



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

May 28, 2017
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

-Acts 1:8-9

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

Air

Gerre Hancock† (1934-2012)

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Aquino

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

Coelos Ascendit Hodie

Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

*Coelos ascendit hodie
Jesus Christus Rex gloriae.
Sedet ad Patris dexteram,
Gubernat coelum et terram.*

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Has ascended today into the heavens.
He sits at the right hand of the Father
And rules heaven and earth.

*Jam finem habent omnia
Patris Davidis carmina.
Jam Dominus cum Domino
Sedet in Dei solio.*

Now all the psalms of David,
Our father, are fulfilled.
Now the Lord sits with the
Lord on the seat of God.

*In hoc triumpho maximo
Benedicamus Domino.
Laudatur Sancta Trinitas.
Deo dicamus gratias.*

In this greatest of triumphs
Let us bless the Lord.
The Holy Trinity be glorified.
Let us give thanks to God.

Call to Worship

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

Dear loving God, help us follow the path that Jesus walked.

To learn what needs to be done, to serve others.

To connect with our church and our community

To care for those who suffer, to know ourselves.

To share our gifts, to love one another.

To seek and embrace peace.

Shout for joy! Our Lord reigns on the throne of glory!

**We open our hearts to the ascended Lord,
who sits on the throne of glory!**

Hymn in Procession, No. 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Call to Confession

Cantor:



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

Congregation:



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



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

Prayer Of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power.
You triumph over death and bring forth new life.
You stand over all earthly powers.
You are the head of the church.
Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives.
we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name.
We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by grace and mercy,
that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. 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

Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with Jesus Christ the righteous;
**Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, And not for ours alone but also for the sins of the world.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

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

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Chant: Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901)

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. ²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful. ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt who rides upon the heavens; Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him! ⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! ⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places. ⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness. ⁸The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. ⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary. ¹⁰Your people found a home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. ³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. ³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. ³⁵Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies. ³⁶How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hymn, No. 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

The people stand to sing.

Sermon

Stop Staring and Stir Your Chocolate Milk

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

God is Gone Up

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout!
The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:
Sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making every string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

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 Glorious God, everything that is given to us
rains forth out of the abundance of your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord.
Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you;
in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. 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. 120

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

SALVE FIESTA DIES

The choir sings each verse; the congregation sings each refrain.

Benediction and Choral Response

God Be In My Head

Phillip Wilby (b. 1949)

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

Fanfare d'Orgue

Harry Rowe Shelley (1858-1947)

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

Mark Aquino, Lay Preacher
Elaine Mattar, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Dr. Abigail Rockwood, Guest Organist
The Westminster Schola

Deacons Serving Today

Shea Akers, Teddie Granville, Callan Izatt, Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy, Florence Kilambo Kalumbu,
Becky Read-Lukan, Johnpatrick Marr, Jennifer Russell, Jo Stevens

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given in honor of the church staff for everything they do for the congregation by Sue Adams with thanks and appreciation.

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

†**Gerre Hancock** was an American organist, improviser, and composer. Hancock was Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at the University of Texas at Austin. Born in Lubbock, Texas, he received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Texas at Austin and his Master of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York, from which he later received the Unitas Distinguished Alumnus Award. A recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship, he also studied in Paris at the Sorbonne and during this time was a finalist at the Munich International Music Competitions. Hancock served as Organist at Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas; Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York; Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church (now Christ Church Cathedral) in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Organist and Master of the Choristers at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City from 1971 to 2004.

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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.

June 4 - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty - Pentecost/Annual Meeting

Please Note: One Service at 10:30 AM

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

(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 28

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

Monday, May 29

- 7:00 AM WPC & WECP closed/Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

- 7:15 AM Wake Up Group
- 9:00 AM Management Mtg.
- 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, May 31

- 9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
- 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
- 5:00 PM CMH Board Mtg.
- 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
- 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, June 1

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

- 6:00 PM Evening of Appreciation

Friday, June 2

- 7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP
- 5:00 PM Bisons day

Sunday, June 4 – Pentecost

- Name Tag Sunday
- 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
- 9:30 AM Youths Selling Maine Shares
- 9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care
- 10:30 AM Worship/Annual Mtg/New Members
- 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
- 1:00 PM Shirley Chan Piano Recital

News & Notes

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

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

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

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

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

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

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

THIS SUMMER: BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN

Starting June 11, children 10 years and younger will leave after *Time with Children* for Bible Stories on Compassion. There will be childcare in the WECP (school) building from 8AM - 11:30PM PM for children 3 years and younger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday School will resume in September on Rally Day, September 10!

- 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

Choir School will resume in September. *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 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 **Sunday, September 17** at 12PM. The Rev. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of Westminster, will tell the story of our church along with the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty, tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596, Karen Keaton, khkeaton@verizon.net or any staff member.

SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Case Library Conversations Summer Series

8:30 - 9:45AM in the Case Library

A four-week Sunday series, July 9th to 30th

Presenters: July 9: David Weeks July 16: Mark Hall July 23 & 30: TBA

Bestselling Christian activist, scholar, and author of "Why I Left, Why I Stayed: Conversations on Christianity Between an Evangelical Father and His Humanist Son" Tony Campolo and his son Bart, an avowed Humanist, debate their spiritual differences and explore similarities involving faith, belief, and hope that they share.

As *Why I Left, Why I Stayed* makes clear, a painful schism between father and son that could have divided them irreparably became instead an opening that offered each an invaluable look not only at what separated them, but more importantly, what they shared.

There is a sign up sheet in the Gallery Room so we can determine how many books to order. This series has been organized by the Case Library Committee.

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 Stay tuned for another informative and fun Passages program year

WOW KNITTING GROUP

No knitting meeting on June 6. Join us at the Hat Dinner! The group meets on Tuesdays 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.

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!

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!!

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, Ronald and Karen Keaton

SUPPORT THE SENIOR HIGHS! BUY A MAINE SHARE!

Maine shares are being sold every Sunday throughout June after the 8:15 am service and before and after the 10:30am service. Please also support us in at our Allentown Parking fundraiser on June 10th and 11th.

THE TENT AND WALK OF ABRAHAM

Thursday, June 8, Muslim Community Center (Islamic Center), 745 Heim Road, Amherst, NY.

The 12th Annual Tent of Abraham offers an evening of friendship and conversation of our shared values, to share the spirit of the Holy Month of Ramadan (Month of Fasting) with our WNY community. We "break the fast" with friends and neighbors with a traditional ethnic dinner.

The 9th Annual Walk of Abraham is a 4.5 and a 1 mile solidarity walk that will take place in conjunction with its Tent of Abraham event.

Complete information on both events is on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or www.wpcbuffalo.org For reservations, please contact Jamie, jadamczyk@westminster-bflo.org (716) 884-9437 Ext. 326

Co-Sponsors: Congregation Havurah, Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier; Network of Religious Communities, North Presbyterian Church; Westminster Presbyterian Church.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW TOUR-JUNE 11

Stained Glass Window Tours, Sunday, June 11, 12:00 - 2:00 PM. During the Allentown Art Festival, Westminster will open its doors to the public to view our outstanding Sanctuary and window masterpieces. Docents are always needed to guide visitors for informal Sanctuary tours.

If you would like to learn about our windows and share them with others, please contact Marcia Buhl: blueheron3665@gmail.com or Sherrie Bernat: sbernat@roadrunner.com.

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 5/26/2017, 298. pledges have been received, totaling \$610,789 – \$10,789 over our goal!** 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, 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.

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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You are the head of the church.
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this power in our lives.
we confess that we do not always bring
honor and glory to your name.
We are rebellious and weak;
we flee before your goodness
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
by grace and mercy,
that we may rise up again in peace
to love and serve your world. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer

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John Weaver (1984)

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Words of Assurance

Response

GLORIA PATRI

Stand to sing.

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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

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Meditation

Stop Staring and Stir Your Chocolate Milk

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. 120

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

SALVE FIESTA DIES

The choir sings each verse; the congregation sings each refrain.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Worship Leaders

Mark Aquino, Lay Preacher

The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Communion Celebrant

Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries

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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