



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

May 21, 2017  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth,  
does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands,  
as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,  
“For we too are his offspring.”

-Acts 17:24-25, 28

## 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

Chant de May

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

## 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

The Preces

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

### Call to Worship

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

### Hymn in Procession, No. 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

### Call to Confession

Cantor:

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

Congregation:

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, an - swer us.

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and lis-ten to us.

### Prayer Of Confession

**Loving God,  
we do not always keep your commandments;  
we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear.  
Wash us in the water of life  
that we may live again  
through the grace and mercy of Jesus,  
our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

## Kyrie

*The people sing.*

John Weaver (1984)



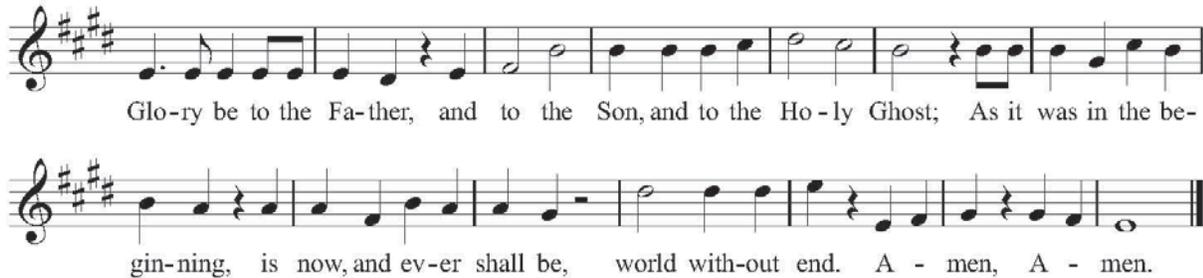
Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Assurance of Pardon

### Response

GLORIA PATRI

*The people stand to sing.*



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

## Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say, "The peace of Christ be with you," and to respond, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).*

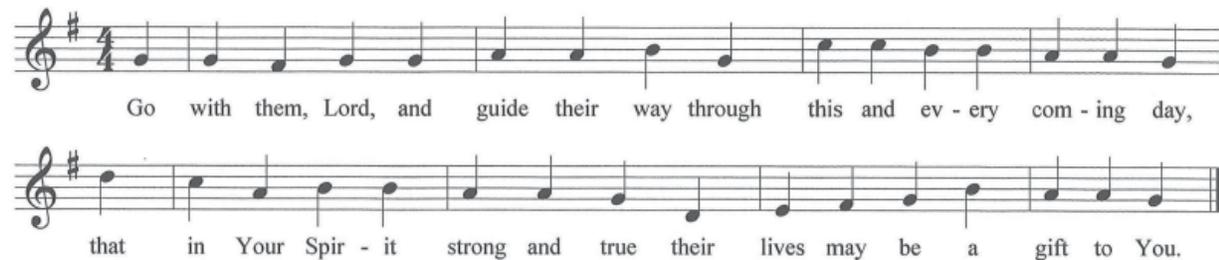
*What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).*

*Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).*

## Recognizing Senior High Graduates

Grace Alford, Drew Cone, Clio Jabine, Lauren Mason, Emily Pyne, Parker Sanders

TALLIS CANON



Go with them, Lord, and guide their way through this and ev - ery com - ing day,  
that in Your Spir - it strong and true their lives may be a gift to You.

*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

### Psalms Lesson

Psalms 66:7-18

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; <sup>8</sup>Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. <sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. <sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. <sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. <sup>12</sup>I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. <sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. <sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. <sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. <sup>16</sup>If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; <sup>17</sup>But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. <sup>18</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

## New Testament Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” <sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

## Hymn, No. 339

Be Thou My Vision

*The people stand to sing.*

SLANE

## Sermon

Believer in a Secular World

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

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

If Ye Love Me

Carson Cooman† (b. 1982)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

## Presentation of the Gifts

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low:  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## Prayer of Dedication

**O loving God, we give you thanks  
that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people  
the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands.  
Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes,  
nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. 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. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
*The people stand to sing.*

HYFRYDOL

## Benediction and Choral Response

Evening Service in G: Nunc Dimittis

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

***\*\*We need a shopper and host for the Father's Day Meet and Mingle on June 18, 2017  
If you can help, please call Sawrie Becker at 884-9437, ext. 315.\*\****

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor  
Ray Herman, Liturgist  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School  
Hillary Hunt and Veronica Shanchuk, Chorister trainers

## Deacons Serving Today

Russell Braun, Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Mary Dimock, Teddie Granville, Kathleen Kelly,  
Donald Kitungano, Johnpatrick Marr, Roy Stewart

## Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by Elenora J. Seib in memory of her parents,  
Eugene and Elenora L. Seib.

*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

†Carson Cooman is an American composer with a catalog of hundreds of works in many forms—from solo instrumental pieces to operas, and from orchestral works to hymn tunes. His music has been performed on all six inhabited continents in venues that range from the stage of Carnegie Hall to the basket of a hot air balloon. Cooman's music appears on over forty recordings, including more than twenty complete CDs on the Naxos, Albany, Artek, Gothic, Divine Art, Métier, Diversions, Convivium, Altarus, MSR Classics, Raven, and Zimbel labels.

Cooman's primary composition studies were with Bernard Rands, Judith Weir, Alan Fletcher, and James Willey. As an active concert organist, Cooman specializes in the performance of contemporary music.

Over 150 new compositions by more than 100 international composers have been written for him, and his organ performances can be heard on a number of CD recordings. Cooman is also a writer on musical subjects, producing articles and reviews frequently for a number of international publications. He serves as an active consultant on music business matters to composers and performing organizations, specializing particularly in the area of composer estates and archives.

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## WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

**May 28** - Lay Preacher, Mark Aquino

**June 4** - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
**Please Note: One Service at 10:30 AM**  
Pentecost/Annual Meeting  
John 7:37-39  
"Rivers of Living Water"

**June 11** - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
Trinity Sunday  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20  
"The Blossoming of God's People"

**June 18** - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
Genesis 18:1-5 (21:1-7); Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)  
"A Vision to Become One"

**June 25** - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
Genesis 21:8-21; Matthew 10:24-39  
"The Strange Secret at the Heart of Creation"

## *Worship This Summer!*

July 2 through September 3, 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel  
Join us this summer for an intimate Worship service in our newly air conditioned Chapel  
What a great way to start a summer Sunday morning!  
(Fall hours resume on Welcome Back Sunday, September 10)



**Join us on June 4, the Day of Pentecost for our Annual Meeting**

This Sunday, the service will be designed to incorporate our Annual Meeting into worship. We will intersperse reports, testimonies and stories with hymns and prayers. Join us as we catch the pulse of this Body of Christ called Westminster and commit to the year ahead!

**WOW - Women Of Westminster  
Annual Potluck Appetizer &  
Dessert Hat Dinner**



**Tuesday, June 6th at 6PM  
in the Oak Room**

Heavenly, humorous, historic, hideous, or humble... each year the Women of Westminster don chapeaus of various shapes, sizes, virtue, and lineage! This is an evening of food and fun, spanning all ages of women in our congregation. Just one requirement: the head must be attired! Come hear the hat stories! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share (plus \$1 to cover the cost of paper goods). A sign up sheet is available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER**

**Sunday, May 21**

- 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
- 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
- 10:00 AM ENERGY Celebration
- 10:30 AM Worship/Graduating Seniors Recognized
- 11:10 AM Last Day/Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
- 12:30 PM Inquirer's Meeting/Light Refreshments

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

**Wednesday, May 24**

- 7:00 AM WECP Plant Sale Pick Up
- 7:30 AM Budget & Finance Meeting
- 9:30 AM Worship Planning Meeting
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 8:00 PM AA Meeting

**Friday, May 26**

**6:00 PM Parking Lot will be sealed-  
NO PARKING AVAILABLE**

**Saturday, May 27**

**12:00 AM Parking Lot will be sealed-  
NO PARKING AVAILABLE**

**Sunday, May 28**

- 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
- 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

**Tuesday, May 23**

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 9:00 AM Management Meeting
- 4:30 PM Last Day of ENERGY Program

**Thursday, May 25**

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 8:45 AM Centering Prayer

## 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

The following graduating high school students are celebrated in worship:

**Grace Alford:** Graduating from Nichols High School and will be attending Marist College.

**Clio Jabine:** Graduating from City Honors High School and will be traveling next year.

**Drew Cone:** Graduating from Williamsville East High School and will be attending Juilliard.

**Lauren Mason:** Graduating from City Honors High School, and will be attending SUNY Buffalo.

**Emily Pyne:** Graduating from City Honors High School and will be attending SUNY Cortland.

**Parker Sanders:** Graduating from Nichols and will be attending Bucknell University.

We have seen many of these youth grow from infants to children to teenagers and now adults. We recognize this life changing transition and give our blessings and love to them all.

### MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ENERGY is always in need of plastic folders, spiral note books, notebook paper, pink erasers, dry erase markers, black Sharpie markers, glue sticks, white glue, and Crayola watercolor sets. Additionally, ENERGY can use sturdy paper plates, 7 oz. cups, napkins, plastic forks, cake mix, and frosting cans. Donations may be left on the kitchen counter in the basement ENERGY rooms.

Visit The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for lunch and shopping.

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Jane Morris 571-481-1839, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. If you are a member recovering from an illness/surgery, a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jad-amczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

### CHILDCARE AT WESTMINSTER

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

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

- 1st - 4th grade classes: Meet each Sunday with their teachers in the 1st Parish Hall Classroom.
- 5th -7th grade class meets each Sunday with their teacher Carol Timmerman-Yorty in the 2nd Parish Hall classroom
- Our confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They meet one-on-one with their mentor until their class begins in January when they meet each Sunday from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our Senior Highs, 9th-12th graders, meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

### THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

*The Senior Choristers*, ages 12-18, rehearse Tuesday, 4:30PM-5:30PM, Wednesday, 4:30PM - 6:30PM, and Thursday, 4:30PM - 5:30PM. At 6PM, on Wednesdays, the choristers sing Choral Evensong in the Holmes Chapel, open to everyone. *The Junior Choristers*, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously, joining the Senior Choristers for the service of Choral Evensong at 6 PM.

*The Apprentice Choristers*, ages 4-6, rehearse each Sunday through May 21st, during the 10:30AM Sunday School in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley and Mrs. Julie Zenger. Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music [gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org](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 date is **Today, 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

#### Case Library Conversations

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

**Sunday, May 21:** Join Laurel Braun and Debbie Katz as we look at the myths and assumptions of race. We'll look at clips from the PBS series, *Race: The Illusion of Power* and discuss insights from Betty Irving's book *Waking Up White in America*.

**Sunday, May 28: Memorial Day weekend – no program**

#### Spiritual Life

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

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

#### Adult Bible Study

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

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

### PASSAGES: A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS

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

## WOW KNITTING GROUP

The group meets on **Tuesday, May 23** and works on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes: mfranholmes@verizon.net for information and dates.

## COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Sponsored by Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Club. Saturday June 17, 10am - 1pm at Westminster This service ensures safe and secure disposal of unneeded, outdated business and personal papers. The cost is \$10.00 per box (approx size 10"x12"x15") Rotarians will be on hand to assist with unloading boxes from your vehicle.

## 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. *See you in September when our Friday noon programming begins again!*

**Choral Evensong:** Join us again in September when the Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School lead this weekly service of music and Scripture readings.

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

## WILLS EMPHASIS MONTH

During the month of May, the Presbyterian Church (USA) reminds us to consider making a will or updating an existing will to mirror the changes that may take place in your life. A will is unique and should be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of each individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan. As you reflect on the role of your church family on your spiritual journey during your lifetime, perhaps you will consider including your church family in your plans. Gifts that come from wills can play a critical part in continuing a church's mission and can help it meet people's needs through ministry now and in the future generations. Making a bequest to the church in your will is a simple effective way to speak into the future of your faith community. Please stop by the information table in the Atrium entrance of the church to pick up valuable resources to assist you in estate planning. You may also contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, at 884-9437,

ext. 315, sbecker@buffalo.org or Thomas Yorty, Pastor at 884-9437, ext. 313, tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org. We are happy to help you!

## MEET & MINGLE - FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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

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

1. Be a shopper – Purchase the food from a list provided and bring to church for storage. Bring receipts for reimbursement.
2. Be a host for the week. The hosts come early to church to make the punch, put the food on serving plates before the 10:30 service; monitor the need to refill punch or food platters; clean up dirty dishes, put unused food away, and take home tablecloths to be laundered and returned.
3. Be a sponsor – Make a donation to WPC to cover the weekly costs. Please contact Debby LaMendola (716-983-4993) if you can help!

*Thank you to this week's hosts and sponsors, The WPC Youth Group*

## GOOD NEWS!

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

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

## WESTMINSTER AT THE BALL PARK!

Friday, June 2, 2017 Buffalo Bisons vs. Charlotte Knights, 7:05PM at Coca-Cola Field. Picnic at the Church before the game at 5:00PM and fireworks at the park after the game! Tickets are \$12:00 each and you can purchase them from David Carstensen before and after worship on Sundays. We'll supply the hot dogs & pop. Please bring a dish to share!! Parking is available at the United Way parking lot. Please join us for the picnic even if you're NOT going to the game! See you there!!

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

Thanks to the generosity of members and friends of Westminster, the Ministry of Generosity Committee is pleased to announce that we have exceeded our 2017 Generosity goal of \$600,000! **As of 5/18/2017, the number of pledges received are 298. Our total pledges received are \$610,789 and our dollars over our goal are \$10,789!** This has been one of Westminster's most successful giving campaigns and we reached it in record time. We are grateful for your financial pledges to this church as it signifies that we have a healthy church, whose members support our mission resoundingly. Through your generosity we are able to continue our ministry as we strive to answer the Prayer of St. Francis to "Love, Comfort, Understand and Give" within our church home and our community. If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to you may do so on our secure site at [www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving), or email Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org. Thank you for being a contributing member of this church as your pledge, in any amount, makes us a stronger congregation.



## ENERGY CELEBRATION

Today, May 21, 12 - 2:00 PM in Parish Hall

A luncheon will be served and the ENERGY students will share their music, art, reading, and accomplishments this past year. Donations gratefully accepted! A program of WEDI, ENERGY creates a caring environment where students from refugee families gain self confidence by improving their English Language Skills. Learn more at [http://www.wedibuffalo.org/after\\_school](http://www.wedibuffalo.org/after_school)

## 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.*

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*Time for silent prayer*

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### 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

## Psalm Lesson

Psalm 66:7-18

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; <sup>8</sup>Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. <sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. <sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. <sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. <sup>12</sup>I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. <sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. <sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. <sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. <sup>16</sup>If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; <sup>17</sup>But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. <sup>18</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

## New Testament Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

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

## Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Carson Cooman<sup>†</sup> (b. 1982)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

## Meditation

Believer in a Secular World

## Prayers of the People

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. Westminster Presbyterian Church serves only gluten and dairy-free bread in Communion.*

## Sending Hymn, No. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
*The people stand to sing.*

HYFRYDOL

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## Worship Leaders

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Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School  
Hillary Hunt and Veronica Shanchuk, Chorister trainers

# The Choir School of St. Peter's

Saturday, June 17th, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary



Under the direction of Ben Outen, the concert will feature sacred and secular selections, including Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater," John Ireland's "Ex Ore Innocentium," and the spiritual "Music Down in my Soul." Elizabeth Lenti is the Assistant Director of the choirs of The Choir School.

The School's annual summer tour gives choristers the opportunity to grow as musicians and gain cultural awareness, confidence, and a sense of independence. Past tours have included performances in Chicago, Boston, New Orleans, New York, Canada and Great Britain. In July 2019 the MasterSingers of The Choir School will serve as Choir in Residence at Durham Cathedral in Durham, England. This concert is free and open to the public.

*The mission of The Choir School is to enrich young lives through excellent, rigorous music education and choral performance.*



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