



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 27, 2016

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## Order of Worship - 11:00AM

*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, 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.*

*We invite all other children to remain in worship today.*

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### Festival Prelude

Rondeau

Minuet

Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder

Brother James' Air

Canzona per sonare No. 2

Three Pieces

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

Anonymous (c. 1684)

James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840-1925)

Giovanni Gabrieli (1554-1612)

Johan Christoph Pezel (1639-1694)

### 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 Sentences

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it:  
For Christ is risen overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

### Introit

Introit for a Feast Day

Gerre Hancock† (1934-2012)

### Call to Worship

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

Do not be afraid;  
I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.  
He is not here: for he has been raised, as he said.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Hymn in Procession, No. 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

### Prayer Of Confession

**All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver

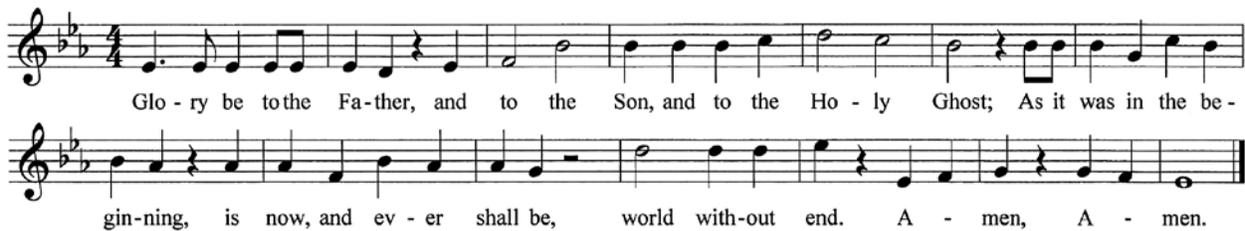


## Words of Assurance

### Response to the Assurance

GLORIA PATRI

*The people stand to sing.*



## 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).*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalm Lesson

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.  
Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures forever."  
The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"  
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.  
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."  
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.  
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

<sup>20</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## Anthem

It is a Thing Most Wonderful

Philip Moore ††(b. 1943)

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be,  
That God’s own Son should come from heaven and die to save a child like me.  
And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot,  
And wept and mourned and toiled and died, for love of those who loved him not.  
I sometimes think about the cross, and shut my eyes and try to see,  
The cruel nails and crown of thorns and Jesus crucified for me.  
But even could I see him die, I could but see a little part,  
Of that great love which like a fire, is always burning in his heart.  
And yet I want to love thee Lord; O light the flame within my heart,  
That I may love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art. (W. Walsham How, 1823-1897)

## Sermon

When Mystery Engulfs Reason

Dr. Yorty

## Affirmation of Faith

1Corinthians 15:1-6; Mark 16:9 (16:1-9)  
Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28

**This is the good news,  
which we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried,  
that he was raised on this day; and that he appeared first to women,  
then to Peter, and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen**

## Hymn

Jesus Lives!

ST. ALBINUS

*Stand to sing.*

*See insert for hymn.*

## Invitation to the Offering

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

## Offertory Anthem

Light's Glittering Morn

Craig Phillips<sup>+++</sup> (b. 1961)

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky,  
Heaven thunders for its victor cry;  
The glad earth shouts its triumph high,  
And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he the King of glorious might  
Treads down death's strength in death's despite,  
And trampling hell by victor's right,  
Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Hell's pains are loosed, and tears are fled;  
Captivity is captive led;  
The angel crowned with light, has said,  
"The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen from the dead."

We pray thee, King with glory decked,  
In this our paschal joy, protect  
From all that death would fain affect  
Thy ransomed flock, thine own elect. (Latin Hymn, Fifth Century)

## Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow: praise God, all crea - tures here be -  
low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our  
gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly  
Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

## Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant,  
we cannot measure them all.  
You give us life itself  
and the power to befriend our companions in this world.  
Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need,  
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People and 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. 108

Christ Is Alive!  
*The people stand to sing.*

TRURO

## Benediction and Choral Response

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia! To the Savior, who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia! To the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:  
Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

## Closing Voluntary

Symphonie V, op. 42, no. 1  
V. Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor<sup>††††</sup> (1844-1937)

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*All are invited to gather for fellowship and refreshments at the Easter Reception in the Case Library following the service*

## Worship Leaders

**Preacher:** The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

**Reader:** Eleanor Payne

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

Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

**Acolytes:** Julian and Madeline Payne

**Musicians:**

<i>Trumpet</i>	<i>Trombone</i>	<i>Percussion</i>
Kathy Haynes	Robert King	Larry Dubill
Justin Kohan	Pim Liebmann	
Don Montalto	Rich Scardina	
<i>Horn</i>	<i>Tuba</i>	
Dan Sweeley	Don Harry	

## Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Patty Charlier, Warren Emblidge, Kathleen Kelly, Kirsten Kifner, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu  
Earl McColgin, Johnpatrick Marr, Jennifer Russell

*Purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends. Sign up on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211.*

## Notes on Today's Music

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

††**Philip Moore** is an English composer and organist. After studying at the Royal College of Music, he was Assistant Music Master and Organist at Eton College. He became Assistant Organist at Canterbury Cathedral in 1968. He was appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers at Guildford Cathedral in 1974. He succeeded Francis Jackson in 1983 as Organist and Master of the Music at York Minster, a post he held until his retirement in 2008. In 2015 he began a two-year term as President of the Royal College of Organists.

†††**Craig Phillips** is a distinguished and popular American composer and organist. His choral and organ music is heard Sunday by Sunday in churches and cathedrals across the United States, and many of his works have been performed in concert throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Last year, he was named the American Guild of Organists Distinguished Composer for 2012 — the seventeenth recipient of this special award. Dr. Phillips joins an illustrious list that includes past honorees Virgil Thomson, Ned Rorem, Daniel Pinkham, Stephen Paulus, David Hurd and others. Dr. Phillips holds the degrees Doctor of Musical Arts, Master of Music, and the Performers Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, where he studied with the great pedagogue Russell Saunders. His Bachelor of Music Degree is from Oklahoma Baptist University, and his early musical studies were at the Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music in Nashville with Peter Fyfe, who was also Garrett Martin's first organ teacher at Blair. Dr. Phillips has served as Director of Music at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills since 2009. He previously served for 20 years as All Saints' Associate Director of Music and Composer-in-Residence.

††††**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 Cavallé-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 Cavallé-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 Cavallé-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 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.

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## Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

We invite members and visitors to sign the friendship/registration pad as it is passed during the service. Please indicate if you would like information sent to you or request a call from the pastor.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon

### MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program - creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language

skills. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or [carol@wedibuffalo.org](mailto:carol@wedibuffalo.org) for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

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, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

Westminster Members recovering from an illness/surgery or are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email [jadameczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years from 9:30AM to 12:30AM in the WECF building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECF) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.

• 3-5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved 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, the children need their coats.

- 1st - 5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops: Creation Station, Holywood and Apostles Playhouse
- 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 8th grader Confirmation Class meets 9:45-10:45AM in Parish Hall balcony
- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

### PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lunch at 12:30PM in the Oak Room, 1:15PM program in the Case Library. on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us on April 5 when we welcome Investigative Post environmental reporter, Dan Telvock who will discuss his reporting of the badly polluted Scajaquada Creek and how his work has sparked local, state and federal action. **Sign up in the Gallery Room, or call Jamie, 884-9437 or jadamaczyk@wpcbuffalo.org**

### THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

*The Senior Choristers*, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Senior Choristers produce a high volume of quality choral repertoire each week for use in worship and concert.

*The Junior Choristers*, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-6PM in the Holmes Chapel, with the assistance of Ms. Hillary Hunt. The Junior Choristers further their ability to read music and various languages while shaping the voice into a beautiful treble instrument.

*The Apprentice Choristers*, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday, September through May, during Sunday School in the 11am service in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley. Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org) or 884.9437 ext. 318.

### BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE

Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. Our next date is Sunday, April 17. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty, [tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) or 830-8596), Karen Keaton, [khkeaton@verizon.net](mailto:khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

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

**Sunday, March 27:** Easter Sunday – no youth events  
Sunday, April 3: 9:30AM Dialogue Diner (Parish Hall Kitchen)  
11AM – Youth Service (Holmes Chapel)

**Sunday, April 10:** 9:30AM– Dialogue Diner (Parish Hall Kitchen)

### SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*No offerings available on Easter Sunday. Will resume on April 3*

**CASE LIBRARY ENVIRONMENTAL SERIES, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 Sundays, 9:35AM - 10:45AM in the Case Library**

**April 3:** Our speaker will be Heidi Romer, Community Advancement Liaison of Harmac Medical Products, 2201 Bailey Avenue, which is the driving force behind “Bailey Green,” a 30-acre redevelopment project west of Bailey and East Ferry. Plans call for: hydroponic greenhouses, soccer mini-pitches, new single homes, a community garden, a retail store offering lower-cost food, a healthy food café offering food from the green houses. Bailey Green is a finalist in the 53rd annual International “Making Cities More Livable Design” Competition, being held in Rome. Copies of the article on the project, from the Buffalo News are on the Table in the Gallery Room

### SPIRITUAL LIFE,

**April 3, 17 & 24, 9:35AM - 10:45AM** in the Holmes Room

*The Spiritual Art of Attentiveness*

Facilitator: Allan Hayes

**April 3:** *Exploring Our Dream Life:* Introduction Group discussion led by Jan Beurskens from the Jung Center. Bring a dream that you are willing to share.

**April 10:** *Exploring Our Dream Life: Dream Images* Artist Dot Keller and Allan Hayes will explore some recurring, familiar and unusual dream images with some hands on exercises.

### ADULT BIBLE

9:35AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.

Our class welcomes 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.

### WESTMINSTER GOES TO THE BALLPARK!

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

### WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

**Fridays @ Westminster! Come for Music, Stay for Lunch**

Each Friday, a 30 minute lunchtime concert featuring local Buffalo artists will play in our historic Sanctuary, from Noon until 12:30PM. A Food Truck will be at Westminster each Friday, so stay for lunch! Donations benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

**April 1:** Frank Scinta, piano Food Truck: Cheesy Chick

**April 8:** The NY Consort Early Music Ensemble Food Truck: OG Wood Fire

**April 15:** David Henning, organ, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, TX  
Food Truck: 716

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

The WNY Chamber Orchestra welcomes famed musician Michael Ludwig in a concert titled *Chords and Cords*.

**Studies in Brass - Sunday, April 3, 3PM in the Sanctuary**

Buffalo Silver Band in concert. Free and open to the public.

**A Festival of Choirs - Sunday, April 17, 4PM** The Choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, under the direction of Jonathan Scarozza, Calvary Episcopal Church Williamsville, under the direction of Alex Benestelli, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Garrett Martin, join together to present a preview of works commissioned for the 2016 American Guild of Organists National Convention (Houston, TX) with brass, organ, and choirs. The three choirs are joined by Houston musician and organist, Dr. David Henning.

**First Annual WPC Gala Event featuring singer-songwriter, Matt Alber** along with a string quartet. A Gala for Westminster's Friends of Music will be held on Friday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more information!

### WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion and 11:00AM in the Sanctuary with Communion offered on first Sunday of every month

*The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach in April*

**April 3 - Easter II**

*Threat to the Status Quo; Acts 5:27-32*

**April 10- Easter III**

*God Had Other Plans; Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)*

**April 17-Easter IV**

*More New Life; Acts 9:36-43*

**April 24 - Easter V**

*The Circle of Love; John 13:31-35*

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

<b>Sunday, March 27-Easter Sunday</b>	6:00 PM Handbells
Jeff On Duty	7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM WNY Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal
8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care	<b>Friday, April 1</b>
8:45 AM Worship/Communion	12:00 PM Fridays @ WPC
9:30 AM Easter Brunch Setup	7:30 PM WNY Chamber Orchestra Performance
9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds	<b>Sunday, April 3</b>
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	Jeff On Duty
11:00 AM Worship	7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday
12:15 PM Easter Reception	8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday, March 28-WPC Closed</b>	8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
<b>Tuesday, March 29</b>	8:45 AM Worship/Communion
7:15 AM Wake Up Group	9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
4:00 PM ENERGY Program	9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
6:00 PM Zen Dharma	9:35 AM Case Library Conversations
Wednesday, March 30	9:35 AM Spiritual Life
9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.	9:35 AM Adult Bible Class
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.	11:00 AM Youth Service/ First Sunday/Sunday School
4:00 PM ENERGY Program	11:00 AM Worship
4:30 PM WPC Choir School	11:10 AM Sunday School
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace	12:00 PM Healing Service
7:30 PM WNY Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal	1:00 PM Studies In Brass Concert
8:00 PM AA Mtg.	
<b>Thursday, March 31</b>	
7:15 AM Wake Up Group	
8:30 AM Centering Prayer	
4:00 PM ENERGY Program	

Matt Alber in Concert - Friday, May 13 - 7:30PM



The first Annual Gala Event for Westminster's Friends of Music will be held at the Saturn Club. More information and ticket purchase will soon be available at [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org)

## Interfaith Congregational Conversations



### Going Deeper: The Current Issues Driving Israeli-Palestinian Relations

We will continue our four congregation conversations with North Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth Zion, and Congregation Shir Shalom. The next three events will explore some of the pressing issues that led to the decision of the Presbyterian Church to divest of three corporations doing business in Israel that aid or maintain the construction of the fence of separation and more generally issues driving Israeli-Palestinian relations today.



**The April 10 event** will be at WPC at 7PM. It will be a simulation of a Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly. The purpose of the simulation will be to give participants a 'hands on' experience of how the GA works and how issues get discussed, presented and voted upon. J.C. Austin, of Auburn Theological Seminary and a leader of the movement opposed to divestment, will offer a status report on the discussion within the PCUSA regarding divestment specifically and relations with Israel generally.



**The May 22 event** will take place at Congregation Shir Shalom on at 7PM. A brief documentary titled, "The Promise" will be presented. This documentary explores the theme of Israeli and Palestinian narratives. The film interviews an Israeli teenager and a Palestinian teenager who describe their experiences of the tensions between their people quite differently. We will discuss issues the documentary raises as well as other issues raised in the previous 2 sessions.

These conversations are designed to equip participants with a deeper understanding of the complex issues that affect the State of Israel and to prepare those who also intend to make the four-congregation trip to Israel (to be scheduled for winter of 2017) to make the best use of our visit to Israel and the opportunity to meet the voices 'on the ground' in Israel that are affected by and influencing Israeli-Palestinian relations.

Please contact Jamie Adamczyk at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org) for more information or to RSVP.

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

## GRATITUDE IN EVERY *Action*



### GIVING 2016

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Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
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## Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:45 a.m.

*The Gathering is an opportunity for worshippers to greet one another and to share prayer concerns.  
An offering plate has been placed on the Communion Table to receive your gifts.*

### Opening Voluntary

Sonata No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

### 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

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)

### Call to Worship

*The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.*

### Hymn, No. 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

### Prayer of Confession

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)



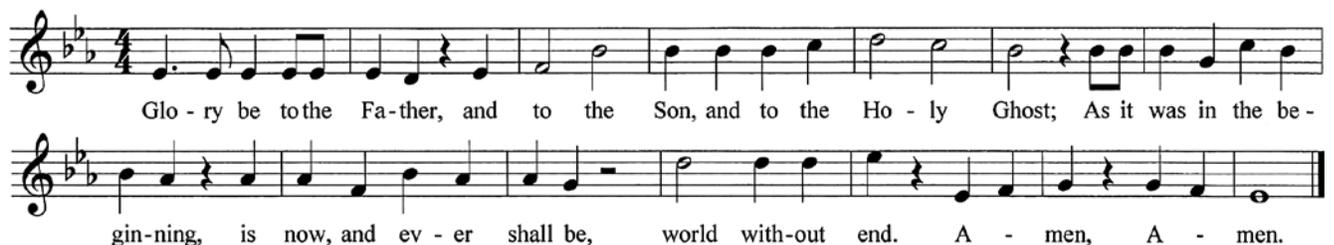
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

### Words of Assurance

### Response

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.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Gospel Lesson

Luke 22:66-23:25 26:1-11

*Text for this reading is on page 4.*

### Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Traditional French Carol, arr. Henry Fusner (1923-2015)

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain,  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love, whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleep unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain.  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green

### Meditation

When Mystery Engulfs Reason

Dr. Yorty

### Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Sending Hymn, No. 108

Christ Is Alive!

*The people stand to sing.*

TRURO

### Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

Symphonie V, op. 42, no. 1

V. Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor <sup>††††</sup>(1844-1937)

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

Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

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