA QUANTA

Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways.
Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.
You gave us the earth for our home,
but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.
You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.
You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,
but we break your law and forsake your love.
Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.
Draw our wandering hearts back to you
that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie *The people sing.*

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)

Service of Confirmation

Presentation of Stoles and Crosses by parents and mentors

Confirmation of Baptismal Vows

Sean Fitzgibbons, Paul Kitungano, Alex Renzoni, Bryan Renzoni, and Jackson Zenger.

As members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, you do not come to us as strangers, but as sisters and brothers in the Lord. Please renew your vows of baptism by answering the call to discipleship.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Do you trust him?

I do.

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word, and to show his love?

I do.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you go?

I will.

Statement of Faith - Confirmation Class 2016

The last task for each confirmation class is to write a corporate faith statement. This reflects what they believe at this point in their faith journey. Please join with them and affirm together this statement of faith.

(See insert)

The Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Confirmation

All those ordained as Elders or Deacons are invited forward for the laying on of hands.

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

Requiem: Psalm 23

John Rutter† (b. 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture; and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul; and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me;
Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Anthem

Gabriel's Oboe

arr. Craig Hella** Johnson (b. 1962)

Sermon

Removing the Barriers

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.

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Jay Rouse (b. 1958)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements.
Unfermented grape juice is used.*

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
God of majesty and splendor....

Sanctus & Benedictus

The choir sings.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

You are holy, O God of majesty....

Great is the mystery of faith:

The choir sings.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. On each tray there are wafers of gluten-free bread in a separate dish. Please take the right side (facing the chancel) of the aisle closest to you to receive the elements and return to your pew on the right side of the same aisle.

Communion Motet

The Lord’s Prayer

Jenece Gerber (b. 1972)

Prayer after Communion

God, our help:

**we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus,
who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal.**

**We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him,
and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you served us. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

This is a Day of New Beginnings

The people stand to sing.

See insert for hymn.

BEGINNINGS

Benediction and Choral Response

Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in D minor

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*A service for healing and wholeness will be held in the Meditation Room immediately following the service today.
All are invited to gather for fellowship and refreshments in the Oak Room, following the Service.*

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader: Mary Beth Parrinello

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

Director of the Handbell Choir: Dr. W. S. Mayo

Musicians: Drew Cone, cello
Sandy Consiglio, oboe

Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Warren Emblidge, Carol Huber, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu
Joan Kuznia, Mike Reynolds, Jo Stevens, Roy Stewart

Elders Serving Today

Allan Hayes, Fran Holmes, Jack Jacobs, Tim Johnson, Karen Keaton, Ellen Kennedy, Chris Lamendola

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Charles J. Hahn from his family and friends.

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

Born in London, the son of an industrial chemist and his wife, **John Rutter**[†] grew up living over the Globe pub on London's Marylebone Road. He was educated at Highgate School, where his fellow pupils included John Tavener, Howard Shelley, Brian Chapple and Nicholas Snowman; he then read music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he was a member of the choir. He served as director of music at Clare College from 1975 to 1979 and led the choir to international prominence.

In 1981, Rutter founded his own choir, the Cambridge Singers, which he conducts and with which he has made many recordings of sacred choral repertoire (including his own works), particularly under his own label Collegium Records. He resides at Duxford in Cambridgeshire and frequently conducts many choirs and orchestras around the world.

In 1980, he was made an honorary Fellow of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, and in 1988 a Fellow of the Guild of Church Musicians. In 1996, the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred a Lambeth Doctorate of Music upon him in recognition of his contribution to church music. In 2008, he was made an honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple while playing a significant role in the 2008 Temple Festival. Rutter also works as an arranger and editor. As a young man he collaborated with Sir David Willcocks on four volumes of the extraordinarily successful Carols for Choirs anthology series. In 2011 Rutter was invited to compose an anthem for the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton: "This Is the Day".

^{††}**Craig Hella Johnson** is an American choral conductor, composer, and arranger. Originally from Minnesota, he studied piano and sang in the St. Olaf Choir at St. Olaf College, graduating in 1984. He went on to study at Juilliard, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Yale University, from which he received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree. Johnson founded and is the artistic director of the group Conspirare. He is also the artistic director of the Victoria Bach Festival and in 1998-1999 was the artistic director of Chanticleer, the second person to hold that position (after founder Louis Botto). He serves as Resident Artist in Choral Music at Texas State University and previously spent eight years as director of choral activities for the University of Texas. In April 2013, Johnson was named the 2013 Texas State Musician, the second classical musician to receive the honor. In May 2013, Johnson was named Music Director/Conductor of Vocal Arts Ensemble in Cincinnati, Ohio. On February 8, 2015 he and Conspirare won the Grammy Award for Best Choral Performance for their album The Sacred Spirit of Russia.

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@wpbuffalo.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 April 5 for our next Passages program. Speaker will be announced. s. *Please sign up on the table in the Gallery Room, or call*

Jamie, 884-9437 or jadamczyk@wpbuffalo.org by March 22. More information will be available soon. If you are planning on lunch, it is important to RSVP!

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

he 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 Sunday, 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@wpbuffalo.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, April 17. 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@wpbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton, khkeaton@verizon.net or any staff member.

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

Sunday, March 6

9:45AM - Confirmation Class meets Session 11AM - Confirmation during worship
4PM - Triennium meeting at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
6PM - Hunger Banquet at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

CASE LIBRARY/ADULT BIBLE LENTEN SERIES

March 6 and 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:

March 6: John McClive

March 13: Debbie Katz

Copies of *Sabbath as Resistance* are available for \$12 from Debbie Katz.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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."

WOW MOVIE NIGHT

March 9th: Come watch *The Other Son* in the Case Library at 6:30PM with a discussion afterwards. The movie is really excellent and should provide much food for discussion. It runs for 90 minutes, so we are starting early to allow for the discussion!

CELTIC MUSIC CONCERT

Westminster members are invited to a Celtic Music Free Concert! March 15th at 2:00PM at the Baptist Manor in the Community Room of the Baptist Manor. Seating is limited, so those who plan on attend should RSVP Joan Bartholemew at 716 881-1120.

SAVE THE DATES!

Westminster goes to the Ballpark! Friday June 3, Buffalo Bisons vs. Syracuse Chiefs. Game time is 7 PM at Coca-Cola Field and picnic at 5 PM at the church. More details and ticket sale information will follow!

Palm Sunday Pot Luck Breakfast, March 20 , 9:35AM in Parish Hall . Preparing of Palm Crosses for worship. Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room and let us know what will bring to share!

Easter Reception, March 27 in the Case Library following worship. Donations of finger foods are needed such as vegetables and hummus / dip, fruit, cheese and crackers or baked goods. A sign- up sheet is available in the Gallery Room. Questions: Laurel Braun at 716-830-5692, or dlrbraun@gmail.com

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

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

The Choirs of Westminster sing this festival service for Palm Sunday that begins with the royal entrance and leads into Holy Week.

March 24 - Maundy Thursday

The Last Parable

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service commemorating the Last Supper of Christ.

March 25 - Good Friday Tenebrae

When Violence Outdoes Itself

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

March 27 - Easter Sunday

When Mystery Engulfs Reason; John 20:1-18

The Choirs of Westminster sing this Festival Service for Easter Day with brass, timpani, and organ in morning worship 8:45 and 11AM in the Sanctuary



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 **today, February 28 at 7PM**. This event was a simulation of the Israeli Knesset. We used a model for simulation designed by the Union for Reform Judaism. The

purpose of this exercise was 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 for more information or to RSVP.

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

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.

March 11: 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

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

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

Sergio Orbona - Saturday, March 5, 7PM

Organist of St. Nikolaus Kirche, Stuttgart, Germany

In Remembrance - Sunday, March 6, 3PM

The Buffalo Choral Arts Society and the Choirs of Westminster present this concert as part of the 50th anniversary season of the Buffalo Choral Arts Society. Tickets available at WPC reception, \$10.

Masterworks Service - Sunday, March 13, 11AM

The Choirs of Westminster, the Buffalo-Niagara Youth Choirs, and musicians of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra present two choral and orchestral masterworks: Andrew Carter's *Benedicite* and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* (to dedicate Westminster's new Steinway Model D Grand Piano).

Taizé Service-Friday, March 18, 5:30PM

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

Palm Sunday - March 20, 8:45 and 11AM

The Choirs of Westminster sing this festival service for Palm Sunday that begins with the royal entrance and leads into Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday - March 24, 6PM in the Holmes Chapel

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service commemorating the Last Supper of Christ.

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross-Friday, March 25, Noon-12:30PM

Garrett Martin, Organist and Music Director of Westminster Presbyterian Church, improvises on the Stations of the Cross, alternating with poems and readings about this most solemn day.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - March 25, 7:14PM (sundown)

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service in the Holmes Chapel.

Easter Sunday, March 27, 8:45 and 11AM

The Choirs of Westminster sing this festival service for Easter Day with brass, timpani, and organ.

Western New York Chamber Orchestra - Friday, April 1, 7:30PM

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra welcomes famed musician Michael Ludwig in a concert titled Chords and Cords.

A Festival of Choirs - Sunday, April 17, 4PM

The Choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, under the direction of Jonathan Scarozza, Calvary Episcopal Church Williamsville, under the direction of Alex Benestelli, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Garrett Martin, join together to present a preview of works commissioned for the 2016 American Guild of Organists National Convention (Houston, TX) with brass, organ, and choirs. The three choirs are joined by Houston musician and organist, Dr. David Henning.

GIVING 2016 GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



Pledges received as of 2/25/2016

| Number of Pledges Received | Total Pledges Received | Dollars to Goal |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 233 | \$454,089 | \$145,911 |

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 Patricia Kelly, pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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| Sunday, March 6 – Lent IV | 1:30 PM | Staff Mtg. |
| Carlos On Duty | 4:00 PM | ENERGY Program |
| Name Tag Sunday | 4:30 PM | WPC Choir School |
| Confirmation Sunday | 5:00 PM | CMH Board Mtg. |
| 8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal | 5:30 PM | Pathways To Peace |
| 8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care | 6:00 PM | Lenten Dinner/Program |
| 8:45 AM Worship/Communion | 6:30 PM | WOW Movie Night |
| 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner | 7:00 PM | ATG Board Mtg. |
| 9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds | 8:00 PM | AA Mtg. |
| 9:35 AM Spiritual Life | Thursday, March 10 | |
| 9:35 AM Case Library/Adult Bible | 7:15 AM | Wake Up Group |
| 9:45 AM Confirmands meet w/ Session | 8:30 AM | Centering Prayer |
| 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal | 4:00 PM | ENERGY Program |
| 11:00 AM Youth Service/ First Sunday | 5:30 PM | Gay Bingo Board Mtg. |
| 11:00 AM Worship/Confirmation | 6:00 PM | Handbells |
| 11:10 AM SundaSchool | 7:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| 12:00 PM Healing Service | Friday, March 11 | |
| 2:00 PM Buffalo Choral Arts Society | 11:30 AM | Fridays @ WPC |
| 4:00 PM Youths Triennium Mtg @ OP Presbyterian Church | 6:00 PM | Gay Bingo setup |
| 6:00 PM Hunger Banquet @ OP Presbyterian Church | Saturday, March 12 | |
| Monday, March 7-WPC Closed | 6:00 PM | Gay Bingo |
| Tuesday, March 8 | Sunday, March 13 – Lent V | |
| 7:15 AM Wake Up Group | Jeff On Duty | |
| 4:00 PM ENERGY Program | 8:00 AM | Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| 5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts | 8:30 AM | Infant/Toddler Care |
| 6:00 PM Zen Dharma | 8:45 AM | Worship/Communion |
| 7:00 PM Knitting Group | 9:30 AM | Dialogue Diner |
| Wednesday, March 9 | 9:30 AM | Heavenly Grounds |
| 9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg. | 9:35 AM | Spiritual Life |
| 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline | 9:35 AM | Case Library/Adult Bible |
| | 10:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship W/ Masterwork |
| | 11:10 AM | Sunday School |

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

Improvisation

Garrett F. Martin

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

Psalms 32

Plainchant Tone I.1

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
When the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
Who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn

Lord, We Have Come at Your own Invitation

O QUANTA QUANTA

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways.
Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.
You gave us the earth for our home,
but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.
You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.
You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,
but we break your law and forsake your love.
Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.
Draw our wandering hearts back to you
that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)

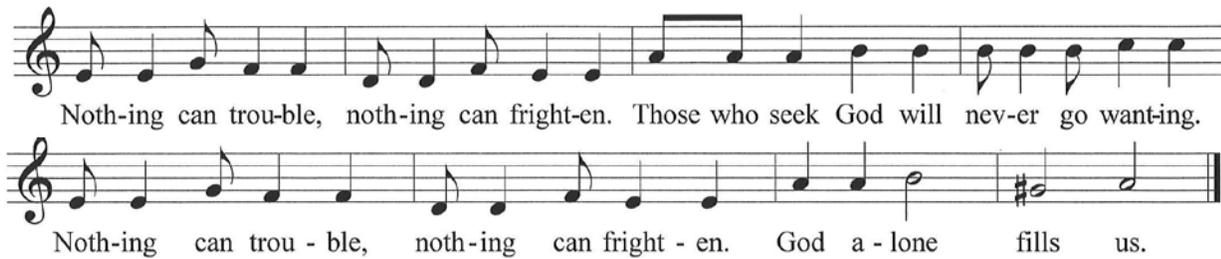


Words of Assurance

Response

NADA TE TURBE

The people stand to sing.



Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Text for this reading is on page 4.

Anthem

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam.

Meditation

Removing the Barriers

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn

This is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

The people stand to sing.

See insert for hymn.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in D minor

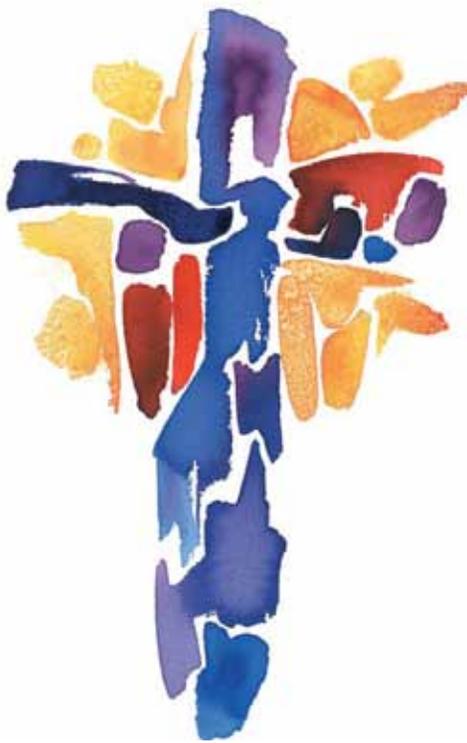
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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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, March 9:

Tracy Daub, Pastor, University Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 16:

The Reverend Bill Hennessy, Pastor, North Presbyterian Church



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