



# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

MARCH 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS H. YORTY  
PASTOR







## Assurance of Pardon

### 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 the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.*

*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.*

## Mass in C major, K. 167, "in honorem Sanctissimae Trinitatis"

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

### Kyrie

*Kyrie eleison.  
 Christe eleison.  
 Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy.  
 Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord, have mercy.

### Gloria

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
 Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
 Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
 Adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
 Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
 Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
 Deus Pater omnipotens.  
 Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
 Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 Miserere nobis.  
 Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 Suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
 Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
 Miserere nobis  
 Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus,  
 Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
 Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris,  
 Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
 And peace on earth to people of good will.  
 We praise You, we bless You,  
 We worship You, we glorify You.  
 We give You thanks for Your great glory.  
 Lord God, heavenly King,  
 God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son of Jesus Christ,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
 You who take away the sin of the world,  
 Have mercy on us.  
 You who take away the sin of the world,  
 Hear our prayer.  
 You who sit at the right hand of the Father,  
 Have mercy on us.  
 For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord,  
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.  
 With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father,  
 Amen.



## Credo

*Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem,  
Factorem coeli et terrae,  
Visibilium omnium et invisibilium.  
Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum,  
Filium Dei unigenitum,  
Et ex patre natum ante omnia saecula,  
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,  
Deum verum de Deo vero.  
Genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri;  
Per quem omnia facta sunt.  
Qui propter nos homines et propter  
Nostram salutem descendit de caelis.  
Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto,  
Ex Maria virgine; et homo factus est.  
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato,  
Passus et sepultus est.  
Et resurrexit tertia die  
Secundum Scripturas,  
Et ascendit in coelum,  
Sedet ad dexteram Patris,  
Et iterum venturus est cum gloria,  
Judicare vivos et mortuos,  
Cujus regni non erit finis.  
Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum,  
Et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit,  
Qui cum Patre et Filio  
Simul adoratur et conglorificatur,  
Qui locutus est per Prophetas  
Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam.  
Confiteor unum baptismum in remissionem peccatorum,  
Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum,  
Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.*

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
Of all that is, seen and unseen.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
The only Son of God,  
Eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, light from light,  
True God from true God,  
Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;  
Through Him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven.  
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
By the power of the Holy Spirit, and was made human.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
He rose again on the third day  
In accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
He will come again in glory to judge  
The living and the dead,  
And His kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
The giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father  
And the Son; with the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;  
I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Sanctus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

## Benedictus

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.*  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.



## Gospel Acclamation

*The people stand.*



Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

## Gospel Lesson

*The people stand.*

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

Luke 15:1-2, 11b-32

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

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

## Gospel Acclamation



Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

## Meditation

Listening in Lent: Mercy Wide and Deep

## 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.*

*Adagio from Fantasia in F*

W. A. Mozart



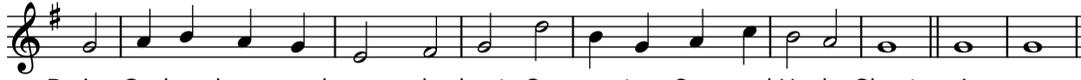
## Presentation of the Gifts

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

## Prayer of Dedication

**O God, all that we have comes from you.  
Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives,  
For we return to you only what you have so graciously given.  
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. 376

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

HYRFYDOL

## Benediction



*Immediately following the service, please join us for Meet & Mingle, a time of fellowship in the Holmes Room.  
Thank you to our hosts today, Beatriz Nazario, Mimi & Erich Steadman.*

## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor  
Dr. Phillips Stevens, Liturgist  
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries  
The Westminster Choir  
The Western New York Chamber Orchestra  
Glenn Cortese, Guest Conductor

## Deacons Serving Today

Peter Ahrens, Ellen Bean, Kate Dierenfield, Teddie Granville, Candace Marr, Johnpatrick Marr  
Jane Morris, Joan Rice, Roy Stewart

## Notes on Today's Music

The "Missa in C major" K. 167 is Mozart's only mass to bear a dedication in its title: "Missa in honorem SS:mae Trinitatis". Thus the work is connected to a specific occasion which so far has not been able to be determined. The autograph is dated "Giugno 1773", meaning that the work was most likely premiered on 5 June 1773 (Trinity Sunday).

The large instrumentation for orchestra consisting of two oboes, two clarions, two trumpets, timpani, two violins, double bass and organ reflects the solemnity of the occasion for which the mass was composed.

The "Missa in C major" shows a marked difference in comparison with previous masses; there is an absence of highly dramatic elements and stark contrasts. In addition the mood is decidedly solemn and a formal structure of the movements is adhered to.

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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.

**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  
*The Rationale for Palm Sunday, Matthew 21:1-11*

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: Brunch  
3:30 PM: Recital, Molly Saviola, organ  
4 PM: Choral Evensong  
The Westminster Choirs sing Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### 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  
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/Masterworks  
10:40 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
11:45 AM Inquirer Class

### Monday, April 1

4:30 PM Membership Committee  
6:00 PM APNC Mtg.  
7:15 PM Year of the Bible

### Tuesday, April 2

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
9:00 AM Management Meeting.  
11:30 AM WEDI Meeting  
12:30 PM Passages Lunch  
1:15 PM Passages Program

4:30 PM

5:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

### Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM

12:00 PM

1:00 PM

1:30 PM

4:30 PM

5:00 PM

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

8:00 PM

### Thursday, April 4

7:15 AM

7:30 AM

8:00 AM

4:30 PM

6:00 PM

7:30 PM

ENERGY Program

Spiritual Life Meeting

Zen Dharma

Lenten Dinner and

Program

Zen Dharma

Worship Planning

Bulletin Deadline

Newsletter Deadline

Staff Mtg.

ENERGY Program

Lilly Grant Mtg.

Pathways To Peace

Case Library Comm.

AA Meeting

Wake Up Group

Coffee @ WECP

WEDI Board Mtg.

ENERGY Program

Handbells

Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, April 5

7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP

8:00 AM WECP Art Show

9:00 AM Art Show setup

5:30 PM Centering Prayer

### Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:15 AM Worship/Communion

9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds

9:00 AM Confirmation Class

Meets 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

Confirmation Sunday

10:40 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

# 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

#### TODAY 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

**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.

**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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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? You can still connect to Westminster. Simply visit our website: [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://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](mailto: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.

*"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](http://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.

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

That the Westminster Early Childhood Program [WECF] provides care and education by highly trained staff, from infancy through age five? Widely recognized as the finest program of its kind in the Western New York Area, children are nurtured through accredited, age-appropriate learning during the most formative years of human development. WECF children learn and grow in a compassionate, stable, and safe environment.

The diverse ministries and outreach of Westminster Presbyterian Church strengthens many parents and students by enriching family life. Expanding our outreach and extending a warm welcome to WECF families is a noted goal of Session.

WECF admits children of any race, color, gender, religion, and national / ethnic origin. WECF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, or national/ethnic origin in their educational, admissions, or scholarship policies.

With encouragement of the Session, specifically identified areas of the WECF school building and grounds are expected to be updated and renovated with a portion of the funds raised by our WPC Capital Campaign to be launched later this calendar year. Insuring the continued educational excellence and safety for all is a top priority.

***Please visit the DID YOU KNOW table during Meet & Mingle this week to learn 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](mailto: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 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

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### **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**

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**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.

# All My Hope on God is Founded

MICHAEL

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1. All my hope on God is found-ed; he doth still my trust re - new,
2. Mor - tal pride and earth-ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust;
3. God's great good - ness e'er en-dur - eth, deep his wis - dom pass - ing through:
4. Dai - ly doth the al - mighty Giv - er boun - teous gifts on us be - stow;
5. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done,



me through change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true.  
though with care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust.  
splen - dor, light, and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought.  
his de - sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go.  
high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son.



God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
But God's power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
Ev - er - more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.  
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.





## 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

Joshua 5:9-12

*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 15:1-2, 11b-32

*Text can be found on page 5.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## Meditation

Listening in Lent: Mercy Wide and Deep

## 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. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*The people stand to sing.*

HYREFDOL

## Benediction

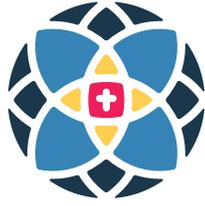
## Closing Voluntary



## Worship Leaders

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