



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

MARCH 17, 2019

SECOND 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

Adagio from *Symphonie V*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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

O Savior of the World

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us,
Save us and help us, O Lord.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession

We Sing to You, O God
Hymn can be found on page 12.

DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hennessy

**Merciful God,
You have made us citizens of heaven,
But we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.
We have let our desire for security restrain our
Commitment to serve the poor.
We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies.
We have let our love of things dull our generosity
To the needy.**

**We have let our craving for public status prevent our
Honesty about hidden sins.
Yet, you know the desires of our heart
And nothing is hidden from you.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
Conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ,
That we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.



Psalm

Psalm 27

Plainchant Tone VIII.1

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. ³Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; ⁴And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. ⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; ⁶To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. ⁸Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me. ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. ¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. ¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek. ¹²Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. ¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. ¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me. ¹⁵Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. ¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. ¹⁷What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! ¹⁸O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.



Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³²He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Listening in Lent: Jerusalem

Hymn, No. 413

All Who Love and Serve Your City
The people stand to sing.

CHARLESTOWN

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.

Kyrie from Messe Solennelle

Louis Vierne[†] (1870-1937)

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

Presentation of the Gifts

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer of Dedication

**O God,
We have beheld your goodness to us.
Accept the offering of the work of our hands,
And use us for the sake of Christ,
In whose name we pray. 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. 424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising
The people stand to sing.

CHARTERHOUSE

Benediction and Choral Response

A Gaelic Blessing

Roland Martin (b. 1955)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the Light of the World to you.

Closing Voluntary

Toccata from Symphonie IV

Charles-Marie Widor

*Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle, a time of fellowship in the Holmes Room.
Thank you to our hosts today, Chris and Debby LaMendola.*

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
The Reverend Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate.
Sherrie Bernat, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Choir

Deacons Serving Today

Peter Ahrens, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, Janet Kifner-Arnatt, Candace Marr
Johnpatrick Marr, Jo Stevens, Roy Stewart, Ron Sutz

Notes on Today's Music

†**Louis Vierne** was born on 8th October 1870. He was born nearly blind and showed an early aptitude for music. Like Gabriel Fauré, he was an assistant to the organist Charles-Marie Widor at Saint-Sulpice in Paris, and from 1900 was principal organist at Notre-Dame de Paris. Vierne was considered one of the greatest musical improvisers of his generation, although most of his works were never written down. He had an elegant, clean writing style that respected form above all – even the few of his improvisations on early phonograph recordings sound as if he was playing finished compositions. His harmonic language was romantically rich, but not as sentimental or theatrical as his early mentor César Franck. Of all the great *fin de siècle* French organists, his music was perhaps the most idiomatic for his chosen instrument.

His output for organ includes six symphonies, “Twenty-four Fantasy Pieces” (which includes his famous “Carillon of Westminster”), and “Twenty-four Pieces in Free Style”. There are also several chamber works (including a sonata for violin and cello, a piano quintet, and a string quartet), vocal and choral music, and a symphony in A minor for orchestra.

Vierne suffered a stroke while giving his 1750th organ recital at Notre-Dame de Paris on the evening of 2nd June 1937. He had completed the main concert, which members of the audience said showed him at his full powers. After the main concert, the closing section was to be two improvisations on submitted themes. He read the first theme in braille, then selected the stops he would use for the improvisation. He suddenly fell forward, his left foot coming to rest on the low “E” pedal of the organ. He had thus fulfilled his oft-stated lifelong dream: to die at the console of the great organ of Notre-Dame.

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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

In a recent Year of the Bible class, Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson made the point that prayer is or is intended to be mostly listening – our listening to God, yet we make of prayer much of the time a listing of our wants, needs, and timetable. The sermon series this Lent will explore the spiritual practice of listening as Jesus interacts with the people and world around him, and makes his way to the cross.

March 24-Third Sunday in Lent - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
 "Listening in Lent: The Fig Tree"
 Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9

March 31-Fouth Sunday in Lent - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
 "Listening in Lent: The Outcasts"
 Joshua 5:9-12, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 7-Fifth Sunday in Lent - The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
 "Listening in Lent: Mary and Martha"
 Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 17

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
 9:00 AM Case Library Series
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 AM Worship/Lent II
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 12:30 PM David Rose Recording

Monday, March 18

7:15 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, March 19

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Meeting
 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program

5:00 PM Church Life Meeting
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 6:00 PM2 Lenten Dinner/Program

Wednesday, March 20

9:30 AM Worship Planning
 12:00 PM Wednesdays @ WPC
 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
 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, March 21

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 12:15 PM WOW Bible Study
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 6:00 PM Handbells
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 22

5:30 PM Centering Prayer

Saturday, March 23

9:30 AM TOY Theater

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:00 AM Case Library Series
 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 10:30 AM Worship - Lent III
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 4:00 PM Compline

GROUNDED IN FAITH

Giving 2019

GROWING TO SERVE

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

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

If you have not yet pledged to the 2019 giving campaign and would like to so, 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.

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, March 31 at 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.

Ecology Series: A Look at Our Water

March 17, 24, and 31

March 17

Water, Water Everywhere: How Drinking Water is Made

Presenter: Dr. Jim Jensen, Professor, Environmental Engineering, University of Buffalo

We fill our water glasses every day without pause. But how do engineers make water safe to drink? This interactive talk will get you thinking about water treatment and how to participate as a consumer of water.

March 24

Restoring Our Local Waterways

Presenter: Kandy Krampits, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeepers

Learn about restoration efforts along Scajaquada Creek and other Niagara River tributaries as well as how you can use green and living infrastructure to positively impact local waterways.

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.

March 17

Meditation, Part I

Presenter: Kathleen Kelly

"Mindful Meditation" has been around for thousands of years. It can last for a moment, or a set amount of time, or even for months. Join us on Westminster Elder Kathleen Kelly will share her experience, and then lead us through a couple of different ways of trying it out or expanding your own practice.

Kathleen grew up in Clarence and is a lifelong member of Westminster. Growing up, she was in Bell Choir and Junior Choir. She received her BA in English with a minor in Art History from SUNY at Buffalo, followed by an MA in English Literature from SUNY at Buffalo. After living in Manhattan and working at NYP-IRG and Forbes, she returned to Buffalo, where she earned a Certificate in Teaching English with Honors at Buffalo State College After six years as a Deacon, Kathleen now serves Westminster as an Elder.

March 24

Meditation, Part II

Presenter: David Carstensen

David Carstensen and Marcia Buhl have been married for 28 years and have lived that whole time in a wonderfully tight-knit and community-minded neighborhood on Buffalo's West Side. They have raised two sons who have been a source of great joy. For the past 23 years, David has worked as a school Social Worker for the Iroquois Central School District. Along the way,

he has focused on helping children heal from trauma, uncover hidden strengths and bonds by being a ropes course facilitator, and develop greater understanding of themselves and others through teaching mindfulness. David and Marcia's family has been a part of Westminster for more than 30 years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH EDUCATION

- Preschool class meets in the WECP 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

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE MEN'S RETREAT

Due to a number of conflicts, we have opted to NOT have the Men's Retreat as an overnight event at the Byrncliff Resort; we ARE going to gather in the Case Library on Saturday, March 23 at 9 AM for more discussion, reflection, meditation, and some laughter. Tom Yorty has good suggestions about poets who invite reflection, meditation, importance of place, and getting out of one's head. Based on the enthusiasm at the end of the last one-day retreat, we anticipate having another half day retreat at the church in late October or early November. If you have registered and paid, your check(s) will be returned either on the 23rd or by mail. As before, lunch that will be a shared expense. For more information, contact Allan Hayes, allanhaye@gmail.com Hope you can join us!

KNITTING GROUP

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!

WOW BOOK DISCUSSION

WOW will be discussing this book on the following dates. Join us at 7 PM on these Monday nights in the Case Library. May 6: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

PASSAGES Join us on Tuesday, April 2 when we'll view the documentary on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Lunch begins at 12:30 PM in the Oak Room, and our program begins at 1:30 PM in the Case Library. Sign up at the Information table in the Gallery Room, or call Jamie, 884-9437.

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY

Can't make it to Worship on Sunday or to a special event/concert? If you're traveling or if weather is preventing you from attending, you can still connect to Westminster. Simply visit our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage. It's that easy! 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.

FOYER DINNER GROUPS

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 supper 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 AT WESTMINSTER

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. TOY believes meaningful childhood experiences in the theatre develop confidence in creative thinking skills, cultivate empathy and establish a life-long connection to the arts.

"Child's Play" For students in Grades K-2

Saturday, March 23, 10 AM - 12 PM

Three weekends of fun filled introductory theatre exercises for the curious or returning actor! Sabrina will lead the children in physical and vocal warm ups and engage participants in interactive theatre games. These activities introduce theatre vocabulary and an understanding of theatre basics, all to nurture your child's creative confidence! This ensemble based class is designed to get your child listening and responding with confident choices, accepting others' ideas and exploring "play" with freedom and support. For tickets, and for information on additional workshops, visit www.theaterofyouth.org

DID YOU KNOW...

That local mission support and outreach will be a key emphasis of our *Preserve The Pinnacle Capital Campaign* that will officially launch later this year?

The Session has approved several mission projects, one in collaboration with the Bailey Green Community Restoration Project. Bailey Green is a sixty-acre residential community that has attracted wide recognition for their ability to coordinate the efforts of many partners, each with different talents. The outcome has been the success of creating a synergy of both human and material resources to rehabilitate and support their neighborhood.

A full 10% of all Capital Campaign gifts and pledges will be designated to support mission and outreach projects. Our WPC members, all with many diverse talent and skills will have many opportunities to volunteer, and get involved in helping to build stronger and safer neighborhoods right here in our City of Buffalo neighborhoods.

Please stop by the DID YOU KNOW table during Meet & Mingle today and find out more!

18th Annual Understanding Islam Series

Two Faiths: A Common Destination?

March 12: Concept of God in Islam and Christianity

Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson & Sawsan Tabbaa, DDS

- Centrality of God in each faith tradition
- Status of Jesus in Christianity & Islam
- Concept of Trinity
- 99 Attributes of God in Islam
- Why & Who do we pray to

March 19: Holy Scriptures in Abrahamic Faiths

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lawrence & Imam Khalilullah Qadri

- Explain the origin of scriptures in chronologic order
- Old Testament to the New Testament to the Last Testament
- Source and compilation timeline of scriptures
- Primary message(s) and interpretation(s) of scriptures
- Status of Scriptures today

March 26: Primary Role Model(s) for Christians & Muslims

Rev. Daniel Schifeling & Husam Ghanim, PhD

- Prophethood in Christianity & Islam
- Centrality of Jesus and Muhammad (PBUH) in respective faith traditions
- Primary role(s) models in your faith traditions
- Role and status of spiritual mentorship
- Any Pledge of Allegiance requirement from your faith tradition

April 2: How we live our lives as Christians & Muslims

Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty & Kathy Jamil, MS

- What is essential for daily living in your faith (Spiritually)
- Guiding principles and rules for our daily life
- Application of the lessons from the lives of our role model(s) today
- Teachings from our families, homes and religious institutions
- Role and status of Shariah in Muslim daily life

All sessions will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church,
724 Delaware Avenue, and are open to the public.

Each evening will begin in Parish Hall at 6:00 PM with a halal dinner,
followed by presentations and discussion from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

*Dinner reservations (\$7) are required; please contact Jamie at
jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437. No reservation is required if not attending dinner.*

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo • University Presbyterian Church

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY

8:15 AM: Worship with Communion

10:30 AM: Worship

11:45 AM: Breakfast

3:30 PM: Organ Recital

4 PM: Choral Evensong

The Westminster Choirs present

Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*.

APRIL 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 PM: Worship in the Holmes Chapel

APRIL 19 GOOD FRIDAY

12 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*

Wednesdays @ Westminster

March 20, 12 PM

Bill and Beth Hennessy will be
joined by banjoist, Peter Zalocham.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day,
join us for this lively program
featuring Celtic music and art.

Compline

March 24, 4 PM

The Westminster Schola leads this
candlelit service of renaissance music
and sung scripture.

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 Brass
Octet 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 Westmin-
ster'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

Westminster member, 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.



WNY Chamber Orchestra and Westminster Choirs

Mozart's TRINITY MASS

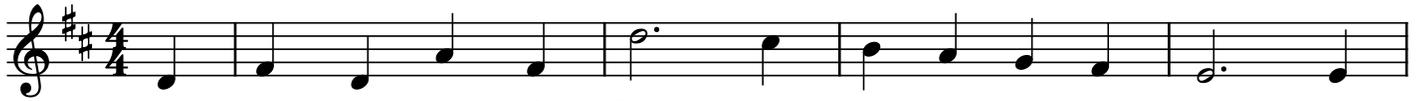
March 29, 2019 | 7:30 PM

Please join us when WNYCO and the Westminster Choirs
join forces to perform this Mozart masterpiece.

We Sing to You, O God

DARWALL'S 148th

Gracia Grindal



1. We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth, let
2. We wan - dered far from home out in a des - ert land, you
3. You bear us through the world, an ea - gle to her young, who
4. O God, e - ter - nal God, we hide with - in your wings, the



our re - joic - ing sing your name in all the earth. To you, O
shield - ed with your love our fear - ful pil - grim band. You kept us
ris - es on her wings and bears us toward the sun. We ride the
ev - er - last - ing arms to whom our prais - es ring. Your word is



God, let songs be raised, in joy - ful hymns, our feast of praise.
safe with - in your arms and shel - tered us a - gainst the storm.
vaults of light and air and trust in your un - fail - ing care.
true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.



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 Lessons

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Luke 13:31-35
Text can be found on page 4.

Meditation

Listening in Lent: Jerusalem

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, No. 424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising
The people stand to sing.

CHARTERHOUSE

Benediction

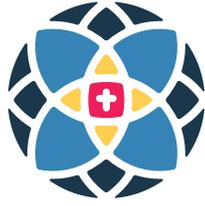
Closing Voluntary

Toccata from Symphonie IV

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
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