



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 16, 2017

Order of Worship - 10:30 AM

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.

Festival Prelude

Rondeau	Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)
Jesu, Joy of Mans Desiring	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Brother James' Air	James Bain (1860-1925)
Die Bankelsangerlieder	Anonymous (ca. 1684)
Three Pieces	Johann 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

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing William Mathias[†] (1934-1992)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.
In his hands are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

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!

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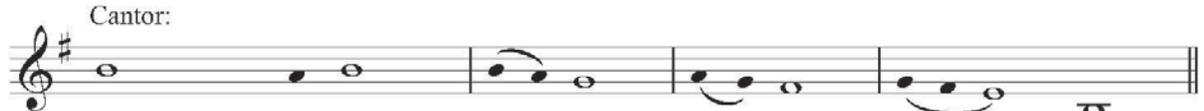
Hymn in Procession, No. 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

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

**Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit
we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection.
Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise,
confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger.
Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence.
Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.
Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory.
Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love.
Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,
reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.
Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)



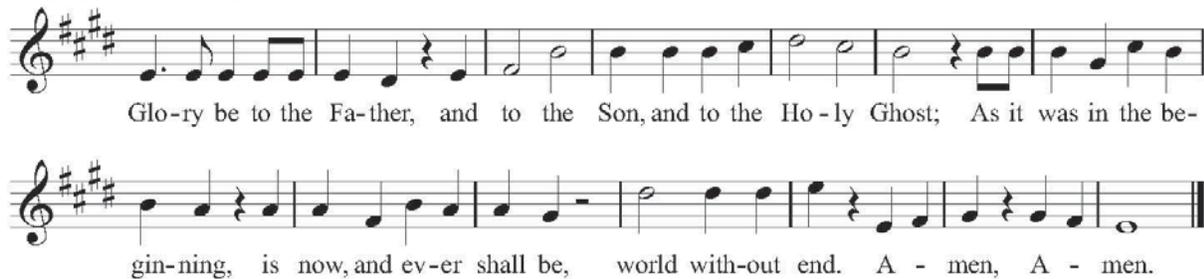
Lord have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

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).

A Litany of Dedication to Service for the Westminster Choristers

**All: Let all the children praise you, O God.
Let them sing songs that express their contagious faith and inspire the church.**

Pastor: Let them sing with abandon the good news that death is defeated.

Congregation: Set them on a life-long path of making music together.

Choristers: Nurture our desire to announce our faith through music as we serve the church.

Pastor: Let them use their musical gifts to join in the songs of the faith and enrich the worship of God in the community of faith.

Congregation: Let them learn from the artists who write the words and music that leap from the page into their mouths and into their hearts.

Choristers: Let us develop our musical talents to better serve the source of the music and the great song of life.

**All: Allow them the privilege of joining the heavenly choir in one grand “alleluia!”
Let all the children praise you, O God.**

**Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Anthem

My Master From a Garden Rose

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

My Master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare,
For tender hands had laid Him there to rest amid the roses.

‘Twas on a cross they laid Him bare, and pierced His hands with nails,
That we poor men might live again and be with Him in glory. Alleluia.

My Master from a garden rose to go for us to heaven,
And He will come and take us there, to be with Him forever. Alleluia. Amen.

Sermon

Seismic Shift

Hymn, No. 106

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The people stand to sing.

ALLELUIA No. 1

Affirmation of Faith

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

The people remain standing.

**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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

Awake, Arise

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Awake, arise, lift up thy voice, which as a trumpet swell!
Rejoice in Christ! Again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.
Let us not doubt, as doubted some, when first the Lord appeared;
But full of faith and reverence come, what time his voice is heard.
And even John, who ran so well, confess upon our knees
The Prince who locks up death and hell, and has himself the keys.
And thus through gladness and surprise the saints their Savior treat;
Nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet:
Those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
Those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.
O Dead arise! O Friendless, stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude, again command thy host from heaven restored!

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 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! A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

**Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor
and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord
who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

**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

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Closing Voluntary

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

Charles-Marie Widor ^{††}(1844-1937)

Immediately following worship, please join us in the Case Library for the Easter Reception.

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
 Dr. Phillips Stevens, Liturgist
 Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
 Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
 The Westminster Choir
 Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School
 Hillary Hunt and Veronica Shanchuk, Chorister trainers
 Buffalo Brass Octet

<i>Trumpet</i>	<i>Trombone</i>	<i>Timpani</i>
Matt Miraglia	Robert King	Larry Dubill
Justin Kohan	Pim Liebmann	
Don Montalto	Richard Scardina	
<i>Horn</i>	<i>Tuba</i>	
Tim Schwartz	Jim Pace	

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Patty Charlier, Doug Fabian, Callan Izatt, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy,
 Donald Kitungano, Becky Read-Lukan, Jo Stevens

Notes on Today's Music

[†]**William Mathias** (1934-1992) was a Welsh composer, born in Whitland, Carmarthenshire. He began his musical training at a young age, learning the piano at age three and composition at age five. Mathias studied at Aberystwyth University and the Royal Academy of Music, before accepting a job as professor of music and head of the department at the University of Wales, Bangor, in 1970. Although he enjoyed some success in secular genres, (his compositions include an opera, three symphonies and three piano concertos) a majority of his music was written for the Anglican choral tradition. Perhaps his most famous anthem is "Let the people praise Thee, O God," written for the July 1981 Royal Wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales, which had a television audience of an estimated 1 billion people worldwide. He founded the North Wales International Music Festival in St Asaph in 1972 and directed it until his death, aged 57, in 1992.

^{††}**Charles-Marie Widor** (1844 –1937) was a French organist, composer and teacher, most notable for his ten organ symphonies. Born in Lyon to a family of organ builders, he studied music in Lyon with his father, and in Brussels with Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens and François-Joseph Fétis. At the age of 24 he was appointed assistant to Camille Saint-Saëns. In January 1870, the 25-year-old Widor was appointed as "provisional" organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, the most prominent position for a French organist. Despite his job's "provisional" nature, he 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.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

April 23

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Sermon: Love Welcomed Me And My Soul Drew Back

April 30

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Sermon: Love Asked If I Lacked Anything; Luke 24:13-35

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Day

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 AM Senior Choristers
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Easter Reception

Tuesday, April 18

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
12:00 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

Wednesday, April 19

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
12:00 PM Leaders Luncheon W/Brian Higgins

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
6:00 PM Choir School Evensong
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, April 20

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
8:45 AM Centering Prayer
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 21

12:00 PM Fridays @ WPC Concert Series
2:00 PM Dickinson Marathon Reading #3
5:30 PM Taize Service
5:30 PM Reserved for WNYCO
7:30 PM WNYCO Concert

Saturday, April 22

12:00 AM WECP Children's Art Show
7:30 AM Dickinson Marathon Reading #3
9:00 AM River keepers for SHs & Middlers
11:00 AM Alice Gow Memorial Service
12:00 PM Alice Gow Reception

Sunday, April 23

8:00 AM WECP Children's Art Show
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 AM Senior Choristers
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Spiritual Life
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

Thanks to your Generosity, we've EXCEEDED our Goal!

Pledges received as of 04/14/17

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	DOLLARS OVER OUR GOAL
293	\$606,085	\$6,085

Thanks to the generosity of members and friends of Westminster, the Ministry of Generosity Committee is pleased to announce that we have exceeded our 2017 Generosity goal of \$600,000! This is our most successful giving campaign in our church's history and we reached it in record time. We are grateful for your financial pledges to this church as it signifies that we have a healthy church, whose members support our mission resoundingly. Through your generosity we are able to continue our ministry as we strive to answer the Prayer of St. Francis to "Love, Comfort, Understand and Give" within our church home and our community. If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to you may do so on our secure site at www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving, or email Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org. Thank you for being a contributing member of this church as your pledge, in any amount, makes us a stronger congregation.

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 WECP (school) building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

- Our preschool class meets in the WECP 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

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 through May 21st, 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 **May 21** 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

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

April 16: Easter-no program

April 23: *Climate Justice: What's Going on in the Buffalo area, NY State, and Beyond.* David Kowalski, Research Scientist (retired) & Environmental Activist. David will speak about climate change, health, and the need for a justice-based energy transition from polluting fossil fuels to clean sustainable sources.

Spiritual Life

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

April 16: Easter-no program

April 23: *Spiritual Connections Through Art – Part 2*

Presenters: Dot Keller and Fred Cooley. Seeing Dot's shell series and Fred's watercolors is a glorious aesthetic experience; yet when you hear them talk about their creative process you probably will find their deep connections are clearly spiritual. They will show some of their pieces then work with us on our own artistic ways of connecting to our special subjects and places.

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 for Passages on Tuesday, May 2nd. Rev. Yorty and Rev. Beth Hennessy will talk about planning your memorial service. This is an opportunity to record your favorite hymns and scripture passages or even people you might want to sing or read at your service. Lunch: 12:30PM, program begins at 1:15 PM. Please sign up on the table in the Gallery or call the church office before April 28, 2017.

WOW KNITTING GROUP

The group meets on Tuesday, April 25 and works on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes: mfranolmes@verizon.net for information and dates.

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.

April 21: Peter Gonciarz, organ, Food Truck: Louisiana Cookery
April 28: Brian Glikes, organ

Choral Evensong: Every Wednesday at 6PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead this service showcasing repertoire they are studying.

Taizé Worship: April 21, and May 19 at 5:30 PM. Start your weekend with this service of calming prayer and meditation.

Western New York Chamber Orchestra: Friday, April 21 at 7:30 PM. WNYCO presents Mozart's "Great" Mass in C minor, and John Corigliano's *Creation*. The concert features the Masterworks Choir of SUNY Fredonia, the Westminster Choir, and guest soloists.

Let the Bells Resound! The Westminster Handbell Choir: Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 PM. Join us for an afternoon of music presented by Westminster's renowned handbell choir and the Westfield High School Handbell Ensemble.

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, June 25, 2017, 10 AM.

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!

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.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Sponsored by Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Club. Saturday June 17, 10am - 1pm at Westminster This service ensures safe and secure disposal of unneeded, outdated business and personal papers. The cost is \$10.00 per box (approx size 10"x12"x15") Rotarians will be on hand to assist with unloading boxes from your vehicle. For additional information about Rotary or this event call 716-479-8711 visit the Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Facebook page.

Let the Bells Resound! The Westminster Handbell Choir



Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 PM.

Join us for an afternoon of music presented by Westminster's renowned Handbell Choir and the Westfield High School Handbell Ensemble.
Steve Mayo, Director

Western New York Chamber Orchestra



Friday, April 21 at 7:30 PM

WNYCO presents Mozart's "Great" Mass in C minor, and John Corigliano's *Creation*. The concert features the Masterworks Choir of SUNY Fredonia, the Westminster Choir, and guest soloists

Worship in the Holmes Chapel - 8:15AM

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

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Opening Voluntary

Prelude in D Major, BWV 532

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

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

**Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying,
comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age,
we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude.
We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything.
We have withheld from your people, our neighbors,
and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve.
We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today.
Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected,
and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. 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

GLORIA PATRI

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.

Peace of Christ

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

Text can be found on page 4 of this bulletin.

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 has 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

Seismic Shift

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.

Sending Hymn, No. 108

Christ is Alive!

The people stand to sing.

TRURO

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

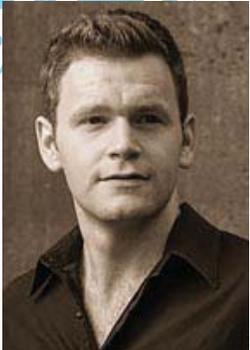
Symphonie V, op. 42, no. 1

V. Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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Hillary Hunt and Veronica Shanchuk, Chorister trainers



Christopher Keenan, singer-songwriter

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Diane Bish, organist

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