



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6, 2019

NOON IN THE
HOLMES CHAPEL

Order of Worship

Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you

Voluntary

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross
O man, lament your great sin

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

Call To Worship

Dr. Yorty

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

Let us worship God.

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever.

Hymn

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes
Hymn can be found on page 5.

BEACH SPRING

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

2 Corinthians 5:20, 6:1-10

²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

¹Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Voluntary

Auf ein altes Bild

Hugo Wolf (1860-1903)

In grüner Landschaft Sommerflor, ei kühlem Wasser, Schilf, und Rohr,
Schau, wie das Knäblein Sündelos frei spielet auf der Jungfrau Schoß!
Und dort im Walde wonnesam, ach, grünet schon des Kreuzes Stamm!

*In the green landscape of a blossoming summer, beside cool water, reeds, and canes,
Behold, how the sinless child plays freely on the virgin's knee.
And there, in the woods, blissfully, alas, growing already is the stem that will become the cross.*

Meditation

Listening in Lent: To Our Hearts

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Litany of Penitence

Let us pray.

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another,
And to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
That we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

We confess to you, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.
For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, O God.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
And for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Imposition of Ashes

Voluntary

Pitié de moi, mon Dieu

Arthus Honegger (1892-1955)

Pitié de moi, mon Dieu, pitié! Je cherche mon refuge à tes pieds.
Je dors sous l'ombre de tes ailes. Quand finiront ces nuits cruelles?

Ferme est mon cœur, ferme est mon cœur, Je veux chanter pour le Seigneur.
O jour! Éveille-toi ma gloire. Éveille-toi, mon luth d'ivoire, et chante l'Éternel qui monte dans le ciel!

*Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy! I seek my refuge at your feet.
I sleep under the shadow of your wings. When will these cruel nights end?*

*Steadfast is my heart, steadfast is my heart. I want to sing for the Lord.
Oh day! Awaken, my glory. Awake, my lute of ivory, and sing of the Everlasting who rises into heaven!*

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. Amen.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We distribute the elements of communion by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. Westminster serves only gluten-free and dairy-free bread. Please take the aisle nearest you to the communion station at the front of that aisle, and return to your seat by the same aisle. If you are unable to receive the elements by coming forward to the elders, please raise your hand for the roving elder to come to your pew to serve the bread and wine.

Voluntary at Communion

Benedictus from Mass in B Minor

J. S. Bach

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hymn, No. 85

What Wondrous Love is This
The people stand to sing.

WONDROUS LOVE

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

What Wondrous Love is This

Southern Harmony, arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Please leave in silence.

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor
Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries
James Judd, tenor

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

BEACH SPRING

Rae E. Whitney

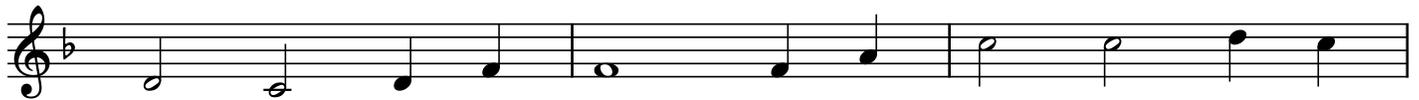
B. F. White



1. Sun - day's palms are Wednes - day's ash - es as an - oth - er Lent be -
2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of - fens - es to for -
3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to proof of hu - man



- gins; thus we kneel be - fore our Mak - er in con -
- give, have not lis - tened to their trou - bles, nor have
need; and our lack of un - der - stand - ing dem - on -



- tri - tion for our sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal
cared just how they live, we are jea - lous, proud, im -
- strates our in - ner greed; we have was - ted earth's re -



pledg - es, in re - bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re -
- pa - tient, lov - ing o - ver - much our things; may the
- sourc - es; want and suf - fering we've ig - nored; come and



- turn - ing, seek for - give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
yield - ing of our fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
cleanse us, then re - store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord.

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.

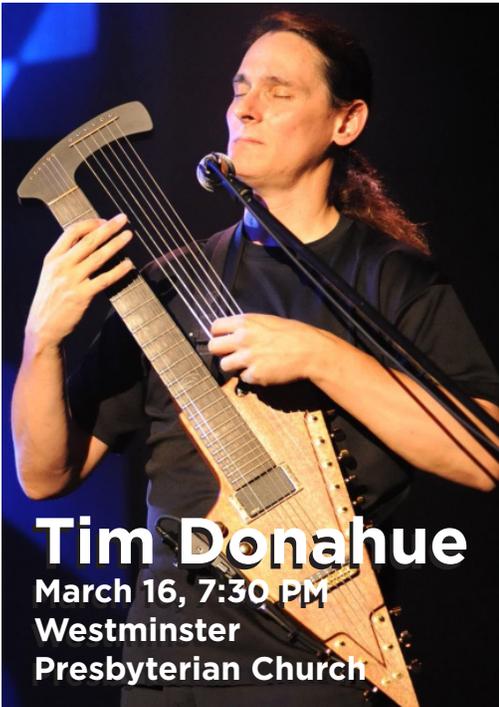
Each evening will begin at 6:00 PM with a halal dinner,
followed by presentations and discussion from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

*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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WESTMINSTER *Presents*



Tim Donahue
March 16, 7:30 PM
Westminster
Presbyterian Church

Tim Donahue brings his harp guitar to Westminster for a solo concert featuring pieces written especially for this night. He will be performing ethereal, melodic pieces on an instrument he invented, an electric harp guitar, which has an otherworldly quality to its sound. The concert is free; donations are gratefully accepted for the Westminster Friends of Music.



Tim Donahue in Concert

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Wednesdays @Westminster

March 20, 12 PM

Bill and Beth Hennessy will be joined by banjoist, Peter Zalocham. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, join us for this lively program featuring Celtic music and art.

Compline

March 24, 4 PM

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

Palm Sunday Evensong

April 14, 4 PM

The Westminster Choirs present Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* to begin Holy Week.

Wednesdays @ Westminster

April 17, 12 PM

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

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 6 PM

The Westminster Schola leads this service marking the night of the Last Supper.

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross

April 19, 12 PM

Garrett Martin improvises on each station, alternating with readings by Paul Claudel.

Tenebrae, Service of Shadows

April 19, 8:02 PM

The Westminster Choirs lead this service at sundown on the day of Christ's Crucifixion.

Festival Service of the Resurrection

April 21, 10:30 AM

The Westminster Choirs and Brass Octet celebrate the Resurrection on Easter morning.

4th Annual Friends of Music Gala at the Saturn Club

May 3, 7:30 PM

Join us for music, food, friends, and fun, all while supporting 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.

For a complete listing of Westminster Presents events, visit wpcbuffalo.org

WNY Chamber Orchestra: Mozart's Trinity Mass

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