



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

APRIL 7, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY
PASTOR



Worship in the Sanctuary - 10:30 AM

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

Song of the Birds

Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

It is the tradition of this congregation to remain silent during the Opening Voluntary as we collectively prepare for worship.

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Arnold Sevier (b. 1969)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession, No. 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Purifying God,
We grow comfortable with the way things are
In our lives, in the church, and in the world.
We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ,
For you overturn our notions of power and protocol.
Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.
Wanting to control our assets,
We hoard the gifts you give us.
Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.
Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice.
Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world,
With the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.



Confirmation

Presentation of Stoles and Crosses

Statement of Faith - Confirmation Class 2019

The last task for each confirmation class is to write a corporate faith statement that reflects what they believe at this point in their faith journey. Please stand as they affirm their faith.

Confirmation of Baptismal Vows

Kara Dees, Elodie Etulo, Clio Granville, Evan Izatt, and Avery Payne.

As members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, you do not come to us as strangers, but as sisters and brothers in the Lord. Please renew your vows of baptism by answering the call to discipleship.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Do you trust him?

I do.

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word, and to show his love?

I do.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you go?

I will.

The Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Confirmation

All those ordained as Elders or Deacons are invited forward for the laying on of hands.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 126

Plainchant Tone I.2

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. ²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. ³Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." ⁴The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. ⁵Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the water-courses of the Negev. ⁶Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. ⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.





Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Listening in Lent: Mary and Martha

Hymn, No. 521

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
The people stand to sing.

FINEST WHEAT

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

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

Think on These Things

Mark Patterson (b. 1969)

Whatever is pure, whatever is true, whatever is noble and just and good;
Think on these things, live by these things, rejoice together in these things,
And the God of peace will be with you.

All that's pure, all that's true, all that's noble and just and good;
Think on these things, live by these things, rejoice together in these things,
And the God of peace will be with you.

When the cares of life confound you, when the storms of doubt sweep in,
Turn to God with all things in prayer, to God with all things in prayer,
And a peace beyond all knowing will guard you and guide you.

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

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
let those who have no money come and eat.
**God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast,
and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.**



Great 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, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you. When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us and led us through the waters of the sea. You fed us with heavenly food in the wilderness, and satisfied our thirst from desert springs. On a holy mountain you gave us your law to guide us in your way. Through the waters of Jordan you led us into the land of your promise, and you sustained us in times of trial. You spoke through prophets calling us to turn from our willful ways to new obedience and righteousness. You sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

The people sing.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Help us, O God, to be obedient to your call to love all your children, to do justice and show mercy, and to live in peace with your whole creation. Guide us through the desert of life, quench our thirst with the living waters, satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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 the Bread and the Cup

We distribute the elements of communion 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 serves only gluten-free and dairy-free bread. 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. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.

Voluntary at Communion

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus[†] (1949-2014)

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call
With love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong,
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

Prayer After Communion

**We give you thanks, O God,
For here at your table you have transformed us
From individuals into the body of Christ.
Make us strong for your service
That we may be messengers
Of your reconciling love for all people. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding
The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 13.

BREWER

Benediction Response

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle, a time of fellowship in the Holmes Room.
Thank you to our hosts today, Barbara Nelson, Ben Christy, and Camie Greene.*

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Cornelia Dopkins, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Choir
Joe Isom, cello

Elders Serving Today

Cameron Airhart, Bill Gray, Lucinda Hohn, Fran Holmes, Ellen Kennedy, Chris LaMendola,

Deacons Serving Today

Ellen Bean, Kate Dierenfield, Teddie Granville, Stephen Johnson, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, John Mahoney, Jane Morris, Beatriz Nazario, Roberta Nickelsen, Roy Stewart

Notes on Today's Music

Stephen Paulus was born in Summit, New Jersey, but his family moved to Minnesota when he was two. After graduating from Alexander Ramsey High School in Roseville, MN, he attended the University of Minnesota, where he studied with Paul Fetler and eventually earned the Ph.D. in composition in 1978. By 1983, he was named the Composer-in-Residence at the Minnesota Orchestra and in 1988 he was also named to the same post at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, whose then-conductor Robert Shaw, commissioned numerous choral works from Paulus for Shaw's eponymous vocal ensemble.

After the premiere of his second opera, *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, he began a fruitful collaboration with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis that would result in four more operas. In 1997, he was awarded the Brock Commission from the American Choral Directors Association.

In a career which encompassed more than forty years of composition his output came to include over 450 works for chorus, orchestra, chamber ensemble, opera, solo voice, piano, guitar, organ, and band. On July 4, 2013, Paulus suffered a stroke. He died from medical complications on October 19, 2014.

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Easter Reception

Following the 10:30 AM service, join us for a time of fellowship at a reception in the Case Library. This is an opportunity to gather with members, friends, and guests. Donations of finger foods are needed such as vegetables and hummus/ dip, fruit, cheese and crackers or baked goods. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gallery Room. Thank you in advance for sharing in this Westminster Family occasion.

Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

April 14 - Palm Sunday

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Jonathan Staples

The Rationale for Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

3:30 PM: Recital, Molly Saviola, organ

4 PM: Choral Evensong

The Westminster Choirs sing Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*.

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

6:00 PM in the Holmes Chapel

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Listening in Holy Week: The Basin and The Towel

April 19- Good Friday Tenebrae Service

8:02 PM in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Matthew 27:46

Listening in Holy Week: Forsaken

April 21 - Easter

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Luke 24:1-12

Listening in Easter: Message of the Angels

April 28 - Annual Meeting

One Worship Service at 10:30 AM

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

John 20:19-31 *Listening in Easter: Resurrected Jesus*

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:00 AM Confirmation Class Meets with Session
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible
 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM First Sunday Youth Service/Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship-Lent V
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 12:30 PM QED Rehearsal

Monday, April 8

4:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting
 7:15 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, April 9

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM

4:30 PM

5:00 PM

5:00 PM

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 5:00 PM Lilly Grant Meeting

6:00 PM

7:30 PM

Friday, April 12

5:30 PM

Saturday, April 13

9:30 AM

2:00 PM

Sunday, April 14

8:00 AM

8:15 AM

9:00 AM

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11:30 AM

12:00 PM

2:30 PM

4:00 PM

Handbells

Choir Rehearsal

Centering Prayer

TOY Theater

QED Rehearsal

Infant/Toddler Care

Worship/Communion

Breakfast/Palm Cross

Making

Year of the Bible

Choir Rehearsal

Worship-Palm Sunday

Sunday School

Buffet Brunch

Dream Group 3

Palm Sunday Rehearsal

Palm Sunday Evensong

NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our programming or mission, please fill out a Welcome Card (found in the pews) and return it to a deacon or staff member.

- As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the LGBTQIA+ community to membership and full participation in all ministries of Westminster.
- We light our Peace Candle to pray for peace—both in our own neighborhoods and across the world.
- Bibles and children's worship guides are available at the Sanctuary entrances.
- For the hearing impaired, wireless receivers are available in the Church Conference Room.
- Childcare for children 5 years old and younger is available from 9:30 AM to 11:30AM in the school building (across the garden).
- If you need assistance at any time, please ask a Deacon.
- Please pick up your generosity envelopes, which are available on the table in the Holmes Room.

CHURCH LIFE

INQUIRER CLASS

Sunday, May 5, 11:30 AM after Worship

Friends and visitors interested in learning more about Westminster and the ministries we support are invited to attend a meeting immediately following worship. Dr. Yorty will share details of Westminster's history, discuss current outreach and mission programs in the city and region, and answer any questions. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. For more information, please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315 sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral service provides support to assist members and friends with issues and questions related to abuse of alcohol or other drugs. If you or someone you love needs help, call 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.

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

WEDI AND MISSION

WEST SIDE BAZAAR

Check out The West Side Bazaar, 25 Grant Street, for lunch and shopping. Sunday and Monday: Closed. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11 AM - 7 PM. Friday: 11 AM - 8 PM. Saturday: 10 AM - 8 PM.

ENERGY

ENERGY is accepting warm winter socks in youth sizes, books about/featuring animals, and books written by Sarah L. Thomson. ENERGY Store donations are always appreciated! Get involved with ENERGY! Sign up to tutor students, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons, 4:30-6:30 PM. Contact Alyssa Wojciechowski, Program Coordinator at 507-8216 or awojciechowski@wedibuffalo.org Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Year of the Bible, New Adult Education Course The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, assisted by Dr. Yorty and Debbie Katz, is leading a year-long Year of the Bible class, providing participants the opportunity to read through the entire Bible, cover to cover,

over the course of the year. Two classes are offered each week: Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 AM, and Monday evenings, 7:15-8:15 PM; both classes meet in the Parish Hall. It's not too late to get started, so come join the group of more than 50 who have already begun! 15 minutes of reading each day is all it takes. By the end of the year, you will have read through the entire Bible! More important, you will grow spiritually in countless ways as you deepen your understanding of God's Written Word.

CASE LIBRARY

Sundays, 9 AM - 10:15 AM

Every Sunday, Case Library Conversations provides an opportunity to discuss local, national and global issues. With these conversations, we can examine our life-long adventure in faith.

No Case Library programming on the following dates:

April 7, April 14-Palm Sunday, April 21-Easter Sunday

April 28: *The Power of Words in Times of Hurt*

Presenter: The Reverend Geri Lyon

We have all been in situations where we just don't know what to say. When faced with others' pain we cringe and feel "less than" adequate to respond. How do we show people we care without resorting to empty clichés? Taking a lesson from the biblical story of Job's foolish friends, how do we avoid blaming people who suffer for their own situations? How do we resist putting suffering in a neat, tidy box, which can be easily understood? Together let's explore authentic ways of compassionate presence and healing words.

Rev. Geri Lyon is delighted to be back at WPC. Honorably retired, she is a frequent preacher and teacher at local churches. Geri's passion for social justice and pastoral care have informed her ministry. Prior to retirement, Geri served as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Buffalo and the Director of Pastoral Care at AIDS Family Services. She is a former member of the Board of Directors at Jericho Road and NFJC and a certified Pastoral Care Specialist.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

Spiritual Life creates opportunities for Westminster members and friends to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith.

April 7:

When a Companion Animal Dies

Presenter: Jen Callaghan

In this presentation, Jen will begin by introducing the basic concepts of Disenfranchised Grief and Companion Animals. Understanding how these realities shape our experience of loss is critical to giving and receiving permission to mourn. When we find ourselves in contact with persons who do not affirm our life experience, it can lead to another concept: Complicated Grief. Jen will offer framework and suggestions for coping with the death of a companion animal. The presentation will include time for sharing participants' experiences and questions.

Jen Callaghan, LCSW-R, ACSW; is a retired Clinical Social Worker with 45 years of experience working with children and families in Chicago; London, England, and Buffalo.

April 28

The Poetry of Spring

This is the last Spiritual Life program for 2018-2019. Everyone is invited to bring in a poem, passage, or favorite saying to offer the group. We did this last year, and it tied together what we had been experiencing all year. Someone will read his or her offering and the group will respond. One of the favorites last year was handwritten and one sentence. The participant has carried it in her wallet for decades. We ask her to read it again from time to time! This is open ended, so come participate, listen, and reflect.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH EDUCATION

- Preschool class meets in the WECF building. After *Time with the Children*, children 3-5 years old leave with their teachers, Debby and Chris LaMendola, and Janet Kifner-Arnatt and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers gather in the Holmes Room.
- 1st-2nd grade class meet each Sunday with their teachers in the first classroom before the Parish Hall balcony.
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades meet with their teachers in the first classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 6th-7th grade class meet each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They meet with their mentor until January, after which they meet each Sunday from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Senior Highs, 9th-12th grades, meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNITTING GROUP

The next knitting dates are Tuesdays, 7 PM on April 9, May 14, and May 28. Our group meets on various Tuesdays, 7PM to 9PM throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Contact Fran Holmes at mfranholmes@verizon.net for more information and dates, Beginners are always welcome!

APRIL 27 MEETUP AT NIETZSCHE'S, 4-7 PM

Irish Traditional Music by The Buffalo Celtic Session Musicians with David Weeks. Anyone who has not attended a traditional music session owes it to themselves to listen to musicians playing together for the fun of it. 248 Allen Street. Free Admission. Contact Carol Greetham at carolgreetham@gmail.com for more information.

WOW BOOK DISCUSSION

WOW will be discussing this book on May 6 at 7 PM in the Case Library. *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Please join us.

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY

Can't make it to Worship on Sunday or to a special event/concert? You can still connect to Westminster. Simply visit our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage. You will also be able to click a link to the Sunday bulletin so you can follow along with the service.

MEET AND MINGLE

Sundays, following 10:30 AM Worship
Enjoy snacks and fellowship in the Holmes Room with friends old and new! Can you help? Meet & Mingle needs volunteers: 1 - 2 hours a month. Reach out to members to schedule hosts/shoppers/donors for the Meet & Mingle weekly fellowship hour.

PLANT-BASED FOOD LOVERS UNITE!

Are you a vegan or vegetarian who would like to share an occasional supper with like-minded Westminster friends? A Foyer Dinner Group is forming just for you! Get in touch with Mindy Airhart for more information. Mindy.airhart@gmail.com

HEAVENLY GROUNDS CAFE

Sundays, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Stop by the Oak Room for a cup of coffee or tea as you make your way to Adult Education programs between the worship services, or sit and enjoy with friends after worship.

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

THEATRE OF YOUTH: TOY WORKSHOPS Theatre of Youth Company, Inc. (TOY) stimulates the imagination, nurtures the creative spirit and enhances the education of young people by engaging them in relevant, child-centered, and professionally-produced live theatre programs.

"Long Story Short"

For students in Grades 3-6
3 consecutive Saturdays: April 13, 20, and 27
10 AM- 12 PM in Parish Hall
Storytelling is a universal tradition! Plays, theatre and dramatizations are some of the many ways stories have been passed along throughout history. Participants will engage in drama based activities using the body and the voice as an instrument to activate their natural storytelling abilities. They will exercise thoughtful listening and will build creative confidence by sharing tales in the many different styles and approaches in which stories can be told. For tickets, and for information on additional workshops, visit www.theaterofyouth.org

MAKING PALM LEAF CROSSES ON PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday, April 14, the Sunday School invites you to join in make crosses from palm leaves at 9:15AM in the Oak and Holmes Room. A simple continental breakfast will be served. We have invited the congregation of First Shiloh Baptist Church to join as Rev. Jonathan Staples will preach that morning. After the 10:30AM service, there will be a catered buffet brunch. Plan to join us to make palm leaf crosses; worship with two congregations and fellowship with brunch.

EASTER RECEPTION-SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Following the 10:30 AM service, join us for a time of fellowship at a reception in the Case Library. This is an opportunity to gather with members, friends, and guests. Donations of finger foods are needed such as vegetables and hummus/ dip, fruit, cheese and crackers or baked goods. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gallery Room. Thank you in advance for sharing in this Westminster Family occasion.
Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that it was in 1954 during Westminster's Centennial, that fundraising began for a new sanctuary pipe organ? The renown Boston organ builder, Aeolian-Skinner, was selected to build a new organ of 80 ranks (or sets) of pipes, retaining 5 ranks of the previous Austin organ. Aeolian-Skinner had, just three years prior, been awarded the contract for our Holmes Chapel pipe organ. The new sanctuary organ was installed in 1958.

The previous organ was from the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Connecticut and had been installed in 1920. The gallery that we know now was then opposite, with the organ positioned in the center, and the choir split on either side close to the north and south walls.

The early 20th century style of organ building had fallen out of favor mid-20th century, approximately 30 years after the Austin organ was installed, corresponding with the same time that the original Austin organ needed substantial work.

Our 1958 organ is an American Classic style pipe organ, which strove to authentically play the repertoire of all periods and genres, and this it continues to do today. If the organ needs to speak with a particular accent, whether English, French, or German, it does so with great authority, currently under the acclaimed and much respected musical talent of Garrett Martin.

The Sanctuary and Chapel organs will be supported and sustained by the Capital Campaign which will be formally launched later this year. More about the history of our Sanctuary organ and the important role it plays (pun intended), in leading our worship services and providing musical excellence, next week.

Stop by the DID YOU KNOW? table during Meet & Mingle this week to ask questions and learn more.

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 14

PALM SUNDAY

8:15 AM: Worship with Communion
9:15 AM Palm Leaf Cross workshop in the Oak and Holmes Room with Continental Breakfast
10:30 AM: Worship with guests from First Shiloh Baptist Church
11:45 AM: Brunch

APRIL 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 PM: Worship in the Holmes Chapel

APRIL 19

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon - 1 PM: Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross
Garrett F. Martin, organ
8:02 PM: Tenebrae Service of Shadows

APRIL 21

EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 AM: Worship with Communion
10:15 AM: Concert Prelude by The Buffalo Brass
10:30 AM: Festival Worship With Brass, Choirs, and Organ
11:45 AM: Easter Brunch

WESTMINSTER *Presents*

Palm Sunday

April 14
8:15 AM: Worship with Communion
9:15 AM Palm Leaf Cross workshop in the Oak and Holmes Room with Continental Breakfast
10:30 AM: Worship with guests from First Shiloh Baptist Church
11:45 AM: Brunch

Palm Sunday Evensong

April 14, 4 PM
The Westminster Choirs present Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* to begin Holy Week.

Wednesdays @ Westminster

April 17, 12 PM
Local singers perform Saturday, 29 AD, a meditation on the Crucifixion from Pilate's point of view.

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 6 PM
The Westminster Schola leads this service marking the night of the Last Supper.

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross

April 19, 12 PM
Garrett Martin improvises on each station, alternating with readings by Paul Claudel.

Tenebrae, Service of Shadows

April 19, 8:02 PM
The Westminster Choirs lead this service at sundown on the day of Christ's Crucifixion.

Festival Service of the Resurrection

April 21, 10:30 AM
The Westminster Choirs and Buffalo Brass celebrate the Resurrection on Easter morning.

4th Annual Friends of Music Gala at the Saturn Club

May 3, 7:30 PM
Join us for music, food, friends, and fun, all while supporting Westminster's vibrant music ministry.

Westminster Handbell Choir

May 5, 4 PM
Under the direction of Steve Mayo, the group will present favorites from the handbell canon. The Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus will join the Handbell Choir.

Wednesdays @ Westminster

May 15, 2019, 12 PM
Friend of Westminster, Reid Hefner reads a selection of original short stories to celebrate the arrival of spring.

Westminster Choir Concert

May 17, 7:30 PM
The choir will present contemporary, classical, and popular choral anthems.

Harmonia sings "A British Choral Tapestry"

May 19, 4 PM
The Harmonia Chamber Choir perform favorite and lesser-known anthems inspired by the Anglican tradition.

GROUND

IN FAITH

GROWING

TO SERVE

The Ministry of Generosity would like to thank you for all you do for Westminster and for your financial support; the entire Westminster community and those we serve truly appreciate your commitment.

The funds you entrust to Westminster ground our faith and grow in service as we continue to strengthen our worship, care for those in need, maintain our campus, provide opportunities for spiritual enrichment, and serve the community through mission.

If you have not pledged to the 2019 giving campaign, pledge cards are available in the Holmes Room or contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, 716-884-9437 Ext. 315; sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org. You may also make a pledge and submit a pledge payment on our secure website at wpcbuffalo.org. Thank you for your devotion of time, talents, and treasure to Westminster.

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

BREWER

Carl P. Daw Jr., 1988

David Ashley White, 1991



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows; splen - dor bathes the
3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our



ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing
flesh - joined Word; Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel
faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it temp - ing



for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as - sur - ance
as the heaven - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der
to re - main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us cour - age



that our faith is not in vain, search - ing like those
how the law and proph - ets meet: Christ, with gar - ments
to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly



first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.



Response

The people stand to sing.

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be -
- gin - ning is now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-21

Text can be found on page 5.

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John..

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 12:1-8

Text can be found on page 5.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Meditation

Listening in Lent: Mary and Martha

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. All of the bread distributed is gluten free. Please take the center aisle to the communion station, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.

Sending Hymn

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The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 13.

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

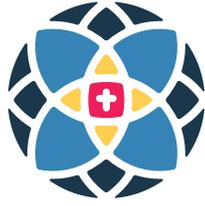
Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar



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