



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
CHURCH  
— *worship well* —

January 3, 2010  
Second Sunday after Christmas  
11:00 a.m.

**GATHERING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Prelude on the choral "The Old Year has passed away"*

J. S. Bach

Leader: In the beginning,  
Before time, before people,  
Before the world began,

**People: God was.**

Leader: Here and now,  
Among us, beside us,  
Enlisting the people of the earth  
For the purposes of heaven,

**People: God is.**

Leader: In the future,  
When we have turned to dust  
And all we know has found its fulfillment,

**People: God will be.**

Leader: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
Not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
Through Jesus Christ,  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,

**People: God was, God is, God will be.**

**+\* OPENING HYMN 22**

REGENT SQUARE

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God,  
In whom we live and move and have our being,  
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
And whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
And deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
That with reverent and humble hearts  
We may draw near to you,  
Confessing our faults,  
Confiding in your grace,  
And finding in you our refuge and strength;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son.**

*Please continue to pray silently*

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**

F. Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - - - cy.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**+\*GLORIA PATRI**

GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

**+ WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Aria from Cantata No. 171*

J. S. Bach

Jesus soll mein erstes Wort *Jesus shall my first word be*  
In dem neuen Jahre heißen. *In the new year to be spoken.*  
Fort und fort *On and on*  
Lacht sein Nam in meinem Munde, *Laughs his name within my mouth now,*  
Und in meiner letzten Stunde *And within my final moments*  
Ist Jesus auch mein letztes Wort. *Is Jesus, too, my final word.*

**THE WORD SPOKEN AND SUNG**

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 1:1-4, 2:1-3  
John 1:1-5  
John 19:28-30  
Revelation 21:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders are invited to Children and Worship.*

**SERMON**

*Creation and Christ*  
"In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God."  
(John 1:1)

Larry R. Hayward

**THE WORD MADE VISIBLE**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN 309**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SANCTUS**

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_  
hea - ven and earth are full,\_\_\_\_ full\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 31**

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\*Those who are able, please stand. +Ushers will seat worshipers.

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**Leading in worship today** are Larry R. Hayward, Senior Pastor, Patrick A. Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor; Casey W. FitzGerald, Associate Pastor; Paul T. Stetsenko, Director of Music Ministries; Molly Roden, soprano; Zino Bogachek, violin (Washington Opera).

**Fiori Musicali:** Guest violinist Zino Bogachek's participation in worship today was supported by the Roden family in honor of Andrew Campbell Hines, born December 23, 2009, son of David and Reisa Hines.

**Fiori Musicali** ("Musical Flowers") is the program through which people may make donations in honor or in memory of their loved ones, or to commemorate a special date. The funds will be used to hire musicians, whose arts and craftsmanship will enhance our Sunday worship services.

**The Congregation is invited to Coffee Hour** in Fellowship Hall after worship. Coffee Hour is hosted by the Young Adults of Westminster.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary today** are given in loving memory of Karen Blomberg for her birthday from many of the women whom she generously led on their journeys of faith and authenticity.

**A Christmas Donation** was made by Nedra and Bill Trahant in honor of their family and friends and in memory of Ned and Ruth Pipher, Robert Trahant, and Jack Trahant.

#### VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

**Greeter:** Lauren Brown Sigler (main), Rebecca Stone (library)  
**Ushers:** Mike Luhman (captain), Linc Cummings & Marti Klein, Laura Kopp, Joe Torpey, Judy Mahanes, Prue Mason, Bill & Joan McCulla, and Nancy McIver  
**Communion Prep:** Sherrie and Steve Cathcart  
**Counters:** Gwen Lockhart, Barb Wyman and Nancy Bea

*Transport Assistance and flower delivery are provided by the deacons.*

#### Bach Vespers

(Festival of New Year)

Tonight at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Cantor: Molly Roden

Unique not only in Alexandria but also in the entire region, these Vesper services are based on the ancient liturgical rites; a worshiper might encounter elements from many ancient Christian traditions – candles, incense, sung Scripture, cantor-lead singing, recitation, and ancient hymns. Johann Sebastian Bach's organ music binds it all together. In the course of a two-year cycle of these Vesper services, Paul Stetsenko, organist at Westminster, plays all of Bach's organ works.

**Next Sunday**  
January 10, 2010  
Baptism of the Lord



**Worship**  
8:30 a.m. Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Vespers

#### Lectionary Passages

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Acts 8:14-17

Psalm 29  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

#### Sermon

*Fire and Rain*  
Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt

#### VISITOR INFORMATION

If you would like to learn more about our Church and the Presbyterian faith, we invite you to attend our *Visitor Inquirers' Class*, which is held on the first Sunday of every month.

The *Membership Class* is offered on the second Sunday of every month. This class focuses on activities at Westminster and the meaning of membership.

There will be a **combined Inquirer and Membership Class** on **Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Johnson Parlor.

To sign up for these classes and for more information, please contact: **Gail Donley** at [nsegail1@gmail.com](mailto:nsegail1@gmail.com); **David Moser** at [moserd@gao.gov](mailto:moserd@gao.gov); or **Larry Hayward** at [lhayward@wpc-alex.org](mailto:lhayward@wpc-alex.org).

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