



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

APRIL 14, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

8:15 AM IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL

10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

...which was the son of...

†Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed)
 The son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,
 Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Melchi,
 Which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph,
 Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos,
 Which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge,
 Which was the son of Maath, which was the son of Mattathias,
 Which was the son of Semei, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Juda,
 Which was the son of Joanna, which was the son of Rhesa,
 Which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri,
 Which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Addi,
 Which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er,
 Which was the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezer,
 Which was the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi,
 Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda,
 Which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim,
 Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan,
 Which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David,
 Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed,
 Which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson,
 Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram,
 Which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda,
 Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac,
 Which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor,
 Which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau,
 Which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala,
 Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad,
 Which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech,
 Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch,
 Which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan,
 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth,
 Which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God. (Luke 3:23-38)



Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.



Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation



Sermon

The Rationale for Palm Sunday

Rev. Staples

Hymn

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee

ADORO TE DEVOTE

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

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.

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, surpassing all we know.

Glory to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, amen.



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

**Holy One, We give you thanks
For the great deeds of salvation
That you have done and continue to do.
Bless these offerings of thanksgiving
That they may further
Your kingdom in this world;
Through Jesus Christ 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. 90

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!
The people stand to sing.*

THE KING'S MAJESTY

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Adagio from *Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



Immediately following the service, please join us for a special Meet & Mingle Palm Sunday Buffet Brunch.



Worship Leaders

The Reverend Jonathan Staples, First Shiloh Baptist Church
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Claude Welch, Liturgist
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
Jennifer Shin, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
The Westminster Choir
QED Vocal Ensemble
Lucille Horn
Hillary Hunt
Megan Easton
Mariami Bekauri
Meredith Zimmer
Victoria Tomasulo
James Judd
Robert James Hunt
Max Pipinich
Kyle Botsford
Michael Manganiello

Deacons Serving Today

Peter Ahrens, Carol Greetham, Tom Greetham, Stephen Johnson, Donald Kitungano, Johnpatrick Marr.
Jane Morris, Jo Stevens, Ron Sutz

Notes on Today's Music

Estonian composer, **Arvo Pärt** attended the Tallinn Conservatory, where he studied composition with Heino Eller. His earlier works were based in serialism, for which he received mixed reviews – though he won awards for these more dramatic (and as some critics would say, “foreign influenced”) works, the Soviet Regime continued to threaten him with censorship, causing him to slowly withdraw. In 1968, he stopped writing music altogether, and began to immerse himself in study of Gregorian Chant and medieval music in order to “learn to walk again as a composer.” It was during this time that he began to convert from Lutheranism to Orthodox Christianity. His spiritual shift is reflected in his newfound compositional style – tintinnabuli – from the Latin word for “bells.” In his own words:

Tintinnabulation is an area I sometimes wander into when I am searching for answers – in my life, my music, my work. In my dark hours, I have the certain feeling that everything outside this one thing has no meaning... Tintinnabulation is like this. Here I am alone with silence. I have discovered that it is enough when a single note is beautifully played. This one note, or a silent beat, or a moment of silence, comforts me. I work with very few elements – with one voice, with two voices. I build the most primitive materials – with the triad, with one specific tonality. The three notes of the triad are like bells. And that is why I called it tintinnabulation.

Pärt composed “...which was the son of...” in 2000 as a commission by the city of Reykjavík for the Voices of Europe youth choir. Though the text might be viewed on the surface as a biblical phone book, in it lies a rare example of a story told backwards. The Gospel of St. Luke traces Jesus’s lineage back to God patrilineally. Pärt treats each name with intricacy and individuality, carefully portraying their significance in the story of Jesus Christ, from a two or three note melody, to a fully voiced 10-note chord. Despite the redundant nature of the text, Pärt’s tintinnabuli style is in full employ, allowing for this sacred family tree to turn into a magnificent and holy soundscape.

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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

Today - Evensong

3:30 PM: Organ Recital 4 PM: Choral Evensong
The Westminster Choirs present Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

6:00 PM in the Holmes Chapel
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
John 13:1-17, 31b-35; *Listening in Holy Week: The Basin and The Towel*

April 19

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross

Noon to 1 PM
Garrett Martin improvises on each station,
alternating with readings by Paul Claudel.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

8:02 PM in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Matthew 27:46; Listening in Holy Week: Forsaken

April 21 - Easter

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Luke 24:1-12; *Listening in Easter: Message of the Angels*
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

April 28 - Annual Meeting

One Worship Service at 10:30 AM
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
John 20:19-31; Listening in Easter: Resurrected Jesus

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 14

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Breakfast/Palm Cross Workshop
9:15 AM Year of the Bible
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Palm Sunday
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle/Bufferet Brunch
11:30 AM Dream Group 3
2:30 PM Palm Sunday Rehearsal
4:00 PM Palm Sunday Evensong

Monday, April 15

6:00 PM APNC Meeting
7:15 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, April 16

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds

5:00 PM Church Life Committee
5:30 PM Budget & Finance
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, April 17

9:30 AM Worship Planning
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
12:00 PM Wednesdays @ WPC
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
6:30 PM QED Rehearsal
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, April 18

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
6:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal with Brass

Friday, April 19

12:00 PM Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross

5:30 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:02 PM Tenebrae, Service of Shadows

Saturday, April 20

9:30 AM TOY Theater

Sunday, April 21

6:00 AM Easter Sunday
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship-Festival Service of the Resurrection
11:30 AM Easter Reception/Meet & Mingle

NEWS AND NOTES

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on April 28, 2019 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 AM Worship Service.

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 LG-BTQIA+ 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.

WE WELCOME REV. JONATHAN STAPLES, TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

Reverend Jonathan R. Staples, the Senior Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, previously served as the Senior Pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Palo Alto, California for nearly eleven years. He also was an Associate Minister at Memorial Baptist Church in Harlem, NY, where he served as Minister of Christian Education. Rev. Staples received a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary during which he was awarded the distinguished Byrd Prize for outstanding preaching. He received a BA degree in Economics and Political Science in 1987 from Stanford University, and was the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellow Award. He is the youngest of three children, and credits his grandmother and mother for developing his Christian walk, and instilling in him the value of education. Rev. Staples is married to the former Tanya Perrin, and together they have two children, Cydney and Taylor

CHURCH LIFE

INQUIRER CLASS

Sunday, May 5, 11:30 AM after Worship

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

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral service provides support to assist members and friends with issues and questions related to abuse of alcohol or other drugs. If you or someone you love needs help, call for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair, 839-3357; Dave Carstensen, 884-5403; Jane Morris, 571-481-1839; Ellen Smith, 882-2064; Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878; Jim Wieland, 523-0217.

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

No Case Library or Spiritual Life programming onwill be held on April 7, April 14-Palm Sunday, and April 21-Easter

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.

April 28: *The Power of Words in Times of Hurt*
Presenter: The Reverend Geri Lyon

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

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

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

April 28

The Poetry of Spring

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH EDUCATION

- Preschool class meets in the 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

EASTER RECEPTION-SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

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

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

WOW BOOK DISCUSSION

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

PASSAGES

Join us on Tuesday, May 7, when a panel led by Marcia Buhl will lead an interactive discussion on memory, Addressing our concern regarding our senior moments, a panel will present examples of: when we should be concerned about our forgetfulness.; tips for preserving and enhancing memory.; means to enhance overall health as we age; some entertaining ways to remember important information and details.

Lunch at 12:30 PM, program at 1:15 PM. Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room if you are attending lunch. or call Jamie at 884-9437.

KNITTING GROUP

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

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.

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY

Can't make it to Worship on Sunday or to a special event/concert? You can still connect to Westminster. Simply visit our website: www.wpcbuffalo.org and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage.

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.

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! For more information, contact Mindy Airhart, Mindy.airhart@gmail.com

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AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

THEATRE OF YOUTH: TOY WORKSHOPS

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

"Long Story Short"

For students in Grades 3-6

3 consecutive Saturdays: April 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

Blue Star Mothers NY7 For a Loaded Lumber Fundraiser! Sunday, April 28, 4-7 PM at Westminster

\$40 per person. Register and select your sign on the Loaded Lumber website, loadedlumberbuffalo.com. Bring snacks and drinks! Blue Star Mothers send *We Care Packages* to deployed troops. Please consider bringing an item to include: Granola bars, nuts, small packages of cookies, gum, candy that will not melt, beef jerky/slim jims, individual powered drink pouches to add to water, individual pouches of tuna/flavors, trail mix). Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Westminster is a vibrant faith community because of the time and commitment our members dedicate. We are thankful for our volunteers, and encourage everyone to consider participating in our church life by volunteering your time and talent. If you are interested in the opportunities below, please contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, or email sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Meet & Mingle Coordinator 1 - 2 hours a month. Reach out to members to schedule hosts/shoppers/donors for the Meet & Mingle weekly fellowship hour.

Laundry Angel 1-2 hours a month. Assist with tablecloth maintenance around events by taking home laundry and return to church.

WECP Coffee & Donuts 2 hours a month. Greet WECP Parents with coffee, a donut, and a smile on the second Thursday or Friday of each month at the school.

Livestream Broadcasting We are looking for several people to be trained to operate the Livestream cameras that broadcast our Sunday Morning and special worship services. Some basic technical ability is needed. This new way of sharing our worship here at Westminster has generated significant online interest and viewership. If you would like to help out or learn more, please contact Tom Yorty or Matt Marco.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Sanctuary Organ, Part II



Our historic sanctuary organ contains 4,761 pipes made from various metals and woods. In the late 1980's, approximately 30 years after the installation of the current sanctuary organ, leather that is used in wind-chests, reservoirs, and switching systems began to fail; new technology had recently become available to aid in the functionality of the console.

In 1991, organ builders re-leathered the organ, updated the switching systems to solid state, and added three new ranks of reed pipes, seen on display on the inside of the cases that face the choir.

As we approach the next 30 year mark, components of our magnificent instrument are reaching the end of their usable life, especially the console, wiring, switching, and leathers. Most organs the age of ours are on their second (or third!) console. We have been blessed with an instrument that has led our worship in times of our greatest joys and also our greatest sorrows. This amazingly historic, and acclaimed instrument must continue to lead our worship for the next half a century and beyond.

The Sanctuary and Chapel organs will be supported and sustained by the Capital Campaign which will be formally launched later this year.

Please stop by the DID YOU KNOW... table during Meet & Mingle this week and find out more. Have a pen and paper handy in the event of seeing our amazing Organist & Director of Music, Garrett Martin so that you can obtain an autograph!

WESTMINSTER *Presents*

Palm Sunday Evensong

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

Wednesdays @ Westminster

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

Maundy Thursday

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

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross

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

Tenebrae, Service of Shadows

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

Festival Service of the Resurrection

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

4th Annual Friends of Music Gala at the Saturn Club

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

Westminster Handbell Choir

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

Wednesdays @ Westminster

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

Westminster Choir Concert

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

Harmonia sings "A British Choral Tapestry"

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

GROUND

IN FAITH

Giving 2019

GROWING

TO SERVE

Pledges received as of 04/11/2019

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
257	\$562,622	\$52,378

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@wpbuffalo.org. You may also make a pledge and submit a pledge payment on our secure website at wpbuffalo.org. Thank you for your devotion of time, talents, and treasure to Westminster.

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee

ADORE TE DEVOTE

Attr. Thomas Aquinas, 13th cent.
Trans. James Russell Woodford, 1850

Processionale, 1697



1. Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior thee,
2. O blest me - mor - - ial of our dy - ing Lord,
3. Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
4. O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,



who at this bless - ed feast art pleased to be;
who liv - ing bread to all doth here af - ford!
cleanse us, un - clean, with thy most clean - sing blood;
may what we thirst for soon our por - tion be,



both flesh and spi - - rit in thy pres - ence fail,
O may our souls for - ev - er feed on thee,
in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
to gaze on thee un - veiled, and see thy face,



yet here thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.
and thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be!
the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
the vi - sion of thy glo - ry and thy grace.

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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

Gospel Lesson

The people stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21:1-11

Text can be found on page 4.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Meditation

The Rationale for Palm Sunday

Rev. Staples

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. 90

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

The people stand to sing.

THE KING'S MAJESTY

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Adagio from *Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Jonathan Staples, First Shiloh Baptist Church

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