



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

MARCH 24, 2019

THIRD 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

Lente from *Sonata no. 6, BWV 530*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

He That Is Down Need Fear No Fall

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

He that is down need fear no fall; he that is low, no pride;
He that is humble, ever shall have God to be his guide.
I am content with what I have, little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave, because thou savest such.
Fullness to such a burden is, that go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss, is best from age to age.

Call to Worship

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

Hymn in Procession

Now Let Us All with One Accord
Hymn can be found on page 12.

BOURBON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
We confess that we have grown complacent
in our response to you.
You set before us a rich feast of blessing,
But we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.
You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world,
But we indulge our own desires.
Our ways are not your ways;
Our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.
Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.
Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire
For a more fruitful life.
Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are,
in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be.
We ask this in the name of our Savior,
Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.



Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

Plainchant Tone II.1

¹God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. ²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. ³For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. ⁴So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name. ⁵My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, ⁶When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. ⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. ⁸My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:3a, 6-9

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live... ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' ⁶Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

Listening in Lent: The Fig Tree



Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 13.

ST. HELENA

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.

Trust in the Lord

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and He shall direct your path.

Presentation of the Gifts

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

OLD HUNDRETH



Prayer of Dedication

**God of wilderness
And Promised Land,
In days of want and in days of plenty
You have been with us.
By these gifts we now share,
May others know
Of your providence and care.
Send us—not only our offerings,
But our very selves—
To console and comfort,
To lift up and reach out,
To listen and sit beside
Your children everywhere
At the one Table you have set;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

God the Sculptor of the Mountains
The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 12.

PICARDY



Benediction and Choral Response

My Spirit Longs for Thee

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

My spirit longs for Thee,
Within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be
Of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest
Unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest
Unless it come from Thee.

Unless it come from Thee,
In vain I look around;
In all that I can see
No rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found
But in Thy blessed love;
O let my wish be crowned
And send it from above.

Closing Voluntary

Prelude from *Suite Médiévale*

‡ Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle, a time of fellowship in the Holmes Room. Thank you to our hosts today, the Case Library Committee.

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Roy Stewart, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Schola

Deacons Serving Today

Wisdom Afealete, Drew Dees, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, John Mahoney, Beatriz Nazario
Roberta Nickelsen, Joan Rice, Jo Stevens

Notes on Today's Music

‡ **Jean Langlais**, born in La Fontenelle, Brittany, France, a small village near by the Mont Saint-Michel, was blind from the age of two.

Sent to the Paris National Institute for the Young Blind in 1918, he studied piano, violin, harmony, and organ with great blind teachers among other Albert Mahaut and Andre Marchal.

Later, he entered the Paris National Conservatory of Music in Marcel Dupre's organ class, obtaining a First Prize in 1930. In 1931, he received the "Grand Prix d'Execution et Improvisation des Amis de l'Orgue", after having studied improvisation with Charles Tournemire. He ended his studies with a Composition Prize in Paul Dukas class at the Paris Conservatory in 1934.

A Professor for forty years at the National Institute for the Young Blind, he also taught at the Paris Schola Cantorum where, between 1961 and 1976, he influenced both french and foreign students.

In 1945, he became the successor to Cesar Franck and Charles Tournemire at the prestigious organ tribune of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris. He left that position in 1987 at the age of 80, having been titular for 42 years. A great recitalist, he played more than 300 concerts in North America. A prolific composer, his catalog of works comprises 254 opus numbers (organ, vocal, and instrumental music). He died in Paris, on May 8, 1991, at the age of 84.

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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.

Compline TODAY, at 4 PM

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

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

April 14 - Palm Sunday

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Jonathan Staples
8:15 AM: Worship with Communion
9:15 AM Palm Leaf Cross workshop /Continental Breakfast
10:30 AM: Worship with guests from First Shiloh Baptist Church
11:45 AM: Breakfast Buffet
3:30 PM: Organ Recital
4 PM: Choral Evensong
The Westminster Choirs present Britten's
Rejoice in the Lamb.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 24-Lent III

8:00 AM	Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM	Worship/Communion
9:00 AM	Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM	Confirmation Class
9:00 AM	Case Library
	Conversation Series
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
10:40 AM	Sunday School
11:30 AM	APNC Meeting
11:30 AM	Meet & Mingle
2:30 PM	Compline Rehearsal
4:00 PM	Compline

Monday, March 25

5:00 PM	CMH Board Meeting
5:30 PM	Budget/Finance Meeting
7:15 PM	Year of the Bible

Tuesday, March 26

7:15 AM	Wake Up Group
9:00 AM	Management Meeting
4:30 PM	ENERGY Program
5:45 PM	WECP Teaching Staff
6:00 PM	Zen Dharma
6:00 PM	Lenten Dinner/Program

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

7:15 AM	Wake Up Group
4:30 PM	ENERGY Program
6:00 PM	Handbells
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal/ orchestra

Friday, March 29

5:30 PM	Centering Prayer
7:30 PM	WNYCO/Mozart's Trinity Mass

Saturday, March 30

2:00 PM	Confirmation Retreat
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Sunday, March 31-Lent IV

8:00 AM	Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM	Worship/Communion
9:00 AM	Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM	Case Library
	Conversatio Series
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/Masterworks
10:40 AM	Sunday School
11:30 AM	Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM	Inquirer Class

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 24 and 31

March 24

Restoring Our Local Waterways

Presenter: Kandy Krampitz, 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.

March 31

Living with the Great Lakes

Presenter: Helen M. Domske, Associate Director, Great Lakes Program, University at Buffalo
Hear an update on the Great Lakes including invasive species, plastics in the environment, contaminants, harmful algae blooms, and other issues. This presentation will feature preserved specimens and artifacts to enhance learning and spark conversation.

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 24

Meditation, Part II

Presenter: David Carstensen

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 Carstensen and Marcia Buhl have been married for 28 years and have lived that whole time on Buffalo's West Side. They have raised two sons who have been a source of great joy.

March 31

Next Time You Come In, Bring Your Bird Notebook

Presenter: Allan Hayes

Allan and Jeanie went to Massachusetts General Hospital to get a second opinion on Allan's diagnosis of a very rare autoimmune disorder discovered at the Mayo Clinic only nine years ago. He is not contagious, and his current treatment program promises to have everything under control after two more treatments. On his way out of Allan's room after a thorough medical exam, the Chief Neurologist at Mass General suggested, "Next time you come in, bring your bird notebook." His request brought tears to Allan's eyes as clearly, the doctor was listening to him as a patient—a whole person—way beyond the nitty gritty details of the disease that Allan and Jeanie experienced with so many doctors from one room to another. Allan tries to apply the lesson he learned from this interaction by asking follow-

up questions, both within a conversation as well as days later, when he reflects further on something important to the person he was talking with. Please join us in a conversation with Allan.

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

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.

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 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.

"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 with muffins, coffee cakes, and beverages. 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.

DID YOU KNOW...

That the Narthex was originally the most used entrance of our church? The invention of the motor car seems to have changed that! The three Narthex windows over the doors facing Delaware Avenue beautifully portray the Missions of Westminster that have been our signature ministry for more than 150 years. These windows feature:

Community Outreach: The Six Acts of Mercy from the Gospel of Matthew are represented: "For I was Hungry and you gave me food, ... I was sick and you visited me".

Welcome Visitors: "Come unto me, ... and I will give you rest".

Spiritual Development: "The Sermon on the Mount". Please wander back and enjoy the brightness, glory, and peace, that these windows provide to all who visit.

The preservation of the windows, along with repairs as needed, and the restoration and improved functionality and security of the Narthex exterior doors have been identified as a priority to be included in the Capital Campaign which will be formally launched to the congregation later this year.

This anonymous writer thanks John McClive for both his diligent research on the history of the amazing windows that grace our church, but also his training of this docent for tours of our glorious Sanctuary.

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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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/
Continental Breakfast
10:30 AM: Worship/ First Shiloh Baptist Church will join us
11:45 AM: Breakfast Buffet

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*

Compline TODAY, at 4 PM

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

WNY Chamber Orchestra: Mozart's Trinity Mass

March 29, 2019, 7:30 PM
WNYCO and the Westminster Choirs join forces to perform this Mozart masterpiece.

Palm Sunday

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

11:45 AM: Breakfast Buffet

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 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
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.

GROUND

IN FAITH

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 help us 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 yet 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.

Now Let Us All with One Accord

BOURBON

Gregory the Great (540-604)

Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)



1. Now let us all with one ac - cord, in com - pa - ny with
2. The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to those of faith in
3. Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has not re - turned, but
4. Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in your own im - age
5. There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so when our wan - derings



a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our heaven - ly Lord
for - mer time, Christ by his own ex - - am - ple sealed,
fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy, turn your face
were we made; help us, lest in anx - - i - e - ty,
here shall cease, we may with you for - - ev - er live,



in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
in love and u - - ni - - ty and peace.

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

PICARDY

John Thornburg, 1993

French Carol
Harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906



1. God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the mill - er of the sand,
2. God the nui - sance to the Pha - roah, God the cleav - er of the sea,
3. God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant - er of the wheat,
4. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de - ter - mined youth,



God the jewel - er of the heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
God the pil - lar in the dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
God the reap - er of the har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et, God the re - sur - rect - ed truth:



You are womb of all cre - a - - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.
You are fount of all de - liv - - 'rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.
You are host at ev - ery ta - - ble, we are hun - gry feed us now.
You are pres - ent ev - ery mo - - ment, We are search - ing meet us now.

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

ST. HELENA

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)



1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness of the sea;
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, which is more than
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -



lib - er - ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner,
judg - ment given. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion
-ful - ly kind. If our love were but more faith - ful,



and more grac - es for the good; there is mer - cy
in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
we should take him at his word; and our life would



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



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.



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 55:3a, 6-9

Text can be found on page 4.

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 13:1-9

Text can be found on page 4.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Meditation

Listening in Lent: The Fig Tree

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

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

The people stand to sing. Hymn can be found on page 12.

PICARDY

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

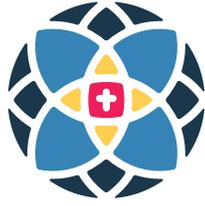
Prelude from *Suite Médiévale*

‡Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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