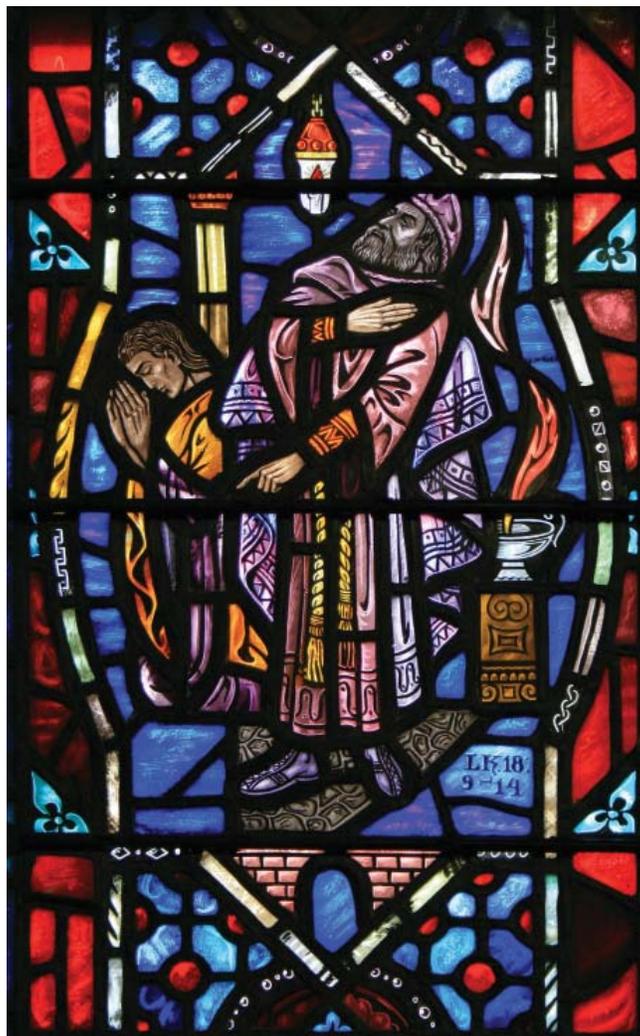




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

October 23, 2016
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven,
but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

- Luke 18:13

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.

Opening Voluntary

Air

Gerre Hancock† (1934-2012)

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

Entrance Responsory

Gerre Hancock†

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in; from this time forth forevermore.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession

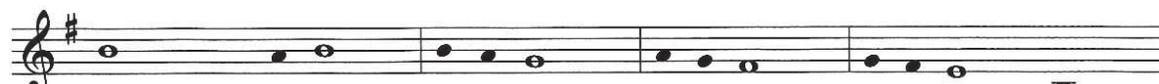
God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

(See insert for hymn.)

DIADEMATA

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

No words can express
the depth of our need
or reveal the extent of our sin.
But you know us completely, O God.
When deeds of iniquity
overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
You rescue us from evil
and clothe us with love.
Humbly, we thank you;
for no words can express
our gratitude
for the gift of your salvation.
Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver



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).

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 65

Chant: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.
Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee:
He shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation;
Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power.
Who stilleth the raging of the sea, and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens,
Thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; thou makest it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof;
Thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy clouds drop fatness.
They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
The folds shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:
¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Sermon

A Call to Action: Understand

Sam Magavern

The Real Cost of Ministry

Robert Bojdak, Clerk of Session

Hymn, No. 419

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

REPTON

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion

Malcolm Boyle (1902-1976)

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom Thou chooseth and receivest unto Thee.
He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house,
Even of Thy holy temple.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee:
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in Thee.
Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Dedication

**God of creation, you water the earth and send forth food;
you shower us with grace and feed us with your love.
Accept these gifts, humble though they may be,
and use them to spread your goodness
throughout the earth; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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

Sending Hymn, No. 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
The people stand to sing.

BEACH SPRING

Benediction and Congregational Response

Lord, Make Me a Channel of your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred, let me bring your love.
Where there is in-ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in G-minor

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Immediately following worship, please join us at Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room for refreshments and fellowship

Worship Leaders

Sam Magavern, Preacher
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Liturgist
Ray Herman, Reader
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Choir

Deacons Serving Today

Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Carol Huber, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Earl McColgin, Johnpatrick Marr
Jennifer Russell, Jo Stevens, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table today were donated by a generous WPC staff member.

To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, sign up on the "Flower Calendar" kiosk the Gallery Room.

Notes on Today's Music

†**Gerre Hancock** was an American organist, improviser, and composer. Hancock was Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at the University of Texas at Austin. Born in Lubbock, Texas, he received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Texas at Austin and his Master of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York, from which he later received the Unitas Distinguished Alumnus Award. A recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship, he also studied in Paris at the Sorbonne and during this time was a finalist at the Munich International Music Competitions. Hancock served as Organist at Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas; Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York; Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church (now Christ Church Cathedral) in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Organist and Master of the Choristers at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City from 1971 to 2004.

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

Worship: 8:15AM in the Holmes Chapel with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

The Call to Action sermon series will be accompanied each week by a Westminster member, friend, or staff person briefly providing specifics with regard to the ministries we are called to provide for Westminster and the wider community. The theological foundation of these 'calls to action' is the *Prayer of St. Francis*. The purpose of the series is to educate, inspire, and empower us to fulfill our calling as a congregation. The series will conclude on Sunday, November 13, Generosity Sunday.

October 30 - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reformation Sunday

A Call to Action: Love; Luke 19:1-10

The Westminster Schola and the Buffalo Bach Project
present Bach's Cantata BWV 80, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*,
which was premiered on Reformation Sunday in 1735.

November 6 - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

All Saints Sunday

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Reading of the Necrology;

A Call to Action: Comfort; Luke 20:27-38

The Westminster Choirs presents John Rutter's *Requiem*
with musicians from the Buffalo Philharmonic.

November 13 - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Generosity Sunday -

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30AM

A Call to Action: Give; Isaiah 65:17-25

WESTMINSTER *Presents*

2016-2017 SEASON

Fridays at Westminster: Come for the music - Stay for lunch! Each Friday, local Buffalo artists present a 30 minute lunchtime recital in Westminster's Historic Sanctuary at noon. Lunch provided by a local food truck. Donations benefit the *Westminster Friends of Music*.

October 28:

Patrick Barrett, organ
Food Trucks: Gourm-Asian Bistro and Tuk Tea

November 4:

The Hutchinson Family Revival presents Traditional Campaign Songs
Food Truck: Louisiana Cookery

The Phantom of the Opera

Saturday, October 29 at 8:00 PM. Westminster's Director of Music and Organist, Garrett F. Martin, performs an improvised score to the 1925 silent film starring Lon Chaney.

Reformation Sunday-Sunday, October 30 at 10:30 AM

The Westminster Schola and the Buffalo Bach Project present Bach's Cantata BWV 80, A Mighty Fortress is Our God, which was premiered on Reformation Sunday in 1735.

Recurring Events

Choral Evensong

Every Wednesday at 6:00PM in the Holmes Chapel
The Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead this service showcasing repertoire they are studying.

Taizé Worship

Fridays, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, and May 19 at 5:30 PM. Start your weekend with this evening service of calming prayer and meditation.

Choral Evensong

Sundays, November 13, January 29, February 26, March 12, and April 9 at 4:00 PM. The Westminster Choirs and visiting choirs present this service of Evening Prayer. Join us for an organ prelude recital at 3:30 PM.

Compline

Sundays, October 23, December 11, and February 12 at 8 PM. The Westminster Schola offers this candlelit service featuring music from Gregorian chant and early polyphony.

Westminster Presents
The Phantom of the Opera
Saturday, October 29 at 8PM
Garrett Martin performs an improvised score to the silent film.
FREE ADMISSION! Come in Costume!



Choral Evensong - A Service of Healing and Unity for our Nation
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 6:00PM in the Sanctuary



No matter the result of the upcoming election, our work for unity is only beginning. This is an opportunity for all churches to be a beacon for civility, hope, and bipartisanship. At 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 2nd, we will pray for the nation and the world during our weekly Service of Choral Evensong. Evensong offers the congregation a chance to participate in a brief, introspective service of sung prayer and Scripture. The Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School will be joined by treble choristers from Calvary Episcopal Church, Williamsville. The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin, Episcopal Bishop of Western New York will co-officiate the service with The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

All in our church and the community at large are warmly invited to join us.

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.

TODAY, WE WELCOME SAM MAGAVERN TO OUR PULPIT

Sam Magavern is a writer and public interest lawyer, currently serving as co-director of the Partnership for the Public Good, which is supported by 230 organizations including Westminster Adult Programs and WEDI. He also teaches at the University at Buffalo Law School. He has written non-fiction, poetry, fiction, scholarly articles, a movie screenplay, and comic books. His work has appeared in many journals, including *Poetry*, *The Antioch Review*, *The Partisan Review*, and *The Paris Review*. In 2009 he published *Primo Levi's Universe: a Writer's Journey* (Palgrave Macmillan). Mr. Magavern is also the presenter this morning in the Case Library Conversation Series.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ENERGY is always in need of plastic folders, spiral note books, notebook paper, pink erasers, dry erase markers, black Sharpie markers, glue sticks, white glue, and Crayola watercolor sets. Additionally, ENERGY can use sturdy paper plates, 7 oz. cups, napkins, plastic forks, cake mix, and frosting cans. Donations may be left on the kitchen counter in the basement ENERGY rooms.

Visit The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for 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 for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8:30AM to 11:30AM in the WECPC (school) building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

- Our preschool class meets in the WECPC building. After *Time with Children*, children 3-5 year olds leave with their teachers, "Miss Debby" and "Mr. Chris" LaMendola and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers meet together in the Holmes Room.
- 1st-5th grade classes: Each month our classes rotate through our three Workshops; Creation Station, Holywood and Apostles Playhouse.
- 6th-7th grade class meets each Sunday in their classroom on the Parish Hall balcony. Carol Timmerman-Yorty is their teacher.
- Our confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They meet one-on-one with their mentor until their class begins in January when they meet each Sunday from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the classroom on the 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 12-16, 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 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.

The Apprentice Choristers, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday, September 18th through May 21st, during the 10:30AM 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. 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, October 30, 2016** at 12PM. 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

Adult Bible Study

9:00AM - 10:15AM first classroom on the Parish Hall Balcony

Join our continuing conversation as we explore the Sunday scripture passages. This discussion moves from what the biblical passage means to what this passage might mean in our lives. Our class is led by Debbie Katz and other class members. Our curriculum is *Feasting on the Word*. Please come to these classes as your schedule permits.

Spiritual Life: October 23

9:00AM - 10:15AM in the Heritage Room

Approaches to Prayer

October 23: *Special Places, Sacred Spaces* What do we mean when we say "sacred space"? Are we referring to a geographic spot that can be located on a map, or a building such as a church, temple or mosque? Do we, as Presbyterians, believe in sacred space? Come listen to Cricket Gordon as she presents the results of her exploration into this topic. Please contribute your thoughts and ideas to the conversation.

October 30:

Our discussion on Prayer continues with Elizabeth Stewart as our presenter

Case Library Conversations: October 23

9:00AM - 10:15AM in the Case Library

October 23: *Fighting Poverty and Income Inequality*. Sam Magavern, Law professor at UB and well known spokesperson for *Partnership for the Public Good*, supported by 230 organizations including Westminster Adult Programs and WEDI, will be our presenter. Promising strategies in education & criminal justice, Sam will also report on plans for the Land Trust for the Fruit Belt.

October 30: Election Discussion

Robert McCarthy, political reporter from *The Buffalo News*, will discuss the coming election. In Buffalo's political circles, *News* political reporter Robert J. McCarthy is a bit of a local celebrity. Bob has been with *The News* since 1982 and has covered politics since 1992, making him a fixture at all of the significant local happenings. We are fortunate to have him return for his annual analysis of the election issues.

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Passages meets the first Tuesday of the month. Lunch is at 12:30PM with a program at 1:15PM. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 1st. Our speaker is Janet Massaro, Chair of the Buffalo Niagara's League of Women Votes Money in Politics Committee.

Please sign up for lunch on the Information table or call to RSVP with Jamie at the church office 884-9437.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ANGEL TREE

Help is needed to assemble angels for the Angel Tree. Help is also needed at the sign-out table on Sunday mornings, as well as checking in/bagging gifts. All these simple jobs are listed on a sign up sheet on the Information Table in the Gallery room. Please consider helping with at least one task! Questions? Contact Ardrey Manning 310-5395.

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 Westminster as we 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

WOW - WOMEN OF WPC BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us on Monday, November 14, at Jeannette Ludwig's home, 220 Troy Del Way, Amherst, when we will discuss *Euphoria*, by Lily King. Amazon.com review: "*Euphoria* is a novel loosely based on the life of the anthropologist Margaret Mead. It's both romantic and intelligent..." These discussions are open to all interested women.

MEET & MINGLE Fellowship Opportunities at Westminster!

New this year, Meet & Mingle! Please join us in the Holmes Room immediately following the 10:30am worship service for "a relaxed and inviting fellowship opportunity. *Meet & Mingle* offers beverages, light healthy snacks and provides a meaningful time of gathering and bonding for our congregation. **Special thanks to Roger Seifert for organizing Meet & Mingle.**

Heavenly Grounds Café. Continue to stop by the Heavenly Grounds Café in the Oak Room which is open from 9AM to noon with coffee service until 10:30AM.

We need YOUR help!

The new "*Meet & Mingle*" event after the 10:30AM church service is a great success! Thanks to everyone for participating! In order to keep it running successfully we are looking for YOU to help in one of the following ways:

1. Be a shopper – purchase the food from a list provided on a regular basis and bring to church for storage. Bring receipts for reimbursement.
2. Be a host for the week – each week we are looking for a different family to serve as the host. The hosts would come early to church to make the punch and put the food on serving plates before the 10:30 service; also monitor the need to refill punch or food platters; and clean up dirty dishes, put unused food away, and take home tablecloths to be laundered and returned. **Our host for this week is Janet Kowalski**
3. Be a sponsor – make a donation to WPC to cover the weekly costs. **Our sponsors for this week are: David & Lucinda Hohn.**

As you reflect on how you can best give of your time, talent and treasure, please contact Debby LaMendola (716-983-4993) and let her know how YOU can help!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, October 23

Ron on Duty

Generosity Campaign

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:00 AM Senior Choristers

8:15 AM Worship/Communion

9:00 AM Case Library Conversations

9:00 AM Spiritual Life

9:00 AM Adult Bible Class

9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship

10:40 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

12:00 PM Dream Group 3

8:00 PM Compline

Monday, October 24

12:00 PM Planned Giving Comm.

Tuesday, October 25

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM Management Mtg.

10:00 AM Garden Group

4:30 PM ENERGY Program

5:00 PM Spiritual Life Comm. Mtg.

5:30 PM Personnel Comm. Mtg.

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, October 26

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

4:00 PM PSC Strategic Care Planning Retreat

4:30 PM ENERGY Program

4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

6:00 PM Choir School Evensong

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, October 27

7:15 AM Wake Up Group 7:15p

8:30 AM Centering Prayer

4:30 PM ATG Student Playwriting Class

4:30 PM ENERGY Program

6:00 PM Handbells

6:30 PM ATG

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 28

12:00 PM Fridays @ Westminster Concert Series

6:00 PM WNY LAM Gift Gathering

Saturday, October 29

Carlos on Duty

9:00 AM Buffalo Master Chorale

3:00 PM McCarthy Interment

4:00 PM McCarthy Memorial Service

6:00 PM Youth Lock-In

8:00 PM 1925 Silent Film, "Phantom of the Opera"

Sunday, October 30-Reformation Sunday

Carlos on Duty

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9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship

10:40 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg. W/ Light Refreshments

Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:15AM

*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

Air

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

DIADEMATA

(See insert for hymn.)

Prayer Of Confession

**No words can express the depth of our need
or reveal the extent of our sin.
But you know us completely, O God.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love.
Humbly, we thank you;
for no words can express our gratitude
for the gift of your salvation. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)



Words of Assurance

Response

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 -
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.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:9-14

Text can be found on page 3.

Anthem

Lord, Make Me an Instrument

Jonathan Willcocks (b. 1953)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, may there be union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, let there be hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, may there be joy.
May we all be in peace, and only peace;
May that peace come unto each of us.

Meditation

A Call to Action: Understand

Sam Magavern

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it 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. Westminster Presbyterian Church serves only gluten free bread in Communion. Please take the center aisle to one of the communion stations, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Sending Hymn, No. 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

The people stand to sing.

Benediction and Congregational Response

Lord, Make Me a Channel of your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred, let me bring your love.
Where there is in-ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in G minor

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Worship Leaders

Sam Magavern, Preacher
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School

GIVING 2017



Save the Date! Generosity Sunday, November 13!

Join us for delicious food, provided by the WEDI West Side Bazaar, and fellowship in the Holmes Room and Oak Room immediately following the **ONE Worship Service at 10:30AM.**

(No 8:15AM Service will be held)



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