



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

June 26, 2016
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.'
Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Luke 9:61-62

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 and 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship - 11:00AM

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

Trio Sonata III: Adagio e Dolce, BWV 527

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Call to Worship

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

Hymn, No. 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

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

Merciful God,
we confess that we desire what is not your will.
We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits.
We are truly sorry and repent of what we have done
and what we have not done.
Show us the path of your prophetic way.
Open our eyes to new ventures.
Help us love our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us and renew us, in the name of life abundant,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent prayer.

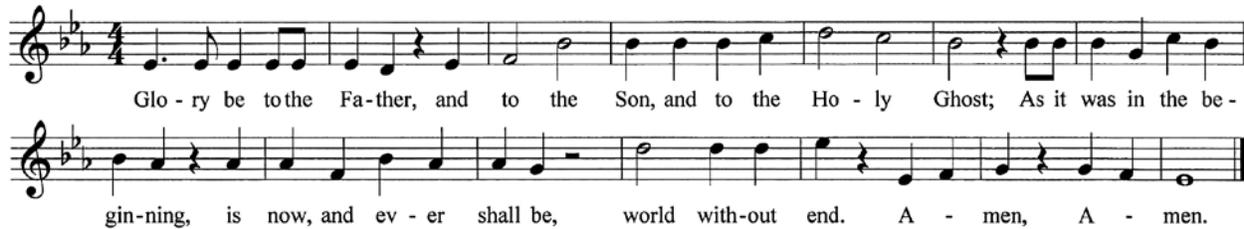


Words of Assurance

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, ‘Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?’ ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’ ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’ ⁵⁹To another he said, ‘Follow me.’ But he said, ‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’ ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’ ⁶¹Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ ⁶²Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’

Voluntary

I Have Chosen the Way of Truth

Craig Courtney* (b. 1948)

I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws.
I hold fast to your statutes, O Lord, my God; let me not be put to shame.
I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.
Teach me to follow your decrees, O Lord, and I shall keep them to the end.

Turn my heart to your decrees, away from worthless gain.
Preserve my life according to Your Word.

Lead me in the paths of your commands, for there will I find delight.

Sermon

The Road Not Taken

Hymn, No. 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
The people stand to sing.

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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God. Worshippers are invited to sign the Friendship Pad located in the aisle seat of each pew and then please pass it to others in the pew.

What Shall I Render to the Lord

Craig Courtney*

What shall I render to the Lord for all his goodness unto me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.
Be at rest, once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.
For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from falling.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Presentation of the Gifts

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The people stand as the Deacons come forward and remain standing for 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 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 to Commission the Maine Mission Group and Today's Offering

God, your blessings upon us never cease, your love for us is never-ending.
We present these gifts to you this day as well as our pledge
of time and talent for the days to come.
Especially we entrust into your care these young people
and their adult advisors who journey to Maine.
Be with them as they work on your behalf and represent our congregation.
Strengthen and uphold them. Bless the work of their hands
and hearts that they may bear much fruit.
Deepen the gifts of your Spirit in each of them
and all of us as we are sent out from here today into your world.
Use each of us, and these gifts, to announce your good news of new life
to those struggling against the forces of doubt and despair. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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

Sending Hymn, No. 393

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
Stand to sing.

BOURBON

Benediction and Response

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter**(b. 1945)

May the Lord's loving kindness surround you; keep you safe as you journey on your way:
May he lead you and inspire you as he grants you the gift of each new day.
May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them; every friend, every stranger at your door:
In the name of the Son, our Saviour Christ, may God bless you, now and evermore.

Closing Voluntary

Voluntary on HYMN TO JOY

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

*We commission our youth and their advisors who are participating in this year's Mission Trip
to Hartford and East Sumner, Maine:*

*Youth: Sean Fitzgibbons, Eric Forrest, Callan Izatt, Emily Reynolds (Junior Adviser), Emily Smith, Jo Stevens,
Emma Steadman, Christian Wyse, Jack Zenger*

Adult advisors: Mark Aquino, Marcia Buhl, David Carstensen, Debbie Katz

All are invited to gather for fellowship and refreshments in the Oak Room, following the Service.

Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Reader: Ray Herman

Organist: Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

Soloist: Max Pipinich, tenor

Deacons Serving Today

Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Doug Fabian, Callan Izatt, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Earl McColgin,
Jennifer Russell, Jo Stevens, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in memory of Carl and Mary Grever by their family.

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

A native of Indiana, ***Craig Courtney** began playing the piano at the age of three and the cello at the age of eleven. He received a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in piano performance at the University of Cincinnati. While serving at Salzburg International Baptist Church, Courtney began composing sacred choral music, due to the unavailability of English language music. Courtney's published works include more than two hundred choral octavos, nine vocal collections, a piano solo collection and six extended works for choir and orchestra. Compositionally, Courtney combines his training and background as a pianist, a cellist, a vocal coach, an accompanist and a choral director to create works that bear his unique style.

****John Rutter** was born in London in 1945, and studied music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he wrote his first published compositions and conducted his first recording while still a student. Rutter has enjoyed worldwide popularity owing to his large-scale choral and orchestral works, including: *Gloria* (1974), *Requiem* (1985), *Magnificat* (1990), *Psalmfest* (1993) and *Mass of the Children* (2003). Additionally, he co-edited four volumes in the *Carols for Choirs* series with Sir David Willcocks. After retiring as Director of Music at Clare College, he formed the Cambridge Singers as a professional chamber choir primarily dedicated to recording. The *Requiem* will be presented by the Westminster Choir on All Saints Sunday, November 6th, 2016.

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THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, June 26

Carlos On Duty
 8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:45 AM Worship/Communion
 9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner/
 Maine Shares Sale
 11:00 AM Worship/Maine Commissioning

Monday, June 27 – WPC Closed

Senior Highs Maine Mission Trip

Tuesday, June 28

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 10:00 AM Garden Group
 5:00 PM Personnel Committee Mtg.
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, June 29

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, June 30

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 10:00 AM Membership Update Team Mtg.

Sunday, July 3-Name Tag Sunday

Derek On Duty
 9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 10:00 AM Worship/Communion
 11:00 AM Punch and Cookies
 10:00 PM SH Maine Trip Returns



Westminster Day at Chautauqua Wednesday, August 3rd!

This year Westminster is excited to join with the Buffalo Unitarian Universalist and Trinity Episcopal churches for a Three Church Venture with all three of our pastors at Chautauqua! Half Day Gate Pass: \$16. All-day Gate Pass: \$40. Carpool from WPC parking lot leaving promptly at: Full Day Trip: 7:00AM, Half Day Trip: 10:30AM. All are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. We will meet at 12:30PM for a three-church picnic! A sign up sheet is in the Gallery Room. You must sign up if you intend to carpool. The half-day pass will hear Rev. William Barber 11, national chair of NAACP's Legislative Political Action Committee. People who choose the all-day pass will also hear the Rev. John Philip Newel, author in the field of Celtic spirituality.



Starting July 3, join us for an intimate Worship service at 10am.

The doors of the Holmes Chapel will be open
allowing for a wonderful view of the Kratz Garden.
What a great way to start a summer Sunday morning!

PREACHING SCHEDULE

*One Service in the Holmes Chapel at 10AM
July 3 through September 4*

July 3

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Front Row Seat to New Life
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

Maine Commissioning
Worship led by the Senior High's Maine Mission Group
and Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator

July 17

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Holy Unexpectedness!
Luke 10:25-37

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 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, 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 or are 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON RALLY DAY, SEPT. 11TH

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years from 9:30AM to 12:30AM in the WECP building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECP) 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 Dialogue Diner.

CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Starting July 3, childcare is available for children 5 years and younger, from 9:30 - 11:30am at the WECP (school) building.

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Thanks to all who attended our Passages programs! Passages will resume on Tuesday, October 4. Have a wonderful summer!

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, August 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. Rehearsals will resume in September. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org 884.9437 ext. 318.

BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE

Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. Our next date is **Sunday, September 18, 2016**. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty, tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596, Karen Keaton, khkeaton@verizon.net or any staff member.

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

Buy a Maine Share! Maine Shares are being sold every Sunday throughout June in the Holmes Room. Maine Shares
Sunday, June 26: 9:30AM – Dialogue Diner and Sell Maine Shares
11am - Maine Commissioning 12PM– Sell Maine Shares

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

CASE LIBRARY SUMMER SERIES 8:30 - 9:45AM in the Case Library: This year our six week Sunday series, July 10th to Aug 14th, will compare and contrast two short books by Christian Pastors.

What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian: A Guide to What Matters Most by Rev Martin Thielan. This 156 page paperback emphasizes good beliefs, Jesus, and God.

Long Live Salvations by Works: A Humanist Manifesto by Rev Harry Cook. This 157 page paperback emphasizes good works and humanism. We will read 20-30 pages from each book each Sunday and then discuss our findings with each other and volunteer facilitators Reading

the books, while encouraged, is not mandatory. Each session will provide standalone material so, while encouraged, it is not necessary to attend all six sessions. If you would like a book, there is a sign up sheet in the Gallery Room Organized by Debbie Katz, and Jerry Kelly.

Session 1, July 10: John McClive Session 2, July 17: Debbie Katz
Session 3, July 24: David Weeks Session 4, July 31: John Montague
Session 5, Aug. 7: Mark Aquino Session 6, Aug. 14: Jerry Kelly

SPIRITUAL LIFE,

9:30AM - 10:45AM 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: Reflections on my Summer Reading

Presenter: Tom Yorty

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

ADULT BIBLE

Adult Bible Study will resume in September.

9:45AM - 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.



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 is happening at Westminster
- Continue to design effective & interesting programming
- Provide timely Pastoral Care.

Please stop by the Holmes Room today and visit our Congregational Care tables. Volunteers can review your current information and will supply you with a form with which you can make changes/updates to your Westminster records, if necessary. ***Thank you for your help in keeping our church family connected!***



A covenant between Presbyterians and Jews in pursuit of a more just world: Israel, Palestine, Divestment, and Longing for Peace. An opportunity for discussion and fellowship.

- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Temple Beth Zion
- North Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Shir Shalom

A Picnic Dinner will follow:

- All ages are welcome
- Activities for children
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and refreshments provided
- Bring casseroles, desserts to share
- Donations of paper towels/bathroom tissue, toothpaste, etc. for the Town Square Food Pantry is appreciated.

The picnic will be held in the backyard of Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221

RSVP: Call Congregation Shir Shalom, 716-633-8877

Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:45AM

*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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Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)



Words of Assurance

Response

Stand to sing.

GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

Prayer for Illumination.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 9:51-62

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Meditation

The Road Not Taken

Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sending Hymn, No. 393

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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