



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

September 25, 2016
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Dedication of Worship, Music, and Arts
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and organ!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

- Psalm 150:3-6

Welcome to this place of Christian worship.

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, and for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Please silence all cell phones. Childcare is available in the Westminster Early Childhood Programs building for children 5 years old and younger.

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Worship

Dr. Yorty

Opening Voluntary

And All Shall Clap Their Hands
Westminster Handbell Choir

Lee Afdahl (b. 1952)

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

With a Voice of Singing

Kenneth Jennings (b. 1925) †

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!
The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah!
Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.
Sing forth the honor of his name, make his praise glorious.
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.

Call to Worship

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

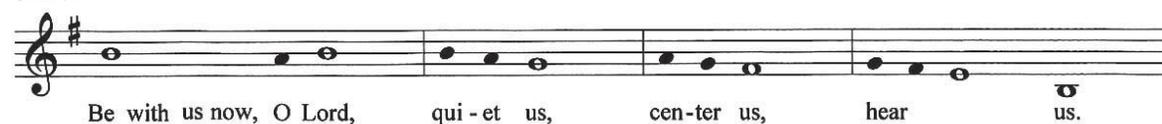
Hymn in Procession, No. 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

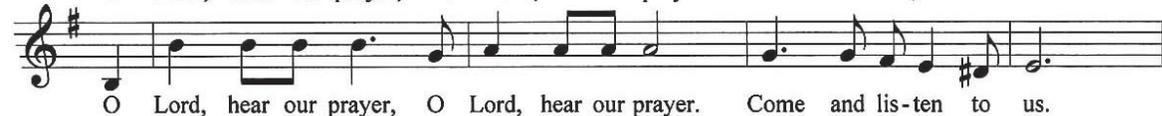
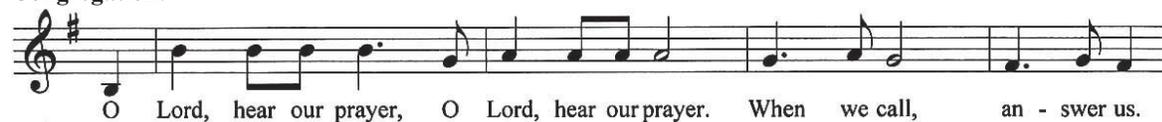
ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession

Cantor:



Congregation:



Prayer Of Confession

**We have sinned, O God,
hoarding what we have, grasping for more,
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.
We stay with our own kind;
we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.
Forgive us; purify us; remake us,
that we might love as you love. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver

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

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).

Time with Children

Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,
that in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

After 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

Psalms Lesson

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

John Goss (1800-1880)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;

His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:14-17, 19-31

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵So he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God." ¹⁶"The law and the prophets were in effect until John came; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone tries to enter it by force. ¹⁷But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped. ¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." "

Voluntary

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Traditional

Sermon

Temporal Acts, Eternal Consequences

Recognition of Marilyn Bassett and Reed Taylor

Litany to Commission the Westminster Choirs

The Commissioning

Director of Music: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!" Psalm 84:1,4

Choirs: "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful. Praise God's name with dancing, making melody to the Lord with timbrel and lyre!" Psalm 149:1,3

Minister: In our moments of greatest joy and greatest sorrow, our souls sing. We pause now to commission our choirs, for they lead us in our songs of praise and pleading to the God who puts music in our hearts.

Choirs: May God give us faith to sing always, "Alleluia!"

Minister: As these singers lift their voices in song may our liturgy and worship reveal more completely God's presence, power and love.

Choirs: May God give us faith to sing always, "Alleluia!"

Minister: Choirs, you have indicated by your presence and commitment that you desire to be of service in Christ's great kingdom through the gifts and ministry of music. Are you willing to grow with each other through musical learning and spiritual awareness to bring others to Christ and nurture those already in the faith?

Choirs: Yes, we are willing.

Minister: Will the congregation please stand and affirm the service of these dedicated worship leaders?

Congregation: We give thanks for your ministry of music in the life of this church. We pray that, through your work and the leading of the Holy Spirit, our lives may become rooted in the mind of Christ. May your witness through music be an inspiration to all who worship in this community and a humble and deserving sacrifice to our risen Lord.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city that is that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord,
To testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgment, even the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

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

We give you thanks and praise, generous God, for every good gift that comes from your hand: for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends, above all for the treasure of your grace. Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, taking hold of the life that really is life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

AURELIA

The people stand to sing. Please see insert for hymn.

Benediction Response

The Grace

Richard Shephard (b. 1949) †

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

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

Worship Leaders

- Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
- Reader:** Claude Welch
- Organist:** Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
- Westminster Handbell Choir:** Walter S. Mayo, Director
- Soloist:** Matt Alber, tenor
- Acolyte:** Mari Russell
- Crucifer:** Alex Renzoni

Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Warren Emblidge, Callan Izatt, Kathleen Kelly, Janet Kifer-Arnatt, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Earl McColgin, Jennifer Russell, Ron Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord’s Table are given by Claude Welch and Jeannette Ludwig in memory of loved ones.

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

The Westminster Choir 2016-2017 *Garrett F. Martin, Director of Music Ministries*

Jessica Best	2016	Heidi Fors	2014	Lauren Mason	2014	Stephen Schaefer	1984
Dorothy Brown	1966	Jenece Gerber	2015	Cynthia Mayo	1982	Victor Schuel	2000
David Butler	2003	Brian Glikes	2016	Walter S. Mayo	1988	Hanford Searl, Jr.	1986
Alexei Carstensen	2014	Jaime Goldfuss	2013	Paula Mazur	1997	Scott Stoddard	2016
Amy Cohen	2016	Sarah Gordon	2013	Scott Nachbar	2013	Hannah Taylor	2013
Valerie Cooley	1957	David Hohn	1997	Bobbie Billings-Neal	2008	David Tear	2014
Christine Curtis	1975	Lucinda Hohn	1997	Gene O’Hara	2016	Adam Utley	2011
Rhys Curtis	1975	Hillary Hunt	2014	Brian Page	2014	Nancy Van Baak	2014
Avis Devine	2014	Clio Jabine	2014	Bina Pawley	1957	Kathy Vitagliano	1998
Bill Devine	1992	Nicholas John	2015	Donna Paxson	2005	Joseph West	2016
Mary Alice Devine	1991	Käthe Wright Kaufman	2015	Karen Peck	2004	Jim Wieland	2005
Kaitlyn Dykstra	2014	Douglas Kirkpatrick	1966	Max Pipinich	2014	James Wright	2015
Stephen Edge	2016	Doug Kohler	2011	Chuck Rice	2013	Julie Zenger	2014
Anne Marie Faltisco	2009	David Lewis	2010	Todd Ruth	2016	Maggie Zindle	2003

The Westminster Handbell Choir 2016-2017 *Walter S. Mayo, Director*

Dorothy Brown	Donna Estrich	Katie Little	Maggie Zindle
Chris Curtis	Colleen Hohman	Cynthia Mayo	Kasey Zitnik
Rhys Curtis	Doug Kohler	Bonnie Smith	
Bruce Dierenfield	Debbie LaMendola	Hannah Taylor	

PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

October 1 - Blessing of the Animals

Westminster will offer its annual Blessing of the Animals in the Holmes Chapel on Saturday, the 1st of October at 10 AM. We invite you to bring any living creature to worship—such as cats and dogs, horses, goats, pigs, birds, reptiles, and fish. If you are not able to bring your animal, you may bring a picture of an animal you love or a picture of an endangered species in the wild.

Treats for both humans and animals will be provided.

October 2 - World Communion at First Presbyterian Church

Worship at 10 AM, Adult Programming at 9 AM, 1 Symphony Circle, Buffalo

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach

A Mustard Seedling vs. the Avalanche of Distrust; Luke 17:5-10

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 25

Ron on Duty

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:00 AM Senior Choristers
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
 9:00 AM Case Library/Spiritual Life
 9:00 AM Sunday School Comm. Mtg.
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 AM Worship/WM&A Dedication
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 11:45 AM 1st Confirmand/Mentor Lunch
 7:30 PM Matt Alber/Jordan Roy Concert

10:00 AM Garden Group
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, September 28

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Session Mtg.
 6:00 PM Choir School Evensong
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Tuesday, September 27

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.

Thursday, September 29

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 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 Student Playwriting Class
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Fri September 30

12:00 PM Fridays@Westminster Concert Series

Saturday, October 1

Jeff on Duty

10:00 AM Blessing Of The Animals

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday
10:00 AM Joint Worship
at First Presbyterian Church

(Note: We will NOT hold any worship services or education programs at Westminster today)

Notes on Today's Music

†**Kenneth Jennings** is the Harry R. and Thora Helseth Tosdal Professor Emeritus of Music and Director Emeritus of the St. Olaf Choir. He is a published arranger, composer, and choral music educator. Jennings is an alumnus of St. Olaf College and sang as a member of the St. Olaf Choir. He received his master's degree from Oberlin College and his doctorate from the University of Illinois. Jennings was appointed to the faculty of St. Olaf College in 1953, and became the third director of the internationally renowned St. Olaf Choir, succeeding founder F. Melius Christiansen and his son-successor, Olaf C. Christiansen. He retired from St. Olaf College in 1990, turning over the podium to his former student, Anton Armstrong.

‡**Richard Shephard** was educated at The King's School, Gloucester and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He is Chamberlain of Yorkminster, head of their development department, and Honorary Visiting Fellow in the Music Department of the University of York. His compositions include operas, oratorios and orchestral works but it is perhaps for his church music that he is best known. His anthems and service settings are sung widely in the cathedrals and churches of the UK and they have a considerable following in the USA. He holds the Lambeth Doctorate of Music from Oxford University and two Honorary Doctorates from the University of the South (Sewanee, TN) and the University of York (York, UK).

††**John Cook** was born at Maldon, Essex. After leaving St. John's School, Leatherhead, he entered Christ's College, Cambridge, as an organ scholar where he came under the influence of Hugh Allen and Boris Ord. A conscientious objector to the second World War, he left his Cambridge studies prematurely to drive an ambulance during the Blitz of London. Following the War, Cook worked as a copyist for Ralph Vaughan Williams and with Benjamin Britten on his chamber opera *Albert Herring*. In 1949, Cook was appointed as Organist and Choirmaster at Church of the Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon, where he served for five years before accepting a similar post at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ontario. It was during this time that he joined the teaching faculty of the University of Western Ontario and commenced his nine-year association with the Stratford Festival as resident conductor and composer. Cook left Ontario in 1962 to claim the coveted post of Organist and Choirmaster at Church of the Advent in Boston—a landmark Episcopal church in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Having established himself as a gifted organist, conductor, and composer, he joined the faculties of the Longy School of Music in Cambridge and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

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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.

Today, September 25, 2016, marks the 157th anniversary of the first service which was held in our church.

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

•3-5 year olds: Miss Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved pre-school teachers. The preschool class meets in the Early Childhood build-

ing. The children and their teachers walk to the building together, and in cold weather, need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers will meet parents in the Holmes Room.

•1st-5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops: Creation Station, Hollywood, and Apostles Playhouse

•6th & 7th graders meets each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.

•8th grade Confirmation Class meets 9:15-10:15AM in Parish Hall balcony starting in January.

•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, 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

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE JOIN FOR THIS PRESENTATION TODAY IN THE CASE LIBRARY

9:00AM - 10:15AM

September 25: 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!

SPIRITUAL LIFE: OCTOBER 9, 16 & 23

Approaches to Prayer

October 9: *Special Places, Sacred Space*. 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 and please contribute your thoughts and ideas to the conversation.

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS: OCTOBER 9

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

We will discuss the book *The Third Reconstruction* by The Rev. Dr. William Barber. It presents a justice-based, moral alternative to the confrontational tone of today’s election campaign. Dr. Barber feels that today, we have the opportunity to save our democracy with a Third Reconstruction, creating a new voting system that passes justice-based laws that serve the people. No longer do we have to be mired in a battle between left vs. right, liberal versus conservative, gay vs. straight, “hot button” issues, character assassination: all of which can be distorted to personal advantage by clever candidates who know how to manipulate television and social media. Books can be purchased from Jerry Kelly in the Holmes Room. Watch Dr. Barber’s video: [youtube.com/watch?v=vzkGUjOEL2I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzkGUjOEL2I) which will also be available in the Holmes Room today.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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 for Sunday mornings. 4 Dozen pieces and 1 volunteer for each service are needed. Donations are needed by 9:00 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 Westminister 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 BOOK MEETING - DATE CHANGE - OCTOBER 3RD

We will still meet at Laura Houghtaling’s home at 19 Boncroft Drive on Monday, on **October 3rd, at 7:00 PM** instead of September 26th. Please contact Laura at 834-8382 if you need directions. Hopefully, all will all be able to join us on this new date! See you there!

WESTMINSTER WORSHIPS AT FIRST CHURCH-OCTOBER 2

The Sessions of First and Westminister Presbyterian Churches have planned two joint worship services! The first is on World Communion Sunday, October 2, at 10 AM at First Church, 1 Symphony Circle. Dr. Yorty will be preaching and Garrett Martin and our choir have been asked to lead music and sing. We are invited to join their Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education program: *Cuba in the 21st Century* at 9AM. As a joint mission project please bring non-perishable food items for the Lyon Food Pantry. Additional parking is available at Kleinhans Music Hall.

Please note: when we are at First Church on October 2, we will NOT hold any worship services or education programs at Westminister.

Our Elders have extended the invitation to the members of First Church to worship with us on Sunday, December 4. We have asked Elder John Darby to preach, and First Church Music Director, David Bond to be at our organ console. **When First Church worships with us on December 4, we will hold only ONE worship service at 10:30AM** to encourage all of us to gather at one time to welcome our friends from First. Circle your calendar. More information to follow.

Bring your family and friends to wave the banner of Christ’s church and ministry we share!

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

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

September 30-York Consort, Baroque Viola de Gamba ensemble
Food Truck: Louisiana Cookery and Taffy’s Shake Truck

Recurring Events

Wednesday Evensong, 6:00PM in the Holmes Chapel

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

Taize Worship: Fridays, 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, November 13, January 29, February 26, March 12, April 9 at 4:00 PM

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



TONIGHT! 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 or at the door

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

Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn No. 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer Of Confession

**We have sinned, O God,
hoarding what we have, grasping for more,
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.
We stay with our own kind;
we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.
Forgive us; purify us; remake us,
that we might love as you love. 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.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

John Goss (1800-1880)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,
Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:14-17, 19-31

Text can be found on page 3.

Anthem

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

Jesu, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Jesu's name, the savior of mankind.
Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
In thee be all glory now, and through eternity.

Meditation

Temporal Acts, Eternal Consequences

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

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

AURELIA

The people stand to sing. Please see insert for hymn.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)††

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

Choir: Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School



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