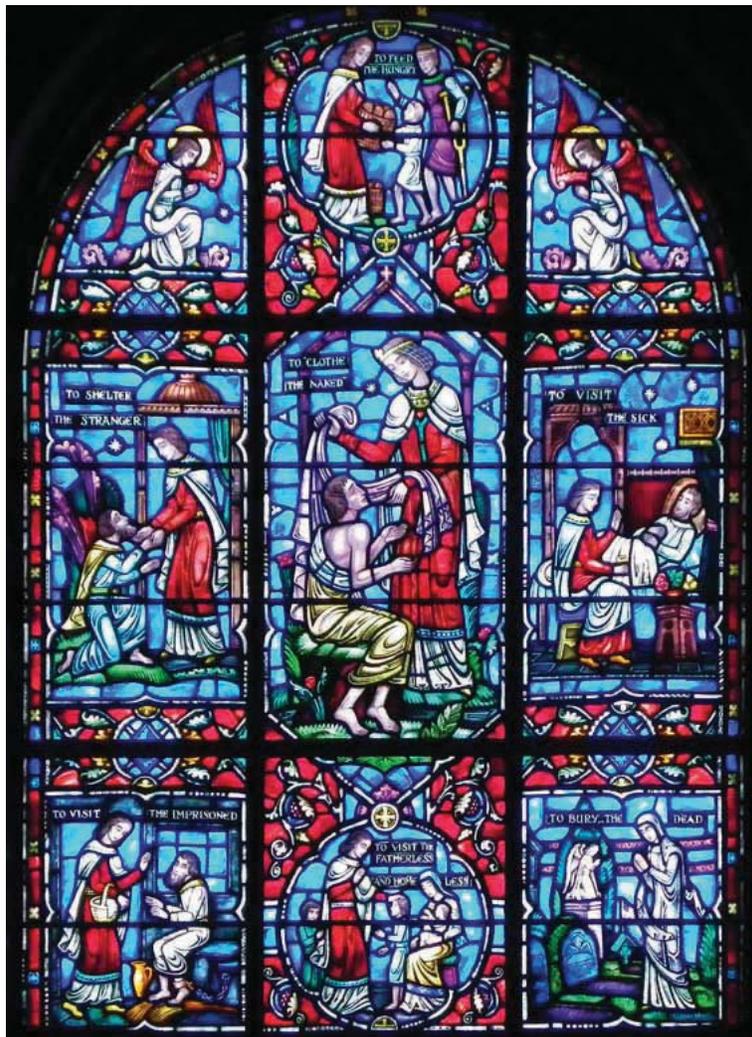




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

September 11, 2016 - Rally Day
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Acts of Mercy window in the Westminster Narthex

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them,
does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying,
“Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.”
Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

- Luke 15:8-10

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

The Buffalo Brass Quintet

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

Fight the Good Fight

John Gardner (1917-2011)

Fight the good fight with all they might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: his boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDRETH †

Please see insert for hymn.

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

**Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home - until we recognize your presence wherever
evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored, watered. 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).

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today to Mwangaza Benite Etulo, daughter of Ebinda Zacharia and Donald Kitungano.

The following prayers are said in unison when indicated by the leader:

O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you, and, with the church through all the ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy God: remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people remain seated to sing

Baptism Hymn 497, Stanza 4

ST. CLEMENT

**Accept, O Lord, our dedication to fill with love the growing mind,
that in this church and congregation the young a faith for life may find.**

Teacher Dedication

Please see insert for the Dedication Litany

After the Dedication, 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 14:1-7

chant: Luke Flintoff (1678-1727)

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
There is no one who does good.
The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise,
Who seek after God.
They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.
Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And do not call upon the Lord?
There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.
You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.
O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

¹⁵Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. ⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Sermon

Joy in Heaven

Hymn, No. 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
The people stand to sing.

AMAZING GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

O Be Joyful in the Lord

Charles Beaudrot (b. 1951)‡

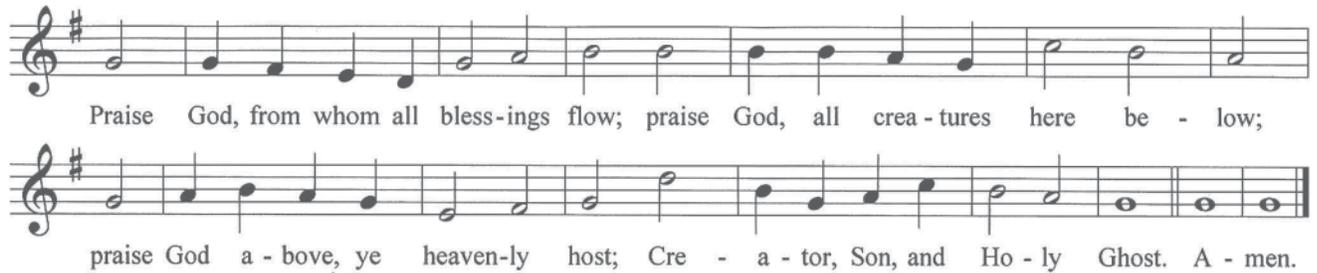
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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 blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low;
praise God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives.
Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance.
Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory.
For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. 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. 416

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
The people stand to sing.

WESTMINSTER ABBY

At this time, please join us on the Delaware Avenue steps of the church for the Garden Dedication and the Benediction.

Garden Dedication

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands.
Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church Universal, of which these visible buildings and grounds are the symbol,
We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
We thank you Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,
We thank you, Lord.

For these trees and gardens which are of your very creation, and remind us of the Garden in which human life began, and of all the things you made and called good,
We thank you lord.

We now dedicate this garden in memory of James Morrow Benson and James Morrow Benson, Jr., and we dedicate these trees in memory of John & Dolly Adams, Sylvia P. Volk, and Betty J. Ott.

May the beauty of this place bring peace and joy to all who come here. **Amen**

Westminster gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Susan W. Adams, Arlene B. Benson, Sandra J. Laub, Elenora J. Seib, Cathleen & Elizabeth Volk and The Westminster Garden Group whose donations brought the beautiful, new Delaware Garden to life!

Benediction

*Immediately following worship, please join us on the front lawn at our new
Meet & Mingle, for refreshments and fellowship!*

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader: Cricket Gordon

Organists: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Deacons Serving Today

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in honor of his nephews, Collins Ryder Clarke and Martin Thomas Clarke.

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

Notes on Today's Music



†Today's Hymn in Procession was arranged by **Ralph Vaughan Williams** (1872-1958) for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Vaughan Williams was born in the Cotswold village of Down Ampney and was educated at Charterhouse School, then Trinity College, Cambridge. Later he was a pupil of Stanford and Parry at the Royal College of Music, after which he studied with Max Bruch in Berlin and Maurice Ravel in Paris.

At the turn of the century he was among the very first to travel into the countryside to collect folk-songs and carols from singers, notating them for future generations to enjoy. Today's offertory anthem is based on one such folk-song. As musical editor of The English Hymnal he composed several hymns that are now world-wide favorites (For all the Saints and Come Down, O love Divine). Later he also helped to edit The Oxford Book of Carols, with similar success. Before the war he had met and then sustained a long and deep friendship with the composer Gustav Holst. Vaughan Williams volunteered to serve in the Field Ambulance Service in Flanders for the 1914-1918 war, during which he was deeply affected by the carnage and the

loss of close friends such as the composer George Butterworth.

For many years Vaughan Williams conducted and led the Leith Hill Music Festival, conducting Bach's St. Matthew Passion on a regular basis. He also became professor of composition at the Royal College of Music in London. In his lifetime, Vaughan Williams eschewed all honours with the exception of the Order of Merit which was conferred upon him in 1938.

He died on the 26th August 1958; his ashes are interred in Westminster Abbey, near Purcell. In a long and productive life, music flowed from his creative pen in profusion. Hardly a musical genre was untouched or failed to be enriched by his work, which included nine symphonies, five operas, film music, ballet and stage music, several song cycles, sacred music, and works for chorus and orchestra. A rendering of Vaughn Williams can be found in our 1967 Willet Studios Praise Window, located on the second floor North side of the narthex, outside the choir gallery.

‡Atlanta-based composer **Charles Beaudrot** in professional life is a tax and corporate attorney. Beaudrot has been active as a musician and singer since his days as a boy soprano in his native Greenwood, South Carolina, and received his formal musical training first at Duke University under J. Benjamin Smith, and later at Harvard with John Ferris. He is a member of ASCAP, NARAS and the Association of Anglican Musicians and sings as a member of the Choir of the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta where he has been a member since 1977.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

September 18-The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Only A Savior Like Jesus Could Love People Like Us; Luke 16:1-13

September 25-The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Temporal Acts, Eternal Consequences; Luke 16:19-31

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 11-Rally Day!

Ron on Duty
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 AM Senior Choirster's
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Teacher Recognition/
Baptism
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:30 AM Nominating Comm. Mtg.
Monday, September 12
6:00 PM Congregational Life Mtg.
Tuesday, September 13
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
10:00 AM Garden Group
4:30 PM ENERGY Training
5:00 PM Structural Deficit Reduction
Presentation
5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, September 14

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
12:00 PM News Info. Deadline
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM WPC Choir School
4:30 PM ENERGY Training
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
5:00 PM CMH Board Mtg.
5:30 PM Pathways to Peace
6:00 PM Choir School Evensong
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, September 15

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
8:30 AM Centering Prayer
12:15 PM WOW Bible Study
4:30 PM ENERGY Training
4:30 PM ATG Student Playwriting Class
6:00 PM Handbells
6:30 PM ATG Student Playwriting Class
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 16

12:00 PM Friday @ Westminster
5:30 PM Taize Service

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM ENERGY Organizing and Clean Up

Sunday, September 18

Jeff on Duty
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 AM Senior Choirster's
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations/
Spiritual Life
9:00 AM Deacon Mtg.
9:15 AM Bibles & Bagels
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
10:30 AM Worship/Baptism/3rd Graders
Receive Bibles
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Confirmands, Parents &
Mentors Mtg.
12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg./Light Refreshments
4:00 PM Evensong

NOMINATIONS WANTED

All members are invited to submit names of candidates for openings on the Board of Deacons and the Session. New Deacons and Elders are needed to facilitate the many wonderful ministries of Westminster. Forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Place your suggestion form in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the Business Office.

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

ENERGY All-American Multicultural Potluck Picnic, Tuesday, September 20th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the South Lawn. All are invited! Families of all our students, old and new, are invited. Please consider bringing a dish to share. We will gratefully accept donations of napkins, sturdy 9" paper plates, plastic forks, 7-8 oz. cups, hot dog buns, and condiments. Juggling entertainment provided by Noah Cremeans. Call Carol at 507-8216. Donations to defray the costs gratefully accepted. Please RSVP at [carol@wedibuffalo.org](http://wedibuffalo.org)

While shopping, please consider buying the following items for ENERGY: plastic folders, spiral notebooks, 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.

Want to make difference in the lives of children from refugee families? ENERGY is looking for an intern/volunteer to provide administrative assistance. Responsibilities include data entry, organizing donations, filing, copying, and organization. Your help is needed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 4:30-6:30 during the school year. Please contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org to learn more about this great opportunity.

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 WECF (school) building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY!

•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, 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 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 CONVERSATION SERIES

Join us at our new time, 9:00AM - 10:15AM. Our presentations will be held in the Case Library and will offer informative presentations and speakers.

September 18 and 25

Reflections on my Summer Reading

Presenter: Tom Yorty

We will join Spiritual Life for the September program. (See Spiritual Life for details.)

SPIRITUAL LIFE, 9:00AM - 10:15AM 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.

September 18 and 25

This September program will take place in the Case Library

Reflections on my Summer Reading

Presenter: Tom Yorty

For many years we have enjoyed hearing Tom's reflections on his summer readings. Recent topics focused on "Finding My Voice" and "How the Arts Can Save Your Life". Please join us!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our classes will resume on September 18 at our new time of 9:00AM - 10:15AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor. We welcome 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.

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 and 1 volunteer for each service are needed. Donations are needed by 9:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator in the first floor kitchen.

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peace-Justice-Nonviolence Festival and Walk - 2016

Today! Sunday, September 11 at Canalside, 2:30pm - Dusk

WNY Coalition of Peace, Justice and Nonviolence Advocates

Joining together for all of our brothers and sisters and Mother Earth Music, Tabling, Children's Activities and More!

Calvary Episcopal Church Presents Three Evenings on Finding Common Ground:

September 14th, October 19th, and November 2nd at 7:00pm

Come for coffee & dessert at 6:30pm

Voices from the Community, September 14th 7:00 PM

A panel offers different perspectives on the challenges and possibilities for finding common ground in a divided culture

- Kevin Hardwick Ph.D - Canisius College Political Science Prof., Erie County Legislature (R)
- Robert J. McCarthy - Political Reporter, The Buffalo News
- Marcia Buhl, Former Executive Director CMH Counseling, Retired Social Worker

An Islamic Perspective, October 19th 7:00 PM

Exploring the spiritual foundation for peaceful dialogue and its challenges from the perspective of the Koran and the local experience of Muslims in our community

A Refugee's Journey, November 2nd 7:00 PM

What is unique about the refugee's journey? How do refugees show us common ground?

Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton Street, Williamsville, New York

For more information call 633-7800. You are Welcome Here.

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

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. Come for the music, stay for lunch provided by a local food truck. Fridays at noon, September 16-December 16; January 20-May19. Donations benefit the *Westminster Friends of Music*.

September 16-Garrett Martin, Organ

September 23-Jeffrey Thompson, Tenor & John Novak, Piano

September 30-York Consort, Baroque Viola de Gamba ensemble

September at Westminster

Bach's Goldberg Variations

Friday, September 23 at 7:30 PM

Guest Organist Brink Bush (Boston) gives a rare performance of Bach's landmark work on Westminster's historic Aeolian-Skinner organ.

Worship, Music, and Arts Dedication Sunday

Sunday, September 25 at 10:30 AM

Westminster celebrates its ministries of Worship, Music, and Arts.

Matt Alber Returns

Sunday, September 25 at 7:30 PM

After his performance at the 2016 Friends of Music Gala, Matt Alber returns to Buffalo with special guest Jordan Roy. Tickets, \$15, are available at mattalber.com/tour

Recurring Events

Wednesday Evensong

Wednesdays, September 14-May 17 at 6:00 PM

The Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead this service showcasing repertoire they are studying..

Taïze Worship

Fridays, September 16, October 14, November 18, December 16,

January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19 at 5:30 PM

Start your weekend with this evening service of calming prayer and meditation.

Choral Evensong

Sundays, September 18, November 13, January 29, February 26,

March 12, 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, February 12 at 8:00 PM

The Westminster Schola offers this candlelit service featuring music from Gregorian chant and early polyphony.

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.*

Opening Voluntary

Berceuse

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Introit

Psalm 14:1-7

chant: Luke Flintoff (1678-1727)

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
There is no one who does good.
The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise,
Who seek after God.
They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.
Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And do not call upon the Lord?
There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.
You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.
O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH †

Please see insert for hymn.

Prayer Of Confession

**Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home - until we recognize your presence
wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored, watered. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)

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

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.

Prayer for Illumination.

Psalm Lesson

Praise

George Dyson (1883-1964)

Let all the world in every corner sing My God and King.

The heavens are not too high, His praise my thither fly,
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part. (text: George Herbert, 1593-1633)

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

Text can be found on page 3

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Meditation

Joy in Heaven

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. On each tray there are wafers of gluten-free bread in a separate dish. 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. 416

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBY

The people stand to sing.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Sortie

Horatio W. Parker (1863-1919))

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Organist: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries

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