



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

February 26, 2017  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John  
and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun,  
and his clothes became dazzling white.

- Matthew 17:1-2

## 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

Prayer

Jeanne C. Warzyn (1920-2015)

The Westminster Handbell Choir

## 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.*

## Introit

Elijah Rock

Moses Hogan<sup>†</sup> (1957-2003)

Oh Elijah rock. Come on sister help me to pray, tell me my Lord done pass this way.  
Satan ain't nothin' but a snake in the grass. He's a conjur. He's a liar. Hallelujah, Lord.  
If I could I surely would stand on the rock where Moses stood.  
Oh, Elijah rock. Hallelujah Jesus!  
Oh, Elijah rock. I'm comin' up Lord!

## Call to Worship

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

## Hymn in Procession, No. 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

## 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

**Glorious God,  
you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet,  
yet we fail to listen to you  
and neglect to follow your guidance.  
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on,  
that we may walk in your ways  
and be happy in your refuge;  
in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)

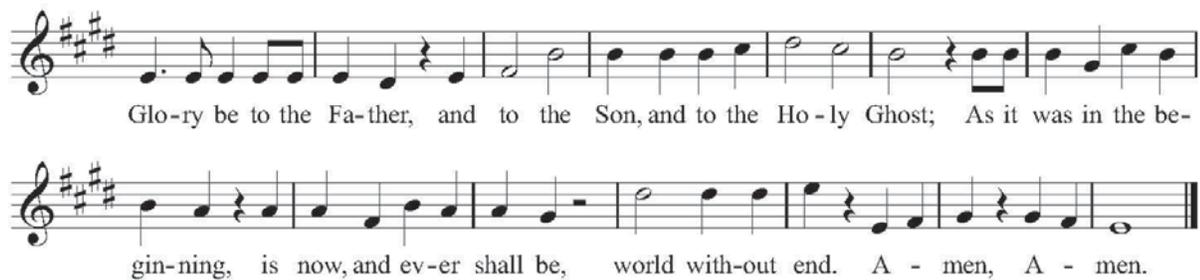


## Assurance of Pardon

### Response

*The people stand to sing.*

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## Passing the Peace of Christ

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

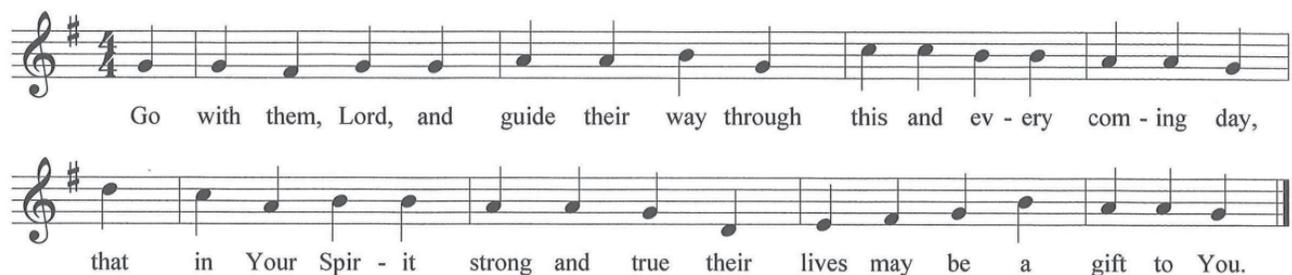
*Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say, "The peace of Christ be with you," and to respond, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point 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).*

## Time with Children

TALLIS CANON



*At this time, parents may decide to have their children 3 years and older leave with their teachers.  
When the children leave, please make sure they take their belongings with them.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lessons

Psalm 99

Chant: Edgar Frederick Day (1891-1941)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient; he sitteth between the Cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet. <sup>2</sup>The Lord is great in Sion, and high above all people. <sup>3</sup>They shall give thanks unto thy Name, which is great, wonderful, and holy. <sup>4</sup>The King's power loveth judgment; thou hast prepared equity, thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup>O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy. <sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: these called upon the Lord, and he heard them. <sup>7</sup>He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them. <sup>8</sup>Thou heardest them, O Lord our God; thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings. <sup>9</sup>O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Hymn No. 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
*The people stand to sing.*

ST. DENIO

Sermon

Glimpses of Glory

Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

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

### Transfiguration

Craig Phillips† (b. 1961)

O burning mountain, O chosen sun, O perfect moon, O fathomless well,  
O unattainable height, O unattainable light, O clearness beyond all measure,  
O wisdom without end, O mercy without all limit,  
O strength beyond resistance, O crown of all majesty,  
All creation humbly sings your praise:  
Bright stars, high mountains, depths of the seas, rushing waters,  
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation:  
This is my Son, my beloved, my chosen One. Alleluia! (Text: Mechtild of Magdeburg, 1207-1294)

## Presentation of the Gifts

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre-a-tor, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

## Prayer of Dedication

**God of mountaintops and valleys,  
be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear,  
we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us.  
Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured  
into your presence in the world. 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. 451

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones  
*The people stand to sing.*

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

## Benediction and Choral Response

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

My good Lord's done been here! Blessed my soul and gone away.  
When I get to heaven and my work is done,  
Going to sit down with my sister Mary and chatter with the darling son.  
Going down to the river of Jordan one of these days.  
Going to sit at the welcome table. There, I will see my savior's face.  
Hold up the Baptist finger, hold up the Baptist hand,  
When I get in the heavens, going to join the Baptist Band.

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***Immediately following worship, please join us in the Holmes Room for a catered reception featuring signature New Orleans fare and music by Dr. Jazz and the Jazz Bugs.***

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor  
Roy Stewart, Liturgist  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  
Walter S. Mayo, Director of the Westminster Handbell Choir

## Deacons Serving Today

Mary Dimock, Teddie Granville, Callan Izatt, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Donald Kitungano, Jennifer Russell, Nancy Stevens, Ron Sutz

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Kay Reed in memory of members of Horace Reed family  
The flowers at the Pulpit are given in loving memory of Charles J. Hahn by his family and friends.

*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*

# - TUESDAYS IN LENT - DEEP STORIES AND COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

**We will hold our annual dinner/discussions Tuesday evenings in the Holmes Room.**

**• Dinner is at 6pm (\$5 suggested donation)**

**• Presentation is at 6:30pm • Discussion is at 7:00pm • Concludes at 7:30pm**

**• RSVP is Necessary: Sign up at the Information Table in the Gallery Room  
or email Jamie at [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org)**



This year our traditional Wednesdays in Lent has moved to Tuesdays in Lent. Given the great chasms revealed by the recent election that divide our nation among common, everyday folks, many are calling for efforts to bridge the divides. Suggestions range from "Courageous Conversations" about politics to listening to and learning from one another's "Deep Stories."

Three recent best sellers – *The End of White Christian America*, *Strangers in Their Own Land: A Journey Into the Heart of Our Political Divide*, and *Hillbilly Elegy* – each tell the deep story of various groups of people and specific individuals representing those groups. Deep stories are, as one of the authors says, "how we feel about and experience life"; deep stories give us our orientation to the world; they are the values, assumptions, and social tenets we learn early in life and that shape our attitudes and commitments as adults.

In the spirit of deepening the bond of our own community here at Westminster, and learning to listen deeply to one another, our Lenten Dinner Series will give us an opportunity to hear the deep stories of some of our staff and church leaders. Our goal is to equip us to help bring about healing in our community as we listen deeply to others and learn how to think and speak deeply about ourselves.

From our neighbors in city neighborhoods and suburbs, to perhaps even our own family members we thought we knew but realized in the current political climate that we don't, this series will help us listen with compassion and speak with courage about faith, values, and even politics.

**March 1 - Ash Wednesday-Dr. Yorty**

Services at Noon and 6PM (no dinner)

*Deep Stories and Courageous Conversations*

**Tuesday, March 7**

*Deep Stories and Courageous Conversations*

Marc Joseffer, Entrepreneur, SCORE

Business Mentor

**Tuesday, March 14**

*Deep Stories and Courageous Conversations*

The Reverend Beth Hennessy,  
Minister for Pastoral Care, WPC

**Tuesday, March 21**

*Deep Stories and Courageous Conversations*

Roger Seifert, Entrepreneur, Sales Executive

**Tuesday, March 28**

*Deep Stories and Courageous Conversations*

Elder Mimi Steadman, Associate Vice  
President, Institutional Effectiveness,  
Daemen College

**Tuesday, April 4**

Elder Tim Johnston, CEO and Founder of  
Sandhill Investment Management and  
Dr. Yorty

*A discussion on how Westminster can  
contribute to healing and hope in the  
current environment*

## PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

### February 26-Choral Evensong, 4:00PM

The Westminster Choirs and St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir  
St. Joseph's Cathedral, 50 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202  
Prelude Recital at 3:30PM

### Ash Wednesday, March 1

12 Noon and 6PM in the Holmes Chapel.  
The Choirs of Westminster begin the season of Lent at this solemn service. The traditional service of imposition of ashes, and celebration of the Lord's Supper.

### Preaching and Worship in Lent

Lent from the Old English means 'to lengthen.' In Lent the days begin to lengthen, the natural world around us stretches out of its winter slumber sunward and we, too, find our hearts and minds opening up to burgeoning life all around.

This season of the year was used and still is in some traditions for new converts to the Christian faith to prepare for their baptisms on Easter Day. So the weeks of Lent at Westminster have also been focused over the years on deepening and growing our personal faith and our congregation work and witness.

The sermons this Lent will address the organic nature of our faith – as a living, growing thing – a seed per Jesus Parable of the Sower – that requires good soil, nurture and care. I invite you to join me Sundays as we

consider the biblical stories that take us from the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness to the encounter of Jesus and Nicodemus to the woman at the well to the man born blind to dead Lazarus in his tomb. These stories are each moments of crisis in personal faith. But in each case a way opens up unexpectedly, surprisingly, astonishingly.

### March 5-Lent I

*The Importance of Boundaries: On Just Saying No*  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

### March 12-Lent II

*The Importance of Questioning: On Not Being Afraid To Ask*  
Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

### March 19- Lent III

Masterworks: Bob Chilcott's *St. John Passion*  
*The Importance of Using Your Voice: On Speaking Up*  
John 4:5-42

### March 26-Lent IV

*The Importance of Personal Experience: Not Just Libraries*  
John 9:1-41

### April 2-Lent V

*The Importance of Ultimate Trust: Dead or Alive*  
John 11:1-45

## Notes on Today's Music

†**Moses Hogan** was an African-American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor and arranger of international renown. He died suddenly of a brain tumor at the age of 45.

††**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.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, February 26

Middler Trip to LaFayette Pres.  
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:00 AM Senior Choristers  
8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations  
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:00 AM Spiritual Life  
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class  
9:15 AM Confirmation Class  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Worship  
10:40 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Fat Tuesday Jazz  
4:00 PM Evensong @ St. Joseph's Cathedral  
**Tuesday, February 28**  
7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
9:00 AM Management Mtg.  
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal  
4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
5:30 PM Personnel Comm. Mtg.  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

### Wednesday, March 1-Ash Wednesday

9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting  
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service  
12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline  
1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Thursday, March 2

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
7:45 AM Ministry of Generosity  
8:30 AM Centering Prayer  
4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Handbells  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
**Friday, March 3**  
7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP

10:00 AM Art Gala Set Up

12:00 PM Fridays @ Westminster Concert Series, David Snyder, organ

### Saturday, March 4

10:00 AM Art Gala Set up  
5:00 PM Senior High Lock in/Maine Planning  
7:00 PM WECP Art Gala

### Sunday, March 5 - Lent I

Name Tag Sunday  
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
8:00 AM Senior Choirster's  
8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion  
9:00 AM Spiritual Life  
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations/Adult Bible Class  
9:15 AM Confirmation Class  
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM First Sunday Youth/ Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship W/Communion  
11:30 AM Middlers decorate food bins  
1:00 PM Virginia Paul Piano Recital

## 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 [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@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 to 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](mailto: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 dates are **March 26 and 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](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) or 830-8596, Karen Keaton, [khkeaton@verizon.net](mailto:khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

### SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

#### 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.

#### Spiritual Life

Sunday, 9AM to 10:15AM in the Heritage Room

**February 26 & March 19: Mindfulness**

Presenters: Fred Cooley and Larry Castellani

As we discuss, reflect on and practice various ways to be spiritual, some of us believe additional effective tools can always be helpful to some. Larry Castellani and Fred Cooley will suggest ways to identify various blockages in your cognitive and emotional milieu that can sap spiritual energies and be disguised as anxieties, obsessions, and other negative forces within. Identification (knowing that I don't know) can be followed by practices to ameliorate these drains on your peacefulness and happy spirituality.

#### Case Library Conversation Series

Sunday, 9AM to 10:15AM in the Case Library

**February 26 - Getting Your Affairs in Order**

Join us for our presenter, Robert Constantine, a long time Westminster member and attorney with extensive experience in Trust and Estate planning and administration, to gain important and valuable information about preparing for your financial and estate planning. Robert will provide you with some basic organizational ideas and tools that will simplify what some of us see as a daunting task of getting our affairs in order as a part of our estate planning. We will discuss some of the basic elements of estate planning, demystifying the typical documents (what is a Will? What is a Trust?), explain the importance of having powers of attorney and health care documents, and answer all of your questions about these important topics. Whether you are getting ready to sign your first Will or just reviewing the plan you already have in place, you will find valuable information and useful handouts at this session.

#### A Case Library and Adult Bible Study Joint Lenten Series Presentation

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

*How to Read the Bible and Still be a Christian* by John Dominic Crossan

**March 5, 12, 19, & 26**

Is God Violent? An exploration from Genesis to Revelation

The acclaimed Bible scholar and author of *The Historical Jesus* and 12 other

books grapples with scripture's conflicting visions of God and Jesus. At times the Bible depicts a loving God, and at other times a vengeful God. Crossan explains how Christians can discern and decipher which passages to trust and follow. Please join us for what promises to be a very stimulating program!

### March 5

Part I & Epilogue – *The Challenge & An Overview*

Discussion Leader: John McClive

### PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Join us on March 7 for Rev. Tom Yorty's report on the 4-Congregation Trip to Israel. Lunch at 12:30PM, presentation at 1:15PM. Please sign up by February 26 in the Gallery Room if you will be having lunch, or RSVP to Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326.

### 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.

### WOW KNITTING GROUP

Our next meetings will be held on **Tuesday, February 28**. The group meets on various Tuesdays throughout the year from 7PM to 9PM and works on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners are welcome! Contact Fran Holmes: mfranhomes@verizon.net for more 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*. Our next concert will be March 3: David Snyder, 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:** March 17, April 21, and May 19 at 5:30 PM. Start your weekend with this evening service of calming prayer and meditation.

**Choral Evensong:** Sundays, March 12, and April 9 at 4:00 PM. The Westminster Choirs and visiting choirs present this service of Evening Prayer. Join us for an organ prelude recital at 3:30 PM.

**Masterworks Service:** Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 AM The Westminster Choir and musicians from the Buffalo Philharmonic perform Bob Chilcott's *St. John Passion*, a dramatic retelling of the Passion story that combines thirteenth century English poetry with texts from the King James Bible.

### 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!** The new "Meet & Mingle" event after the 10:30AM church service is a great success! Thanks to everyone for participating! 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 on a regular basis and bring to church for storage. Bring receipts for reimbursement.  
2. Be a host for the week – each week we are looking for a different family to serve as the host. The hosts come early to church to make the punch and put the food on serving plates before the 10:30 service; also monitor the need to refill punch or food platters; and 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. As you reflect on how you can best give of your time, talent and treasure, please contact Debby LaMendola (716-983-4993) and let her know how YOU can help!

### WOW-WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

**Downton Abbey Tea**, in the Case Library, Sunday, March 12th, immediately following the :a.m service. Draped in lace tablecloths, adorned with flowers and antique teacups, our library will be transformed to a Highclere Castle tearoom, missing only the Dowager Duchess, herself. An offering of soup, savory and sweet tea sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream, dainty pastries and, of course, tea, will be served by Mrs. Patmore's helpers. (white gloves NOT mandatory!) Seating is limited! Sign up in the Gallery Room by March 5th. Cost: \$5 payable at the door.

**WOW Lunchtime Bible Study** meets the third Thursday of each month. in the Case Library. Join us each month and together we will explore some of the Bible's 800 references to water. . Come as your schedule permits. For more information, please contact: Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at dkatz@westminster-bflo.org or (716) 884-9437, ext. 329. Coffee and tea provided.

### CELEBRATING OUR LOVE FOR WESTMINSTER!

**Come join your friends on March 18th for a beautiful evening!** A five-course gourmet dinner prepared and served lovingly by the staff of Westminster. The Case Library will be transformed into a fine dining experience.

- 6:30pm Champagne Reception in the Drawing (Oak) Room
- 7:30pm Dinner in the Case Library
- Dietary restrictions considered
- Piano Music provided by Garrett Martin and Matt Marco
- \$125.00 per person. Individuals, Groups and Couples encouraged
- RSVP by March 3, 2017

Visit [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org) to make your reservation online or use a reservation form available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. You may also call the church office-884-9437. This event will help to continue the important ministries of our church. Thank you for your support.

### LENT IN A BAG AND FOOD IN A BIN

On Sunday, March 1st, pick up a *Lent in a Bag* from the information table in the Gallery Room. In these bags you'll find 6 small items you and your family can use during Lent. You'll also find a flyer that joins the six small items to a weekly Bible lesson.

There is no assigned order to using these items. Although if you want your seeds to grow before Easter, plant them early in Lent. Families can use these stories and questions to begin a discussion. Individuals can use these items as part of a weekly devotional.

The Sunday School is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive for the Food Bank of Western New York. To remind ourselves and teach our children how food is a daily need, we are asking people to put aside a daily donation of non-perishable food items during the weeks of Lent.

On March 1, Ash Wednesday, please put aside one or two food items and continue that throughout the week. Then each Sunday during Lent, bring your accumulated non-perishable food items to fill the empty barrels located at each of our church entrances. The barrels will be decorated by the Sunday School children, so they'll be easily seen.

At the end of Lent or as the barrels are filled, the Food Bank will pick up our donated food items. Thank you.

## 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

Fantaisie in D-flat major

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

### Call to Worship

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

### Hymn, No. 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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### Prayer of Confession

**Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet,  
yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance.  
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways  
and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

### Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)



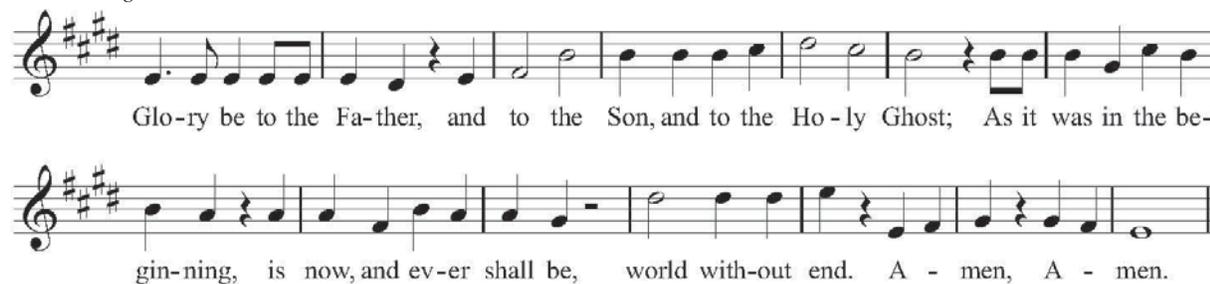
Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

### Words of Assurance

### Response

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*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.**

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lessons

Psalm 99; Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

*Text can be found on page 4 of this bulletin.*

## Anthem

As Water to the Thirsty

David Lliff (b. 1939)

As water to the thirsty, as beauty to the eyes,  
As strength that follows weakness, as truth instead of lies,  
As songtime and springtime and summertime to be,  
So is my living Lord to me.

Like calm in place of clamour, like peace that follows pain,  
Like meeting after parting, like sunshine after rain,  
Like moonlight and starlight and sunlight on the sea,  
So in my living Lord to me.

As sleep that follows fever, as gold instead of grey,  
As freedom as sunrise to the day,  
As home to the traveler and all we long to see,  
So is my living Lord to me.

## Meditation

Glimpses of Glory

Dr. Yorty

## 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. Please take the aisle nearest you to the communion station at the front of that aisle, and return to your seat by the same aisle.*

## Sending Hymn, No. 451

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones  
*The people stand to sing.*

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Variations on *Salzburg*

Johann Pachelbel† (1653-1706)

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## Worship Leaders

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

## Notes on Today's Music

†**Johann Pachelbel** was a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ tradition to its peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era.

Pachelbel's music enjoyed enormous popularity during his lifetime; he had many pupils and his music became a model for the composers of south and central Germany. Today, Pachelbel is best known for the Canon in D, as well as the Chaconne in F minor, the Toccata in E minor for organ, and the Hexachordum Apollinis, a set of keyboard variations.

## GIVING 2017



Pledges received as of 02/24/17

<b>Number of Pledges Received</b>	<b>Total Pledges Received</b>	<b>Dollars to Goal</b>
<b>269</b>	<b>\$533,003</b>	<b>\$66,997</b>

We ask that you prayerfully consider the blessings you have received and with a grateful heart return your pledge card with support for 2017. Your financial pledge will enable Westminster 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. Pledge cards are available in the Holmes Room and you may return your pledge card by mail, make a pledge or a pledge payment on our secure site at [www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving), or email Sawrie Becker, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org). Thank you for being a contributing member of this church as your pledge, in any amount, makes us a stronger congregation.



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