



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

March 5, 2017  
First Sunday in Lent  
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain  
and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;  
and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'  
Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan!'

- Matthew 4:8-10



## Prayer Of Confession

**Lord God,  
you know the ways of good and evil.  
You know the things that tempt us  
and the things that give us life.  
You know our nakedness,  
and you know our sin.  
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,  
denying your providence  
and care and relying on our own cleverness.  
Have mercy on us, we pray:  
cover us with your grace,  
feed us with the bread of life,  
and re-create us in your image;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)



## 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).*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Lessons

Psalm 32

Plainchant Tone I.1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! <sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile. <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. <sup>6</sup>I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. <sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. <sup>8</sup>You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. <sup>9</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. <sup>10</sup>Do not be like the horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." <sup>11</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>4</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup>But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Hymn, No. 504

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether  
*The people stand to sing.*

UNION SEMINARY

Sermon

The Importance of Boundaries: On Just Saying No

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

"Great" Mass in C, K 427

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart<sup>†</sup> (1756-1791)

*Kyrie Eleison.* Lord, have mercy.  
*Christe Eleison.* Christ, have mercy.  
*Kyrie Eleison.* Lord, have mercy.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements. Unfermented grape juice is used.*

### Invitation

#### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

God of steadfast love...

With the whole creation we sing you praise:

*The choir sings.*

Holy, holy Lord most holy, God of power and God of might;  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us...

Great is the mystery of our faith:

*The choir sings.*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

God of mercy...

**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.**

### Words of Institution

#### Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*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.*

### Voluntary at Communion

Ubi Caritas

Paul Mealor †† (b. 1975)

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love abide, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread  
and the one cup and made us one with Christ.  
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn, No. 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days  
*The people stand to sing.*

ST. FLAVIAN

## Benediction and Choral Response

Teach Me, O Lord  
Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

## Closing Voluntary

Sonata No. 1 in F minor: Allegro Moderato e serio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

---

*Immediately following worship, please join us at Meet & Mingle in the Holmes Room for refreshments and fellowship*

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor  
Sherrie Bernat, Liturgist  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar  
The Westminster Choir

## Deacons Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Russell Braun, Kate Dierenfield, Mary Dimock, Janet Kifner-Arnatt  
Florence Kilambo Kalumbu, Mike Reynolds, Jo Stevens, Nancy Stevens, Roy Stewart

## Elders Serving Today

Bill Gray, John Heer, Fran Holmes, Jack Jacobs, Tim Johnston, Ardrey Manning

## Notes on Today's Music

<sup>†</sup>**Mozart's** *Mass in C minor*, K. 427 ("Great") is the composer's final effort in liturgical music, excluding his unfinished *Requiem*. The work is unique in that it shows a transition from the "service music" of J.S. Bach to the "symphonic mass settings" of Josef Haydn (Mozart's tutor). The premiere performance took place in Salzburg on the 26th of October, 1783, and included Mozart's fiancée, Constanze, as a soloist. The Westminster Choir will join with the Western New York Chamber Orchestra and SUNY Fredonia choirs to present Mozart's masterpiece in its entirety, Friday, April 21st, in the Westminster Sanctuary.

<sup>††</sup>Born in Wales in 1975, **Paul Mealor** studied composition with noted composers William Mathias and John Pickard. He gained worldwide acclaim in 2011 when his *Ubi Caritas* (which we hear today) was performed by the choirs of Westminster Abbey at the Royal Wedding Ceremony of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. Following this international debut, Mealor signed to Decca Records and has enjoyed top of the chart success in both classical and popular idioms.

## 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.*

### 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 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

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, March 5 – Lent I

7:00 AM Name Tag Sunday  
 8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
 8:00 AM Senior Choristers  
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
 9:00 AM Case Library/Adult Bible  
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 9:00 AM Spiritual Life  
 9:15 AM Confirmation Class  
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 AM First Sunday Youth Service/Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship/Communion  
 11:30 AM Middlers decorate food collection bins  
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
 1:00 PM Virginia Paul Piano Recital  
 6:00 PM Israel Pot luck Dinner

### Monday, March 6

12:00 PM Planned Giving Mtg.

### Tuesday, March 7

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.  
 12:30 PM Passages Lunch

1:15 PM Passages Program  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM Spiritual Life Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
 6:00 PM Tuesdays in Lent Dinner/Program  
 7:00 PM Zen Dharma

### Wednesday, March 8

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.  
 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  
 5:45 PM All Staff Retreat/Dinner  
 6:00 PM Choir School Evensong  
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

### Thursday, March 9

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

6:00 PM Handbells  
 6:00 PM Congregational Life Mtg.  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 10

12:00PM Fridays @ Westminster  
 6:30 PM BOU Rehearsal

### Sunday, March 12 - Lent II

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
 8:00 AM Senior Choristers  
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
 9:00 AM Case Library/Adult Bible  
 9:00 AM Deacon Mtg.  
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 9:00 AM Spiritual Life  
 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  
 11:45 AM Downton Abbey Tea  
 4:00 PM Choir School Evensong  
 5:00 PM Evensong Reception

## 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 Ap-

prentice 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

**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

### Spiritual Life

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

### March 5 and 12:

*Foster and Enhance Your Relationships Using Myers-Briggs*

Presenter: Karen Rumsey, licensed mental health counselor at Catholic Charities. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is a tool that measures a person's individual preferences regarding Extraversion/Introversion, Intuition/Sensing, Feeling/Thinking, and Perceiving/Judging. Karen will guide us in understanding how our personal preferences affect how we relate to the world, including relationships, careers, and other pursuits.

### 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. 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

For the month of March only, the group will meet on Wednesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 29, 7PM to 9PM. The group will resume meeting on Tuesdays in April, from 7PM to 9PM. The group 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: [mfranholmes@verizon.net](mailto:mfranholmes@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*.

Our next concert will be March 10: Leslie Bahler, soprano

**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 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!** Meet & Mingle 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 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, 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. 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, following the 10:30AM service. Draped in lace tablecloths, adorned with flowers and antique teacups, our library will be transformed to a Highclere Castle tea-room. An offering of soup, savory and sweet tea sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream, dainty pastries and, of course, tea, will be served. Seating is limited! Sign up in the Gallery Room by March 5th. \$5 at the door.

## LENT IN A BAG AND FOOD IN A BIN

Today, March 5, pick up a *Lent in a Bag* from the Information Table in the Gallery Room. 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 WNY. Please put aside one or two food items and continue that throughout the week. Then each Sunday during Lent, bring your non-perishable food items to fill the decorated barrels located at each of our church entrances.

## PRESBYTERY EVENT

Join folks from our Presbytery on Saturday, March 18th to hear Rev. Carl Horton, Director of the Peacemaking Program of PCUSA, at North Presbyterian Church in Williamsville at 9:30AM. Two workshops: *Challenges for the Church in a Time of Change* and *Looking for Peace in All the Right Places*. Lunch will be served. For more information please call Jan Tyson at 668-1995.

## - 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.

### 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*

## 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

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

### Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Yorty

### Call to Worship

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

### Hymn

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

EBENEZER

*Please see insert for hymn.*

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.  
You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life.  
You know our nakedness, and you know our sin.  
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,  
denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness.  
Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace,  
feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

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

Psalm 103:8-14

Plainchant Tone VIII.2

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. <sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. <sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. <sup>13</sup>As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. <sup>14</sup>For he himself knows whereof we are made, he remembers that we are but dust.

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

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

## Anthem

He That is Down Need Fear No Fall

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

He that is down need fear no fall; he that is low, no pride;  
He that is humble, ever shall have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have, little be it or much;  
And, Lord, contentment still I crave, because thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is, that go on pilgrimage;  
Here little, and hereafter bliss, is best from age to age.

## Meditation

The Importance of Boundaries: On Just Saying No

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. 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

*The people stand to sing.*

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Sonata No. 1 in F minor: Allegro Moderato e serio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

---

## 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

# GIVING 2017



Pledges received as of 03/03/17

| <b>Number of Pledges Received</b> | <b>Total Pledges Received</b> | <b>Dollars to Goal</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>278</b>                        | <b>\$579,138</b>              | <b>\$20,862</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.



## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209 716-884-9437 [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org)

### *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor, [tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 313

The Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate, [bhennessy@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:bhennessy@wpcbuffalo.org), 716-697-0919

Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries, [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 318

Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar, [bglikes@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:bglikes@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 357

Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education, [dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 329

Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 315

Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator, [maquino@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:maquino@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 311

Lenore Neiler, Communications Coordinator, [lnailer@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:lnailer@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 302

Patricia Kelly, Director of Finance, [pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:pkelly@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 305

Matthew Marco, Assistant to the Pastor and to the Director of Music, [mmarco@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:mmarco@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 306

Jamie Adamczyk, Administrative Assistant, [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 326

Dr. Jenece Gerber, Composer-in-Residence and Associate Conductor

### *Westminster Early Childhood Programs*

Dr. Cindy Lynn-Garbe, Director, [clynn-garbe@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:clynn-garbe@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 328

Todd Bothwell, Associate Director of Admissions, [tbothwell@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:tbothwell@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 330

Jessica Mitrovits, Development Associate, [jmitrovits@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jmitrovits@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 332

Barbara Robinson, Administrative Assistant, [brobinson@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:brobinson@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 300

### *Facilities*

Aaron Vivian, Facilities Supervisor, [avivian@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:avivian@wpcbuffalo.org), ext. 319, 716-504-7308

Jeff Kaczmarek, Maintenance, ext. 319, 716-345-8013

Austin Becker, Maintenance, 716-479-0668