



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
CHURCH  
*— worship well —*

March 15, 2009  
Third Sunday in Lent  
11:00 a.m.

# GATHERING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Jane Ring, pianist

arr. Fred Bock

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,  
Reviving the soul;  
**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure,  
Making wise the simple;**  
Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right,  
Rejoicing the heart;  
**People: The commandment of the Lord is clear,  
Enlightening the eyes;**  
Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure,  
Enduring forever;  
**People: The ordinances of the Lord are true  
And righteous altogether.**  
**All: More to be desired are they than gold,  
Even much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey,  
And drippings of the honeycomb.**

*Psalm 19*

## +\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473

DIX

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patrick A. Hunnicutt

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*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

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ,

People: **And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

## \*+GLORIA PATRI

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.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*HYMN OF WELCOME

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

John Fawcett, 1782

Johann Georg Nägeli (b. 1773)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christ - ian love;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

## WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*Enosh* Louis Lewandowski  
Westminster Choir

Man: his days are like grass; like a flower of the field, so he blooms. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and its place knows of it no more. Yet, the love of the Lord, from eternity to eternity, is upon those who revere Him, and His righteousness is passed from offspring to offspring.  
(from Psalm 103, sung in Hebrew)

### SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17 Old Testament p.66

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Casey W. FitzGerald

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

### SERMON

Larry R. Hayward

*A Vital Connection With the Holy One*

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery..." (Exodus 20:2)

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

### CALL FOR OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*An Irish Air* arr. C. McMichael  
Westminster Ringers

### \*DOXOLOGY

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; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN 319

*Spirit*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

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**The Congregation is invited to Coffee Hour** in Fellowship Hall after worship. Coffee Hour is hosted by Sarah Circle.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary today** are given by Henri and Candace Rush in memory of loved ones.

**Today at the 8:30 a.m. service** we celebrated the installation of Donna Blackburn and Chris Matthews (Class of 2011) to the Board of Deacons.

**Today we welcome the following new members** into our church family:

- Cassie Shurz
- Lu Judge

**To read or hear previous sermons** you may go to [www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org), and click on the "Sermons" button on the main page.

**If you need to leave** the sanctuary during worship, our service can be heard in the Narthex, Library, Library Lobby, and the Bride's Room off Fellowship Hall.

**Childcare for infants and preschoolers** is provided during service. Classes for preschool children are held in the preschool wing and childcare is provided for infants in the nursery.

**Large print bulletins and hearing aid assistance devices** are available from an usher.

#### **VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY**

- Greeters:** Elders Mary Olson (main door), and Stephen Moss (library door)
- Ushers:** Katherine Gunter (captain), Doug and Nancy Todd, Tim Ward, Eric Weiss, Mary Love Wynne, Kris Abrahamson, Melissa Amory, Louise Buchanan, and Bill Cox
- Bus Driver:** Jill Ewell
- Counters:** Diane French, and Marydel and Bill Kemp
- Transport Assistance and flower delivery are provided by the deacons*

**Next Sunday**  
March 22, 2009  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



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

**Lenten Bach Vespers**  
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

#### **Lectionary Passages**

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

**Sermon**  
Casey W. FitzGerald

### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

If you would like to learn more about our Church and the Presbyterian faith, we invite you to attend one of our Visitor Inquirers' and Membership Class. *This class focuses on Presbyterian beliefs, activities at Westminster and the meaning of membership.*

A combined Visitor Inquirer and Membership Class will be offered on **Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.** in the library.

Following the Inquirer/Membership Class, those joining Westminster will be received by the Session on **Sunday, April 19 at 10:15 a.m.** in the Johnson Parlor, and presented to the congregation at the following 11:00 a.m. worship service.

To sign up for these classes and for more information, please contact one of the following people: **Gail Donley** at [nsegail@hotmail.com](mailto:nsegail@hotmail.com); **David Moser** at [moserd@gao.gov](mailto:moserd@gao.gov); or **Larry Hayward** at [lhayward@wpc-alex.org](mailto:lhayward@wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766.

# CHRONICLE UPDATE

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009

## *Lenten Bach Vespers*

*Sundays in March 6:00-6:45 p.m.*

Unique Vesper services featuring the music of Bach with organ, congregational hymns, cantor led singing, traditional liturgy and ancient prayers.

## NEWS & NOTES

† **Austin College Choir sings at Westminster:** Westminster will be hosting forty young singers of Austin College's outstanding A Cappella Choir March 28-29. The Choir will present a concert of choral music in a variety of styles on Saturday, March 28, and provide choral leadership for our 11:00 worship on Sunday, March 29. Still needed - help with dinner at the church Saturday, March 28, prior to their concert; and a few more Home-hosts for Saturday, March 28. Hosts provide bed and breakfast, and bring them back to the church Sunday, March, 29 by 9:00 a.m. Please consider helping out with the dinner and/or hosting a couple of college kids. Contact Molly Roden mjroden@aol.com.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

† **Sunday morning adult classes:** Classes meet 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. No registration is required. Call Clara Beth Van de Water at 703-549-4766 ext. 120 with questions. The classes are as follows:

- **"The Gospel of John: Encountering Jesus in John's Gospel"** with Rev. Dr. A. Katherine Grieb, Professor of New Testament and Theology, Virginia Seminary, concludes today, Westminster Room.
- **"Talking With Your Child About Sex,"** today, Haverkamp Room, with Rev. Casey FitzGerald. Explore ways to communicate healthy ideas, focusing on faith-based foundations. This class is open to grandparents, parents, teachers and those interested in helping children.
- **"Global Climate Change: Cause and Effect, Facts, and Political Mythology,"** next Sunday, March 22, Haverkamp Room. Dr. Victor Zabielski, professor of geology, Northern Virginia Community College, will talk about the how's and why's of our changing world climate and its many impacts and effect. He will also talk about disagreements and controversies among scientists and politicians.
- **"Health Care Reform,"** March 29, Haverkamp Room, with Dr. Paul Van de Water, an economist and Senior Fellow with the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities. Paul had a distinguished career working on budget and social insurance policy issues for the federal government prior to joining the center.

† **"Christ and Culture":** Join us each Sunday at 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Room 103/105 for a discussion of contemporary issues in light of Christian faith, led by Dr. Larry Hayward. Today we will discuss "How Europe Escaped Speaking Arabic," by Michael Novak. Please print out and read portions of the speech and discussion questions at the church website at [www.wpc-alex.org/adult](http://www.wpc-alex.org/adult).

† **Mom's Lenten Bible Study - Wednesdays, 9:15 – 10:00 a.m., through April 1, Westminster Room.** Come and join other moms as we discuss the Bible, faith, motherhood (and all of its gifts and difficulties), and grow together as disciples of Christ. Childcare provided. Questions? Contact Casey FitzGerald.

† **The Reformed Institute is presenting** "What It Means to Be Reformed" by Dr. Laura Smit of Calvin College and "Elders and Deacons in the Reformed Tradition" by Dr. Bruce Douglass, Institute Director, at National Presbyterian Church in D.C., Saturday, March 28, 9:30 to noon. Officers – register online at [www.reformedinstitute.org](http://www.reformedinstitute.org) or by calling 703-518-5125. The event is free.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

† **New Women's Fellowship Group:** Join us on April 6 at 7:15 p.m. for the first monthly Women's Shanghai Card Group gathering. We will meet the first Monday of each month in the Haverkamp Room for fellowship and friendly competition. The interest in Shanghai Rummy was inspired at the Women's Retreat a number of years ago and has continued to grow. Contact Diane French at [d.french@verizon.net](mailto:d.french@verizon.net) with questions or to let her know you are coming. Light refreshments will be provided.

### † SUNDAY YOUTH HAPPENINGS (3/15):

Today's schedule is a bit abbreviated because of last Friday night's Middle School lock-in. So,

- Confirmation, Middle School Youth Café, and Middle School fellowship do NOT meet today
- Senior High Spy Museum Trip: Let's get our espionage on at the Spy Museum Downtown. We'll meet at the church at 1:45, back at the church by 4:30. Bring \$10 for admission and money for souvenirs if desired.

† **Singles Ministry - Tuesday, March 24:** Our monthly Potluck in March will be held in the Johnson Parlor at 7:00 p.m. making sandwiches for Bag Lunch followed by our potluck dinner. We bring the sandwich-making supplies; you bring something to share for the potluck! Please consider dropping a couple of cans of food in the ALIVE! basket on your way in as well.

† **Women's book group:** Come discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks on Monday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor.

† **The Westminster Travelers** are going to the circus! To see the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Patriot Center on Friday, April 17, departing the church at 9 a.m., contact Nancy Jane Wilke no later than tomorrow at 703-960-8174 and send a check for \$15 made out to her: 3603 Oakwood Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310. We probably will stop for lunch after the performance.

*Other upcoming trips:*

- **Thursday, April 9.** 10:30 a.m. departure. Lunch at Pirate's Cove, Galesville, MD. Shopping stop afterwards - Amish Market? \$1 plus lunch.
- **Thursday, April 16.** 7:00 p.m. *Indecency*, Little Theatre of Alexandria. \$1.
- **Sunday, May 3 - Saturday, May 9.** Motor coach tour to Lexington & Louisville, KY. \$1125 per person/double.
- **Tuesday, June 9 - 12.** Ocean City, MD. Ocean front room at Park Place Hotel. \$200 plus meals. Transportation by church bus and mini-van. Sign up through church office, but send deposit of \$100 to Nancy Jane Wilke (see above.)

Call Sandy Calhoun for information about any of the above trips. (703-549-4766) All trips are now available to non - Westminster members.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & SERVICE

† **We need a "server"** to help with the Bag Lunch program on Friday, April 10 (Good Friday). This involves preparing lunches, then serving at a kitchen in Old Town, approximately 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You will serve with an experienced partner. If you have ever thought of helping our community in this way, here is your opportunity to try it out! Please contact Kathy Stenzel at 703-622-4154 or [kathygstenzel@aol.com](mailto:kathygstenzel@aol.com).

† **Easter Flowers and Mission Giving:** Again this year we will combine contributions for Easter flowers and mission donation into one effort that will offer the opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones with a dedication in the bulletin. With your donations we will purchase two special flower arrangements for our Easter service, and all funds not used for flowers will be donated to Westminster's Member Response Team which works with the pastors to assist members of our congregation who are suffering in this economic crisis. This will give us the opportunity to have beautiful flowers in the sanctuary at Easter, remember loved ones, and assist those in need closest to home. Sign-ups will be held at Fellowship Hour following the services on March 22, 29 and April 5. You may also contact the office at 703-549-4766 or email Oraly Spatz at [ospatz@wpc-alex.org](mailto:ospatz@wpc-alex.org). Checks should be made out to Westminster with the notation line marked "flowers/MRT").

## CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Adult Education	WR/HR
9:45 a.m.	Church School	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
10:15 a.m.	New Member/Session Class	Johnson Parlor
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
12:45 p.m.	Communications Committee	Johnson Parlor
1:45 p.m.	Senior High Trip to Spy Museum	Parking Lot
2:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Brownie Troop	Room 306
3:45 p.m.	Intermediate Bells	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Christ and Culture	Room 103/105
4:30 p.m.	Alleluia Choir	Rms. 106/303/305
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Vesper Service	Sanctuary

### **MONDAY, MARCH 16**

9:00 a.m.	Bag Lunch	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 129 Committee	Room 404
7:30 p.m.	Preschool Board	Westminster Room

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

9:30 a.m.	Craft Class	Room 104
11:00 p.m.	Staff Meetings	Haverkamp Room
7:00 p.m.	B & G Committee	Westminster Room
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 129	Room 404
7:15 p.m.	New Scout Parent Meeting	Haverkamp Room
7:30 p.m.	Craft Class	Room 104
7:30 p.m.	Faith on Tap	Offsite
7:30 p.m.	New Member Committee	Johnson Parlor
7:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee	Offsite

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

9:15 a.m.	Mom's Lenten Bible Study	Westminster Room
11:00 a.m.	Travelers	Lower Lobby
5:30 p.m.	Carol Choir	Room 106/303/305
7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee	Westminster Room

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

9:00 a.m.	Chronicle Mailing	Westminster Room
9:30 a.m.	Beverly Hills Garden Club	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Celtic Cross Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Westminster Ringers	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Mosaic Craft Class	Room 104
8:00 p.m.	AA	Rooms 103/105
8:00 p.m.	Westminster Choir	Room 112

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

9:00 a.m.	Bag Lunch	Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m.	Mornings for Moms	Rooms 303/305

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

9:00 a.m.	AA	Room 103/105
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 22 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Adult Education	WR/HR
9:45 a.m.	Church School	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 401
9:45 a.m.	MS Youth Café	Room 405
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	Service of Wholeness and Healing	Sanctuary
3:45 p.m.	Intermediate Bells	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Christ and Culture	Room 103/105
4:30 p.m.	Alleluia Choir	Rms. 106/303/305
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Fellowship	Room 401
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Bach Vesper Service	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Room 405
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 4215	Room 103/105