



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

January 22, 2017
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-
the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim,
‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

- Matthew 4:15-17

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

Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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

Eternal Light

Leo Sowerby† (1895-1968)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support, Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

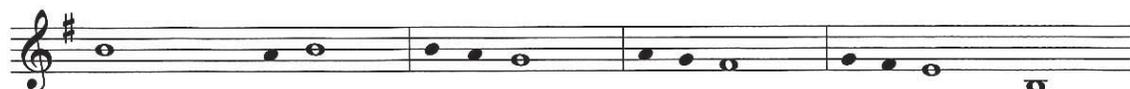
Hymn in Procession, No. 442

The Church's One Foundation

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Call to Confession

Cantor:

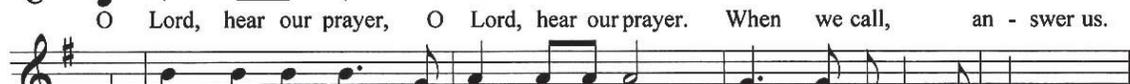


Be with us now, O Lord, qui - et us, cen - ter us, hear us.

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

Almighty God,
we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions.
We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships.
We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,
and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.
Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit
in perfect harmony. Amen.

Silence is kept

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)



Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.

GLORIA PATRI

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

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 Araya Ann Hewitt and Teagan Kaye Hewitt, daughters of Jason Hewitt and Kayla McKinley.

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

Baptism Hymn 497, Stanza 4

ST. CLEMENT

Accept, O Lord, our dedication to fill with love the growing mind,
that in this church and congregation the young a faith for life may find.

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

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13

Chant: Luke Flintoff (1678-1727)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle;
Yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
And now shall he lift up mine head above mine enemies round about me.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succor; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Scripture Lessons

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Hymn No. 26

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
The people stand to sing.

ERMUNTRE DICH

Sermon

Proclaiming Deliverance in a World of Danger, Darkness, and Death

Dr. Yorty

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

Eternal God

Richard Shephard†† (b. 1949)

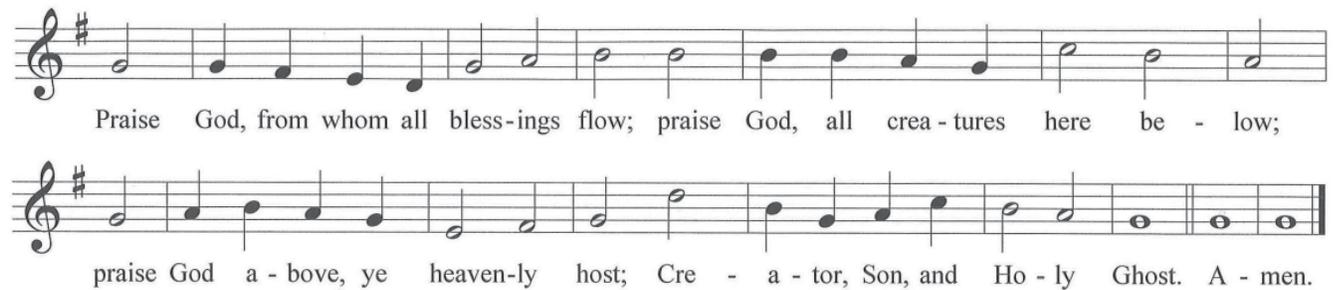
Eternal God, the light of the minds that know you;
Eternal God, the joy of the hearts that love you;
Eternal God, the strength of the wills that love you.

Grant us so to know you, that we may truly trust you.
Grant us so to love you, that we may freely serve you.
To the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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 our salvation, receive these gifts we offer
and bless them for the work of your kingdom,
through Christ, our Lord. 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. 361

How Firm a Foundation
The people stand to sing.

FOUNDATION

Benediction and Choral Response

God Be In My Head

Jenece Gerber (b. 1972)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Closing Voluntary

Delusion

Dmitri Dianov (b. 1963)

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

The LOVE, COMFORT, UNDERSTAND, GIVE banners are back on display in the chancel so that these meaningful words from the Prayer of St. Francis may continue to guide and inspire our daily lives. Many thanks to all who have answered the call of St. Francis to GIVE to the 2017 Generosity Campaign in support of the ministries and work of Westminster. We continue to gratefully accept pledges so that we may reach our Generosity goal of \$600,000.

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Preacher
Mary Beth Parrinello, Liturgist
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
Jenece Gerber, Composer in Residence and Associate Conductor

Deacons Serving Today

Kate Dierenfield, Warren Emblidge, Doug Fabian, Callan Izatt, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Becky Read-Lukan, Mike Reynolds, Jennifer Russell

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Sue Adams in loving memory of her close friend, Rose Danforth, in honor of her birthday on January 23.

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

†**Leo Sowerby** was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he began to compose at the age of ten. His interest in the organ began at the age of 15; he was self-taught at the instrument. He studied composition with Arthur Olaf Andersen at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago. During World War I, he spent time in France as a bandmaster and in 1921, he was awarded the Rome Prize (from the American Academy in Rome), the first composer to receive this. He joined the American Conservatory of Music as faculty in 1924 and received the 1946 Pulitzer Prize for Music for his cantata, the *Canticle of the Sun*, written in 1944.

In 1927 he became organist-choirmaster at St James's Episcopal Church, Chicago, which was consecrated as a cathedral during his tenure. Previously, Sowerby was associate organist at Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. In 1962, after his retirement from St James', he was called to Washington National Cathedral to become the founding director of the College of Church Musicians, a position he held until his death in 1968.

His substantial output includes over 500 works in every genre but opera and ballet. His later works, done at St James', Chicago, and Washington National Cathedral, are primarily church music for choir and organ.

††**Richard Shephard** was educated at The King's School, Gloucester and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He is Chamberlain of Yorkminster, head of their development department, and Honorary Visiting Fellow in the Music Department of the University of York. His compositions include operas, oratorios, and orchestral works but it is perhaps for his church music that he is best known. His anthems and service settings are sung widely in the cathedrals and churches of the UK and they have a considerable following in the USA. He holds the Lambeth Doctorate of Music from Oxford University and two Honorary Doctorates from the University of the South (Sewanee, TN) and the University of York (York, UK).

PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

January 29 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Fools for Christ; Micah 6:1-8; 1Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

February 5 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

The Sermon on the Mount: The Power of Presence; Matthew 5:13-20

February 12 - The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Ordination/Installation of Officers

The Sermon on the Mount: Getting to our "Deep Stories"; Matthew 5:21-37

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 22

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
 9:15 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 Meet & Mingle
 12:30 PM Inquirer's Mtg./Light Refreshments

Monday, January 23

12:00 PM Planned Giving Mtg.

Tuesday, January 24

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.
 4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal

4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 5:15 PM Invested Funds
 5:30 PM Personnel Committee Mtg.
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, January 25

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
 10:30 AM Chamber Group Rehearsal
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Session Mtg.
 6:00 PM Choir School Evensong
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, January 26

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.
 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, January 27

3:00 PM WOW Winter Retreat

Saturday, January 28

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, January 29

8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care
 8:00 AM Senior Choristers
 8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:15 AM Confirmation Class
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 10:30 AM Worship
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 4:00 PM Evensong



THE ATRIUM @ RICH'S

1 Robert Rich Way, Buffalo, NY (Free parking available!)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

FUN AND FESTIVITIES

Food stations, live music, cash bar, live and silent auctions, and the opportunity to experience *A Story of Empowerment: An Interactive Walkthrough Exhibit*

TICKETS

Purchase at winterfest2017.brownpapertickets.com (Ticket forms are also available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room)

NEEDED! Volunteers/Basket Donations/Auction Items!

Contact Betsy Mitchell, betsmitchell@aol.com if you can assist and/or donate. Thank you!

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

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

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

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

CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

- 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-5th grade classes: Each month our classes rotate through our three Workshops; Creation Station, Holywood and Apostles Playhouse.
- 6th-7th grade class meets each Sunday in their classroom on the Parish Hall balcony. Carol Timmerman-Yorty is their teacher.
- 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 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 **Today, Sunday, January 22, 2017**, 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

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

9:00AM - 10:15AM in the Heritage Room

January 22

Spiritual Life Reflections and Integrations

What questions have come up since we started in September? Have you gone any deeper upon reflecting on topics presented? Have you become more active outside of church in some way based on conversations in church?

Case Library Conversations

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

Travelogue Series: January 22, and 29

January 22: Jeannette Ludwig and Claude Welch will tell us about Sri Lanka, teardrop-shaped island off the SE coast of India, that presents a variety of landscapes, temples, and peoples. Its fascinating history stretches back more than 3,500 years. The Posa Poya Day celebrates the arrival of the Buddha's teaching in the 3rd C BCE. Large numbers of pilgrims attend ceremonies at the country's most important shrines (among them Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa, and the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy). Aided by a rich visual presentation we will examine the religious and historical character of this fascinating South Asian nation.

The 16th Annual Understanding Islam Series

A Joint Case Library & Spiritual Life Presentation

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

February 5, 12, and 19

February 5:

We will hear about the new wave of immigration which is bringing talent and investment to revitalize the City of Buffalo and WNY. We now have over 15 Mosques in WNY, representing the Sunni, Shia and Salafi Muslim sects. In addition, the Muslim community is highly diverse and includes substantial representation from the Middle East, Africa, Central and South East Asia. The many cultural, language and religions practice differences lead to many separate Muslim communities. Learn how faith, family and commitment can lead many families to the City of Good Neighbors. See the beautiful, inspirational, artwork of Muhammed Zaman and hear how he, and his brother Imam

Zaman, have become part of the new Buffalo, and how the Islamic faith and family structure has guided them. Learn of the Bangladeshi Muslim community's impact on the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood

PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

Join us on Tuesday, February 7, when Marcia Buhl will present: *Loneliness or Depression: How to Know the Difference*. Lunch at 12:30PM and presentation at 1:15PM. Please sign up by January 30th 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 14 & 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: mfranholmes@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*. **Concerts will resume on February 3: Garrett Martin, 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. **Evensong will resume on Wednesday, January 25**

Taizé Worship: February 17, 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, January 29, 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.

Compline: Sunday, February 12 at 8 PM. The Westminster Schola offers this candlelit service featuring music from Gregorian chant and early polyphony.

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.

Heavenly Grounds Café. 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!

Our hosts and sponsors this week are Julie & Steve Zenger

ORDER SUNDAY FLOWERS

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 her: hugwalker1@gmail.com

WHAT DO I BELIEVE?

Few Christians arrive at a set of beliefs that are then set in stone for the rest of their lives. What we believe often evolves through Bible study and worship services. Personal experiences—both joyous and traumatic—impact our faith. World events can shape what we believe about God's presence in the world and in our lives. Faith is an evolving experience that can define much of who we are and who we may become. If you would enjoy exploring and discussing your faith and what you believe, mark your calendars now and plan on joining the "What Do I Believe: Naming and Nurturing our Faith" conversation. This group will meet Saturday mornings from 9:30AM to 12:30AM beginning January 14 & 21, 2017 and then February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2017. We'll begin with coffee and bagels as we watch videos and discuss ideas from Ronald J. Allen's *A Faith of Your Own*. The purpose of this time together is to articulate and name what we believe. The leaders of this invigorating six-part series are Debbie Katz and Jen Callaghan. To help with our preparation, if you are planning on coming to this series, please sign up on the information table or contact Debbie Katz at dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org.

WOW-WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Lunchtime Bible Study:

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting 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.

WOW Book Discussion:

At our annual "discuss names of books we liked" evening, we came up with three book discussion ideas. These discussions are open to any woman who is interested. All meetings are at 7PM

Monday, Jan. 30th, at WPC, we will do a double review. The books are *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, and the companion book *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy: A Novel* (both by Rachel Joyce). We strongly suggest that you read both books, *Harold Fry* first. Both are available in paperback. Briefly, Harold Fry leaves his house to mail a letter, and walks by the first mailbox, eventually deciding to deliver the letter in person, by walking across England.

FEBRUARY WARM-UP! FEBRUARY 12 IN PARISH HALL!

Following the 10:30 service, join your WPC friends, and family, to warm up, chase away cabin fever chills, and play some games! February 12 is Lincoln's birthday and there will be some quiz questions to see just how much you know about our presidents- with a few first lady questions too. Please join us and bring a dish to share- main dish, salad or dessert. Sign up in the Gallery Room. Bring your thinking cap and plan to stay and play some board games with WPC friends.

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

Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn No. 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions.
We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships.
We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,
and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.
Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit
in perfect harmony. Amen.**

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver (1984)



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.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Meditation

Proclaiming Deliverance in a World of Danger, Darkness and Death

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 free bread in Communion. Please take the center aisle to one of the communion stations, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Sending Hymn, No. 361

How Firm a Foundation

The people stand to sing.

FOUNDATION

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Delusion

Dmitri Dianov (b. 1963)

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

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Pledges received as of 01/19/17

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
242	\$490,570	\$109,430

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