



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

June 25, 2017
Third Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted.
So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

- Matthew 10:28-31

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. Latecomers may enter the Sanctuary during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

Opening Voluntary

Shalom¹

Dan Locklair[†] (b. 1949)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Order of Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Call to Worship

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

Hymn, No. 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

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

Hear our cries to you, O Lord:
For our lack of compassion toward the poor, have mercy on us;
For our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on Earth, have mercy on us;
For our disbelief in your power to make us whole, have mercy on us; for making war, have mercy on us;
For mistrusting your Word, have mercy on us;
For all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and renew us.
Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace. Amen.

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (b.1937)



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

Assurance of Pardon

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.

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 Samuel Fowler Peterson, son of Lisa Niswander and Lars Peterson.

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

ST. CLEMENT

Ac- cept, O Lord, our ded - i - ca-tion To fill with love the grow - ing mind, That
in this church and con - gre - ga-tion The young a faith for life may find.

At this time, children may leave with Debbie Katz, Christian Educator, for Kids' Worship. When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:24-39

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Voluntary

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott^{††} (b. 1955)

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

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

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

Sermon

The Strange Secret at the Heart of Creation

Hymn, No. 436

We Are Your People
The people stand to sing.

WHITFIELD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

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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! A-men.

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

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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. 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
The people stand to sing.

DUKE STREET

Benediction and Choral Response

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

Closing Voluntary

Prelude on ENGELBERG

Craig Phillips⁺⁺⁺ (b. 1961)

*Immediately following worship, please join us at Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room for refreshments and fellowship.
We need a shopper and host for Meet and Mingle "Light" for July and August.
If you can help, please call Sawrie Becker at 884-9437, ext. 315.*

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Jane Morris, Liturgist
Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Max Pipinich, Tenor

Deacons Serving Today

Kate Dierenfield, Mary Dimock , Doug Fabian, Carol Huber, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Johnpatrick Marr,
Mike Reynolds, Ron Sutz, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of Robert and Charlotte Collins, and Edward and Lucy Curtis by the Curtis family.

The following 2017 Sundays are still available for flower donations: August 20 and 27; September 3, October 22, and November 19. If you would like to purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, there is a monthly sign up on the kiosk in the Gallery Room. You may also call Sue Adams at 883-7597 or email hugwalker1@gmail.com

Notes on Today's Music

†**Dan Locklair** is an American composer. He holds the position of Composer-in-Residence at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where he is also a Professor of Music. Locklair has written numerous works ranging from organ solos to compositions for full orchestra, but he is most often noted for his sacred music. He was a professional organist by age 14; he is a graduate of Mars Hill College and also holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music. One of Locklair's pieces, "The Peace may be exchanged" (from Rubrics), was performed at the funeral service for former President Ronald Reagan at the Washington National Cathedral.

****Bob Chilcott** is a British choral composer, conductor, and singer, based in Oxford, England. Born in Plymouth, Chilcott sang in the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, both as a boy and as a university student. He performed the Pie Jesu of Fauré's Requiem on the 1967 King's College recording. In 1985 he joined the King's Singers, singing tenor for 12 years. He has been a composer since 1997.

*****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. 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.

¹**Shalom** (Peace) was written in remembrance of the darkness of September 11, from which emerged hope for peace and joy in Thanksgiving.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

Worship: One service at 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel, July 2 through September 3.

July 2

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Hedging Bets v. Going All-In; Genesis 22:1-14

July 9

Callan Izatt, Lay Preacher

Worship led by the Youth of Westminster; Annual report from mission in Maine.

Rev. Yorty will be preaching at the Holloway Chapel, Pt. Abino, Canada,
followed by a luncheon for Westminsterites at the Canadian home of Chuck and Louise Kreiner.

July 16

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

The Weed Parables: Natural Selection; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

The Weed Parables: When We Are the "Bad Seed"; Matthew 13:24-30

July 30

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Biblical Stories: Artifacts or Living Treasures?; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Worship This Summer!

One service will be offered at 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel from July 2 through September 3.

Join us this summer for Worship in the newly air conditioned Holmes Chapel

(Fall hours resume on Rally Day, September 10)

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, June 25

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:15 AM Worship/Communion

9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds

10:30 AM Worship-Commissioning Youths
for Maine trip

11:00 AM Meet & Mingle

Monday, June 26

6:00 AM Maine Mission Trip Leaves

Tuesday, June 27

12:00 AM Maine Mission Trip

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM Management Meeting

10:00 AM Garden Group

5:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, June 28

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Planned Giving Committee

12:00 PM News Info. Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Meeting

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

6:30 PM Session Meeting

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, June 29

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

1:30 PM Reserved

Sunday, July 2—One Service Sunday begins

Name Tag Sunday

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship/Communion

11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light

8:00 PM Youth Group returns from Maine

News & Notes

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 is always in need of plastic folders, spiral note books, 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.

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, Jane Morris 571-481-1839, 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 jad-amczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 8:00AM to 11:30AM in the WECF (school) building.

THIS SUMMER: BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN

Starting June 11, children 10 years and younger will leave after *Time with Children* for Bible Stories on Compassion. There will be childcare in the WECF (school) building from 8AM - 11:30PM PM for children 3 years and younger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday School will resume in September on Rally Day, September 10!

- Our preschool class meets in the WECF building. After *Time with Children*, children 3-5 year olds leave with their teachers, "Miss Debby" and "Mr. Chris" LaMendola and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers meet together in the Holmes Room.

- 1st - 4th grade classes: Meet each Sunday with their teachers in the 1st Parish Hall Classroom.

- 5th -7th grade class meets each Sunday with their teacher Carol Timmerman-Yorty in the 2nd Parish Hall classroom

- Our confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They meet one-on-one with their mentor until their class begins in January when they meet each Sunday from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.

- Our Senior Highs, 9th-12th graders, meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

Choir School will resume in September. *The Senior Choristers*, ages 12-18, rehearse Tuesday, 4:30PM-5:30PM, Wednesday, 4:30PM - 6:30PM, and Thursday, 4:30PM - 5:30PM. At 6PM, on Wednesdays, the choristers sing Choral Evensong in the Holmes Chapel, open to everyone. *The Junior Choristers*, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously, joining the Senior Choristers for the service of Choral Evensong at 6 PM. *The Apprentice Choristers*, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday during the 10:30AM 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. 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 17** 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 Conversations Summer Series

8:30 - 9:45AM in the Case Library

A four-week Sunday series, July 9th to 30th

Presenters: July 9: David Weeks July 16: Mark Hall July 23: Janet Kowalski July 30: Laurel Braun

Bestselling Christian activist, scholar, and author of *Why I Left, Why I Stayed: Conversations on Christianity Between an Evangelical Father and His Humanist Son*, Tony Campolo and his son Bart, an avowed Humanist, debate their spiritual differences and explore similarities involving faith, belief, and hope that they share. As *Why I Left, Why I Stayed* makes clear, a painful schism between father and son that could have divided them irreparably became instead an opening that offered each an invaluable look not only at what separated them, but more importantly, what they shared.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gallery Room so we can determine how many books to order. This series has been organized by the Case Library Committee.

Spiritual Life

Sundays, 9AM - 10:15AM in the Heritage Room

Our programming will resume in September when Dr. Yorty offers his introduction to the new program year to both the Case Library and Spiritual Life groups.

Adult Bible Study

9:00AM - 10:15AM first classroom on the Parish Hall Balcony

Join our continuing conversation as we explore the Sunday scripture passages. This discussion moves from what the biblical passage means to what this passage might mean in our lives. Our class is led by Debbie Katz and other class members. Our curriculum is *Feasting on the Word*. Please come to these classes as your schedule permits.

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Join us in October when Passages resumes for the new 2017-2018 program year. Lunch: 12:30PM, Program details, speakers and topics, will be listed in the September newsletter and on our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org Stay tuned for another informative and fun Passages program year.

WOW KNITTING GROUP

The group meets on various Tuesdays at 7PM-9PM throughout the year. The summer schedule TBA. They work on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes: mfranholmes@verizon.net for information and dates.

MEET & MINGLE - FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Please join us in the Holmes Room immediately following the 10:30am worship service for a relaxed and inviting fellowship opportunity. *Meet & Mingle* offers beverages, light healthy snacks, and provides a meaningful time of gathering and bonding for our congregation. Continue to stop by the **Heavenly Grounds Café** in the Oak Room which is open from 9AM to noon with coffee service until 10:30AM.

We need YOUR help! In order to keep it running successfully we are looking for YOU to help in one of the following ways:

1. Be a shopper – Purchase the food from a list provided and bring to church for storage. Bring receipts for reimbursement.

2. Be a host for the week. The hosts come early to church to make the punch, put the food on serving plates before the 10:30 service; monitor the need to refill punch or food platters; clean up dirty dishes, put unused food away, and take home tablecloths to be laundered and returned.

3. Be a sponsor – Make a donation to WPC to cover the weekly costs. Please contact Debby LaMendola (716-983-4993) if you can help!

Thank you to this weeks hosts, Dot Brown and Richard Herr and sponsors, the WPC Session.

STARTING IN JULY - MEET & MINGLE “LIGHT”

This Summer, join us for Meet & Mingle “Light” during July & August where you can still enjoy fellowship with lemonade and cookies! Volunteers are needed to provide cookies and host during this time. A sign-up sheet is available on the first floor kitchen refrigerator or contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 ext. 315, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org to volunteer.

GOOD NEWS!

Air conditioning is coming to the Holmes Chapel and Holmes Room! Thanks to a special gift from Dr. Philip and Donna Niswander, the summer worship services in the Holmes Chapel will be temperature controlled, creating a more comfortable worship experience for all of us!

We are grateful for this wonderful gift from the Niswander family, and we look forward to worshipping together when we officially begin summer worship hours on **Sunday, July 2, 2017, 10 AM.**

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 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 online, www.wpcbuffalo.org/lets-stay-connected



Buy a Maine Share!

Maine shares are being sold every Sunday throughout June after the 8:15 am service and before and after the 10:30 AM service. This fundraiser supports the Senior High's Maine Mission Trip in July.

First Lady of the Organ
Diane Bish
in Concert
October 29, 4:00 PM
in the Sanctuary

Known to audiences through her TV program, *The Joy of Music*, Diane Bish is arguably the most well-known organist of her generation. She will present a program of familiar masterworks and original compositions with a festival choir of singers from local churches. Tickets: \$25, available at www.wpcbuffalo.org.



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

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For our disbelief in your power to make us whole, have mercy on us; for making war, have mercy on us;

For mistrusting your Word, have mercy on us;

For all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and renew us.

Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace. Amen.

Time for silent prayer.

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)

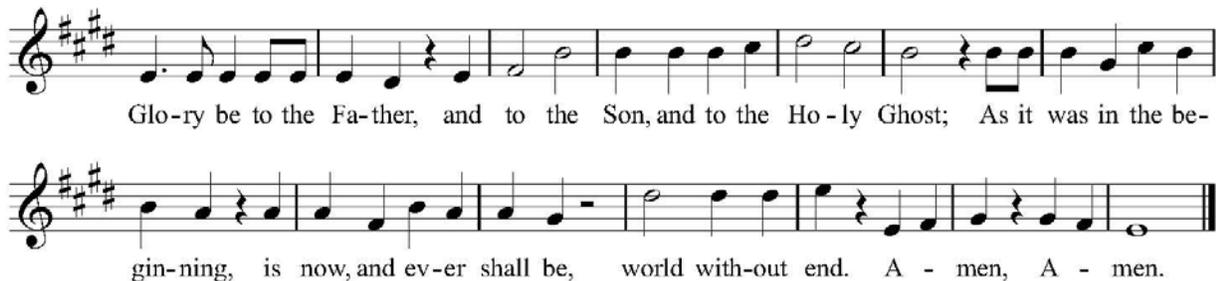


Words of Assurance

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Meditation

The Strange Secret at the Heart of Creation

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. Westminster Presbyterian Church serves only gluten and dairy-free bread in Communion.

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