



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

September 18, 2016
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



No slave can serve two masters;
for a slave will either hate the one and love the other,
or be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and wealth.

- Luke 16:13

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship

Opening Voluntary

Duo in G Major

Jacques Féréol Mazas (1782-1849)

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 122

Richard W. Herr (b. 1945)

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"
"Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"
For my brethren and companions' sake, I will say "peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Call to Worship

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

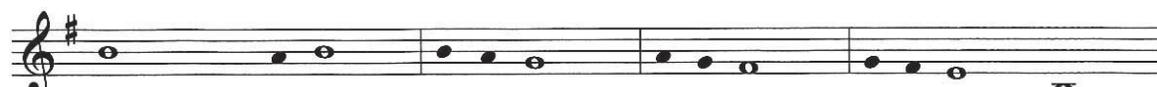
Hymn in Procession, No. 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

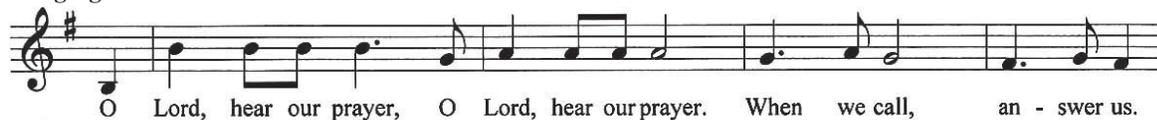
Call to Confession

Cantor:

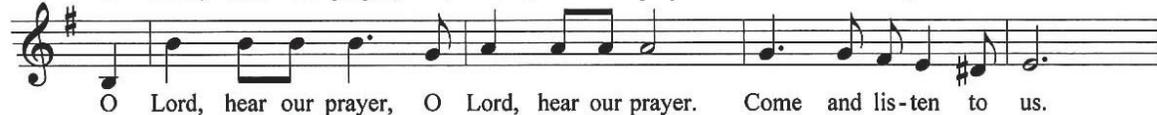


Be with us now, O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

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,
casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you
for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours
in the hope of securing our future.
We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you.
We have squandered your trust
and grieved your heart with our betrayal.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. 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).

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today to James Martin Andreas, son of Jennifer and Jonathan Andreas.

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.**

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

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 79:1-9

chant: Käthe Wright Kaufman (b. 1993)

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple;
They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food,
The flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem,
And there was no one to bury them.
We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.
How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you,
And on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.
For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.
Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
Let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Anthem

Eternal Light

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)†

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sermon

Only A Savior Like Jesus Could Love People Like Us

Hymn

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

Salut d'Amour

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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

**Gracious God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust,
you feed us with your love and equip us to share in your purpose.
Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits,
our guarded purses, our meager strength,
and continue to expand our hearts,
until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning;
for we pray in the name of your son, 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

The Christian Life

REPTON

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

Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Symphonie IV: Finale

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)‡

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: F. William Gray

Organists: Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Richard W. Herr, Director of Music Ministries Emeritus

Musicians: Andrew Sords, violin
Liza Grossman, viola

Acolytes: Madeline and Margaret Bace

Deacons Serving Today

Russell Braun, Kate Dierenfield, Warren Emblidge, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Johnpatrick Marr,
Mike Reynolds, Nancy Stevens, Roy Stewart, Ron Sutz

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Arlene Benson in memory of her family.

*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

†**Leo Sowerby** was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he began to compose at the age of ten. His interest in the organ began at the age of 15; he was self-taught at the instrument. He studied composition with Arthur Olaf Andersen at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago. During World War I, he spent time in France as a bandmaster and in 1921, he was awarded the Rome Prize (from the American Academy in Rome), the first composer to receive this. He joined the American Conservatory of Music as faculty in 1924 and received the 1946 Pulitzer Prize for Music for his cantata, the *Canticle of the Sun*, written in 1944.

In 1927 he became organist-choirmaster at St James's Episcopal Church, Chicago, which was consecrated as a cathedral during his tenure. Previously, Sowerby was associate organist at Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. In 1962, after his retirement from St James's, he was called to Washington National Cathedral to become the founding director of the College of Church Musicians, a position he held until his death in 1968.

His substantial output includes over 500 works in every genre but opera and ballet. His later works, done at St James's, Chicago, and Washington National Cathedral, are primarily church music for choir and organ.

Today's Anthem was dedicated to Clarence Dickinson; a rendering of Dickinson can be seen in our 1967 Willet Studios *Praise Window*, located on the second floor, north side of the Narthax, outside the choir gallery.

‡ **Charles-Marie Widor** was a French organist, composer and teacher. Widor was born in Lyon, to a family of organ builders, and initially studied music there with his father. The French organ builder Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, reviver of the art of organ building, was a friend of the Widor family; he arranged for the talented young organist to study in Brussels in 1863 with Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens for organ technique and with the elderly François-Joseph Fétis, director of the Brussels Conservatoire, for composition. After this term of study, Widor moved to Paris, where he would make his home for the rest of his life. At the age of 24 he was appointed assistant to Camille Saint-Saëns at Église de la Madeleine. In January 1870, with the combined lobbying of Cavaillé-Coll, Saint-Saëns, and Charles Gounod, the 25-year-old Widor was appointed as "provisional" organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, the most prominent position for a French organist. The organ at St-Sulpice was Cavaillé-Coll's masterwork; the instrument's spectacular capabilities proved an inspiration to Widor. Despite his job's ostensibly "provisional" nature, Widor remained as organist at St-Sulpice for nearly 64 years, until the end of 1933. He was succeeded in 1934 by his former student and assistant, Marcel Dupré. In 1890, upon the death of César Franck, Widor succeeded him as organ professor at the Paris Conservatoire. The class he inherited was initially stunned by this new teacher, who suddenly demanded a formidable technique and a knowledge of J.S. Bach's organ works as prerequisites to effective improvisation. Later (1896), he gave up this post to become composition professor at the same institution. Widor had several students in Paris who were to become famous composers and organists in their own right, most notably the aforementioned Dupré, Louis Vierne, Charles Tournemire, Darius Milhaud, Alexander Schreiner, Edgard Varèse, and the Canadian Henri Gagnon. Albert Schweitzer (who is also pictured in our *Praise Window* off of the narthex) also studied with Widor, mainly from 1899; master and pupil collaborated on an annotated edition of J. S. Bach's organ works published in 1912-14. Widor, whose own master Lemmens was an important Bach exponent, encouraged Schweitzer's theological exploration of Bach's music.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

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

Worship, Music & Arts Dedication

Temporal Acts, Eternal Consequences

Luke 16:19-31

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 18

Jeff on Duty

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:00 AM Senior Choristers

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.

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship/Andreas Baptism

10:40 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

11:45 AM Confirmands/Parents/Mentors Mtg.

12:00PM Inquirer's Mtg/Light Refreshments

1:30 PM Reserved for Evensong

4:00 PM Evensong

Monday, No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, September 20

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:30 AM Management Mtg.

10:00 AM Garden Group

4:30 PM ENERGY Program

5:30 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

6:00 PM Mission Outreach Mtg.

7:00 PM New Parent Orientation

Wednesday, September 21

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 Choir School Rehearsal

4:30 PM ENERGY Program

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

6:00 PM Choir School Evensong

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, September 22

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.

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

Friday, September 23

12:00 PM Fridays @ Westminster Concert Series

7:30 PM Organ Recital/

Guest Organist, Brink Bush

Saturday, September 24

4:00 PM WECP Fall Fest

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 Conversations/
Spiritual Life

9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds

9:00 AM Adult Bible Class

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

10:30 AM Worship/

Worship, Music & Arts 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

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

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 RESUMES TODAY!

•3-5 year olds: Miss Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved preschool teachers. The preschool class meets in the Early Childhood building. 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, Holyhood, 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 **TODAY, Sunday, September 18, 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 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 9:00 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 at Westminster
- Continue to design effective & interesting programming

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 at noon. Lunch provided by a local food truck. Donations benefit the *Westminster Friends of Music*.

September 23-Jeffrey Thompson, Tenor and 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

- 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!

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY AT 4PM - PRELUDE AT 3:30PM

Based on the services held daily in the medieval Church, Choral Evensong as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century. Many people enjoy the contemplative feel of Evensong.

WOW BOOK MEETING - DATE CHANGE -OCTOBER 3RD

Because of the conflict with the Presidential debate we will 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 Westminster Presbyterian Churches have planned two joint worship services! The first is on World Communion Sunday, October 2, at 10:00 a.m. at First Church, 1 Symphony Circle. Rev. Yorty will be preaching. We are invited to join their 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 available at Kleinhans Music Hall. Our Elders have extended the invitation to the members of First Church to worship with us on Sunday, December 4. **Please note: when we are at First Church on October 2, we will NOT hold any worship services or education programs at Westminster.**

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!

Recurring Events

Wednesday Evensong

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

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

Taizé 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, 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.*

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Prayer Of Confession

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casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you
for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours
in the hope of securing our future.
We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you.
We have squandered your trust
and grieved your heart with our betrayal.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. 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 79:1-9

chant: Käthe Wright Kaufman (b. 1993)

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple;
They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food,
The flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem,
And there was no one to bury them.
We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.
How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you,
And on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.
For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.
Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
Let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

Text can be found on page 3.

Anthem

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Stephan Casurella (b.1973)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Meditation

Only A Savior Like Jesus Could Love People Like Us

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

The Christian Life

REPTON

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

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Symphonie IV: Finale

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)‡

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