



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
CHURCH  
— *worship well* —

September 20, 2009  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Stanley Taylor

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.**

### +\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 339

SLANE

*Be Thou My Vision*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Casey W. FitzGerald

**God of the church, you have called us to be not only individual followers of Jesus Christ, but members of your body, Christ's church. Forgive us when we fail as a church to nurture and challenge our members. Forgive us when we fail as members of the church to respect the body and all its members. Lord, help us serve in as many ways within the body of Christ as we are able; and help us always to respect those parts of the body with which we are little involved.**

*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 unprinted**

Leader: Hear the good news!  
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins  
In his body on the cross,  
That we might be dead to sin,  
And alive to all that is good.  
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,  
You are forgiven. Amen.

**+\*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**

***THE WORD***

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

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

**SCRIPTURE**

Romans 16:1-16

New Testament, p. 152

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Followers of the Lamb*

Shaker Hymn

**SERMON**

*The Meaning Of Membership At Westminster*

Larry R. Hayward

“All the churches of Christ greet you.” (Romans 16:16)

***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 332**

TRURO

*Live Into Hope*

**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**

Anton Bruckner

Locus iste a Deo factus est, *This place was made by God,*  
inaestimabile sacramentum, *An inestimably holy place.*  
irreprehensibilis est. *It is without reprehension.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDDTH

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**

***SENDING***

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 354**

*Guide My Feet*

**\*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, Pastor; Casey W. FitzGerald, Associate Pastor; Paul T. Stetsenko, Director of Music Ministries; Stanley Taylor, Worship Leader; Westminster Choir.

**The Congregation is invited to Coffee Hour** after worship. Coffee Hour is hosted by the Personnel Committee.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary today** are given by Carolyn Carmack in memory of Magdalene Hawthorne Carmack.

**The small Dutch Cradle cross** on the pulpit Bible marker today has been placed in honor of Savannah Carolyn Ahart, born September 9, 2009 to Lindsay and Mark.

**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 the 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:** Elder Don Fowler (main), Frank Fraser (library)  
**Ushers:** Ken Nieman (captain), Doug and Nancy Todd, Tim  
Ward, Eric Weiss, Wanda Worsham, Mary Love  
Wynne, Kris and Jennifer Abrahamson, Melissa Amory  
**Bus Driver:** Ron Carlson  
**Counters:** Diane French, Marydel and Bill Kemp

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

**Next Sunday**  
September 27, 2009  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**Lectionary Passages**

Esther 7:1-6, 9:20-22  
James 5:13-20

Psalm 124  
Mark 9:38-50

**Sermon**

*Christian Humanism: A Theology For Westminster*

Larry R. Hayward

**Text:** Ephesians 2:11-22, 3:14-21

**VISITOR INFORMATION**

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

Session **TODAY, September 27 at 10:15 a.m.** in the Johnson Parlor, and presented to the congregation at the following 11:00 a.m. worship service.

A Visitor Inquirer's Class will be held **Sunday, October 4 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Johnson Parlor.

A New Member Class will be held **Sunday, October 11 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Johnson Parlor.

Following the Inquirer and Membership Classes, those joining Westminster will be received by the session on **Sunday, October 18** in the Johnson Parlor and presented to the congregation at the 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.

# THE WESTMINSTER UPDATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

For more information check out the Chronicle or our website: [www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org)

## NEWS & NOTES

† **Pictorial Directory:** We've added a date! Tuesday, November 3, 3:00 p.m.-9:20p.m. Photo sessions October 14-17 are almost full. On Sunday mornings sign up in the Elevator Lobby. All other times, contact Molly Roden at [mjroden@aol.com](mailto:mjroden@aol.com); 703-751-5129.

***Potluck with a Purpose:  
Summer Mission Trip Memories***

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A-L last names bring a main or side dish.  
M-Z last names bring a salad or dessert.  
*Beverages and bread will be provided.*

Enjoy the fellowship of an all-church potluck dinner followed by Highlights of this summer's youth and adult mission trips.

† **Messages to Our Troops** – After the service, during fellowship, please stop by to sign an oversized card and express your support and well wishes to those serving in the military who are members of Westminster or are close friends or family members. If you have a loved one you would like Westminster to send a card to, please contact Sean Heather at [ssheather31@yahoo.com](mailto:ssheather31@yahoo.com).

† **A memorial service for Karen Hoben** will be held at Washington House on Monday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m. Because parking is very limited, we plan to have the church bus available. If you would like to take the bus over, please contact the church office to reserve a seat: 703-549-4766. Departure by 1:15 p.m.

† **Work Zone:** You will soon be seeing workers in and around the church, or the evidence of their work. We have recently signed leases with AT&T and TMobile to place cell antennas inside our steeple. There will be some digging in the central courtyard area in preparation for placement of equipment within a walled area beside the sanctuary. There will be some additional digging outside that area for the electrical and drainage needs of the project. For more information see the Facilities page of the church website ([www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org)) and the upcoming Chronicle.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

† **Sunday morning classes for adults** meet Sunday 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. These classes will meet through October 4.

- I. In the Haverkamp Room: "**Why Not Be Reformed: The Reformed Tradition Through the Eyes of Its Critics**" taught by Dr. R. Bruce Douglass, Political Science Professor Georgetown University; and Director of The Reformed

Institute of Metropolitan Washington. Examine the criticisms of Reformed Protestant beliefs and practices made by its opponents, and Reformed responses through Dr. Douglass' lectures.

- II. In the Westminster Room: **“Un-Dragoned Forever: The Life and Legacy of C.S. Lewis”** taught by Dr. Patricia Lyons, teacher of religion and ethics, St. Stephens & St. Agnes School, and founder of the C.S. Lewis Society of Harvard University. Consider Lewis' intellectual journey, faith development, views on timeless truths, and literary imagination through multi-media presentations based on his books and life.

† **Young Adults *Dream, Think, Be, Do***: Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. begins in the Bride's Room TODAY! “DreamThinkBeDo is an engaging catalyst for conversation among young adults searching for what's next for followers of Jesus. It starts with the foundation of "Love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind" (Luke 10.27)....” This program will run throughout the year during the adult education hour. If you are a young adult and would like to become part of a leadership team for this series, please contact Casey FitzGerald at [Cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org](mailto:Cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org).

† **Register now for “Introduction to Psalms”** led by Connie Ring, J.D., and Kathy Harkness, M.A., Sunday mornings, October 11 through December 13. Explore unparalleled testimonies of grace, glory, sorrow, and beauty expressed in this collection of poetry. Participants are asked to register for this reading, video, and discussion class and purchase a \$10 study guide. For more info, contact Clara Beth Van de Water at 703-549-4766 #120 or [cvandewater@wpc-alex.org](mailto:cvandewater@wpc-alex.org).

† **Calling all women!** Come to an informal study of **“Women in the New Testament: A Middle Eastern Cultural View.”** Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Haverkamp Room, beginning October 8. The format will include video presentations by Mideast Biblical scholar Dr. Ken Bailey, short New Testament readings and discussion led by Casey FitzGerald and Clara Beth Van de Water.

This six week series is an opportunity for women of all ages, married or single, to learn and share together. Registration needed only for childcare. Come as you are able. Contact Clara Beth for general info or Casey for childcare. [Cvandewater@wpc-alex.org](mailto:Cvandewater@wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766 extension 120 or [Cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org](mailto:Cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766 extension 101.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP**

† **Tables for 8 Potluck Tonight!** The kick off dinner for 2009-2010 takes place tonight in the Haverkamp Room at 6:30 p.m. Come to meet your newly assigned group and begin to plan your first dinner together in a member's home for October. Tonight bring a dish of your choice to feed 8 people. We will provide bread, butter, and beverages. **If you have not had a chance to sign up call Janet Harris at 703-764-3395** early this afternoon.

Congregational Life hopes this 15<sup>th</sup> year of Tables for 8 will see our largest attendance ever!

### † Children's Choir Schedules

**Carol Choir (grades K-2)** meets Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in Room 106.

Rehearsals begins September 23.

**Beginning Handbells (grades 3-5)** meets Wednesdays, 6:00p.m. – 6:30p.m. in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals begin September 23. Questions – contact Paul Stetsenko at Pstetsenko@wpc-alex.org.

† ***Becoming Calvin***, a new play by Ann Timmons, will be performed as a staged reading Sunday, September 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church in Rockville, and Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m. in Alexandria at the Lee Center Kauffman Auditorium.

This play was commissioned by the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. For more info see [www.reformedinstitute.com](http://www.reformedinstitute.com).

† **Women's Book Groups** All women are invited to read *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows and discuss it on Monday, September 28, at 11:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m., Johnson Parlor. Questions? Contact Clara Beth Van de Water at 703-549-4766 ext.120 or [cvandewater@wpc-alex.org](mailto:cvandewater@wpc-alex.org). No registration required. Come if you like!

† Want to hear more about Bad Women of the Bible? All women are invited to a gathering hosted by Presbyterian Women Circles on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Our guest is MidEast archaeologist, Dr. Sandra Scham. Dessert will be served after her program on what archaeology shows us about notorious women from Eve to Jezebel.

### † Singles

- **Singles Retreat October 2-4** will be in historic **Colonial Williamsburg** where we will explore the theme of religious life in the colonies. *If you have not registered yet and would still like to go, please contact Nancy Hall Berens at [nhallberens@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nhallberens@wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766 as soon as possible.*
- **September 22:** Join us for our **monthly Potluck** in the Johnson Parlor at 7:00 pm for a time of food and fellowship. Please bring a salad, entrée, or dessert to share, and a can of food for ALIVE! We will also make sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program (materials provided).

### † Westminster Travelers (senior adults) Upcoming Events:

- October 7 - 10. Departure at 9:00 a.m. Trip to Williamsburg, Jamestown & James River Plantations. \$200 plus meals. Waiting list available.
- October 29. 7:00 p.m. *Art of Murder*; Little Theatre of Alexandria. \$1.
- February 22 - March 5. Southern Caribbean cruise on the MS Noordam. Call Sandy Calhoun at the church for information.

## † SUNDAY YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

- **Senior High Viewtube** (our new Sunday morning movie-related discussion class) will begin today and meet in the Senior High Room (4th floor) at 9:45. This week's film is *Enchanted!* (note that Middle School Youth Café will begin next Sunday).
- **Senior High Fellowship!** (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) Come to the first fellowship of the year! It could be spiritually lucrative!
  - (No Middle School fellowship today because of the retreat)
- **Next Weekend!**
  - Middle Schoolers will participate in the last Saturday food distribution program of ALIVE (Saturday, 9/26, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Old Town)
  - All-church potluck (Saturday 9/26, 6:30 p.m.): All youth participants and families are encouraged to come to the dinner where we share our experiences on the mission trips!
  - Senior High music field trip (Sunday, 9/27, 6:00 p.m.): We're going to National Presbyterian Church in DC to hear a good band, which will lead into the following Sunday's discussion about what makes for "Christian" music.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & SERVICE

† The **bag lunch program** needs sandwiches. We serve about 75 sandwiches each time, four times a month. Sandwiches can be made at your convenience and put in the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. For more information see the Local Missions Page on the church website. To help serve, please call Kathy Stenzel at 703-683-4516, or 703- 622-4154. Other questions please call Anne Soens at 202-628-5197(work), 703-548-5320 (home) or annesoens@msn.com.

† **Save Your Christmas Shopping for Westminster's Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar on December 6 and 13** in Fellowship Hall following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. The Bazaar affords you the opportunity to honor friends, neighbors and coworkers by giving gifts in their names to charities supported by the Local and National/International Mission Committees at Westminster. These gifts will make an important difference in the lives of people in our community, nation and around the world. The need has never been greater since perhaps the end of the Second World War.

### † **Kenya Mission Trip Applications NOW AVAILABLE:**

Applications for the February 8-22, 2010 Mission Trip to Nairobi, Njoro and Moi's Bridge, Kenya to visit the United Orphanage & Academy are now available in the Church Office or from Henri Rush at rhcavusa@aol.com. The cost of this trip is \$2500 per person and the trip is limited to 20. An organizational meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 27 by which time all applications are due with a \$1,000 deposit. The application contains a provision permitting persons interested in participating in the trip to request financial assistance. For further information contact Henri Rush at 703-836-1935 or rhcavusa@aol.com.

## CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship	Johnson Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Adult Ed	Westminster/Haverkamp Rooms
9:45 a.m.	Young Adult Class	Brides Room
9:45 a.m.	Church School	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class	Johnson Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Officer Nominee Pictures	Johnson Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Senior High ViewTube	Room 404
10:00 a.m.	Usher Training	Fellowship Hall
10:15 a.m.	Westminster Choir	Room 112
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	Officer Nominee Pictures	Johnson Parlor
12:30 p.m.	Middle School Retreat Returns	Parking Lot
4:00 p.m.	Adult Crossings	Room 103/105
6:30 p.m.	Tables for 8 Potluck	Haverkamp Room
7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Room 405

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

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

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

9:30 a.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104
10:00 a.m.	Presbytery	National Presbyterian
12:00 p.m.	Preschool Staff Meeting	Westminster Room
7:00 p.m.	Flying Solo Potluck	Johnson Parlor
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 129	Room 404
7:30 p.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104
7:30 p.m.	Mission Council Meeting	Westminster Room

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

1:30 p.m.	Staff Meetings	Haverkamp Room
5:30 p.m.	Carol Choir	Room 106/103/105
6:00 p.m.	Beginning Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	Haverkamp Room

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

9:00 a.m.	Chronicle Mailing	Westminster Room
6:30 p.m.	Westminster Ringers	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	AA	Room 103/105
8:00 p.m.	Westminster Choir	Room 112

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

9:00 a.m.	Bag Lunch	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Mornings for Moms	Room 304

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

9:00 a.m.	AA	Room 103/105
9:00 a.m.	Wilderness First Aid	Haverkamp Room
9:30 a.m.	Sinfonietta	Choir Room
6:30 p.m.	Congregational Potluck	Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship	Johnson Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Adult Ed	Westminster/Haverkamp Rooms
9:45 a.m.	Church School	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
9:45 a.m.	Young Adult Class	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Middle School Youth Cafe	Room 405
9:45 a.m.	Senior High ViewTube	Room 404
10:15 a.m.	New Member/Session	Johnson Parlor
10:15 a.m.	Westminster Choir	Room 112
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m.	MOW Board Meeting	Johnson Parlor
12:30 p.m.	Kenya Trip Meeting	Haverkamp Room
4:00 p.m.	Adult Crossings	Room 103/105
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Fellowship	Room 401/Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Lower Lobby