



Westminster
Presbyterian
C H U R C H
— *worship well* —

September 27, 2009
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Casey W. FitzGerald

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting
My name is great among the nations
Says the Lord of Hosts.
Praise the Lord.

People: **The Lord's name be praised.**

+*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 293

TERRA BEATA

This Is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world:
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
And we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
And we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GREATOR EX

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 162**

WINCHESTER OLD

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

O Lord, our God, how excellent,
 How glorious is Your name.
 Your majesty surrounds the earth,
 And children sing Your fame.

The heavens shout Your handiwork;
 We stand beneath in awe,
 To think the One who made all things
 Should care for us at all.

Yet You have made us less than gods,
 Surpassing all but You,
 With heart and mind, with strength and will,

To search for what is true.

Into our hands You've placed all things:
The earth, the sea; each place
We're called to probe for secret gifts
And venture into space.

O Lord, our God, how excellent,
How glorious is Your name,
Majestic in Your holiness.
We sing and praise Your fame.

+ WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Patrick Hunnicutt

THE WORD

MOTET

W. A. Mozart

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per
sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum. We adore you, Christ, and bless you.
By your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22; 3:14-21

New Testament, p. 192

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kindergartners and 1st graders are invited to Children and Worship.

SERMON

Christian Humanism: A Theology For Westminster

Larry R. Hayward

“For [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the
dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” (Ephesians 2:14)

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

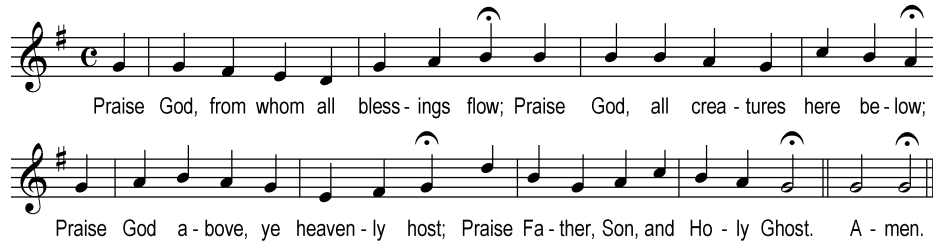
OFFERTORY

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Praise to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to ages of ages. Only begotten
Son, Word of the Father, immortal One, who did vouchsafe for our salvation, to be born for us of the Holy
One, and of the Holy Mother, Blessed Virgin Mary; without changing Thou didst take on human form.
And crucified, Christ our God didst trample death by dying. With the Trinity we glorify Thee and praise
Thee with the Father and Holy Spirit. O save us.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDRETH



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 298**

IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
 Like the wideness of the sea;
 There's a kindness in God's justice,
 Which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth's sorrows
 Are more felt than up in heaven;
 There is no place where earth's failings
 Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
 Than the measures of the mind;
 And the heart of the Eternal
 Is most wonderfully kind.
 If our love were but more faithful,
 We would gladly trust God's Word;
 And our lives reflect thanksgiving
 For the goodness of our Lord.

***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; Patrick Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor; Paul T. Stetsenko, Director of Music Ministries; Westminster Choir.

Today we recognize Ellen Livingston for the Silver Award as part of the Girl Scouts.

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

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| Justin & Merideth Secor | David Dunham |
| Norman & Shelly Speicher | Diana Daulima |
| Oraly Spatz | Jim & Kary Ewalt |
| Tim & Linda Shaw | Kristine Burt |
| Chris & Vicki Van Horne | David & Dana Funk |
| Mark & Megan Pollock | David Hoover |

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by David and Molly Roden, in honor of the wedding anniversary of Leigh and Yianni Lolos; and Barb Wyman in memory of her father, Lester Wyman.

The Congregation is invited to Coffee Hour after worship. Coffee Hour is hosted by Mornings for Moms.

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Elders Lanny Griffith (main), Rita Grazda (library)

Ushers: Graham Cosmas (captain), Dianne Bricker, Louis Buchanan, Stewart Burnaman, Linc Cummings, Bill Cox, Michelle Clover, Donna Cramer, John Woods, Jill Ewell

Bus Driver: Sandy Calhoun

Counters: Karen Olson, Carolyn Carmack and Judy Harper

Transport Assistance and flower delivery are provided by the deacons.

Next Sunday
October 4, 2009
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Lectionary Passages

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Psalm 26
Mark 10:2-16

Sermon

*The Way We Worship At Westminster:
The Word Sung, Spoken, And Visible*
Larry R. Hayward

Text: Exodus 33:17-23; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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.*

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; **David Moser** at moserd@gao.gov; or **Larry Hayward** at lhayward@wpc-alex.org or 703-549-4766.

THE WESTMINSTER UPDATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

For more information check out the Chronicle or our website: www.wpc-alex.org

NEWS & NOTES

† **Pictorial Directory:** Tuesday, November 3, has many openings from 3p.m. - 9:20 p.m. Photo sessions for October are full. On Sunday mornings sign up in the Elevator Lobby. All other times, or to change your appointment or find alternative dates, contact Molly Roden at mjroden@aol.com; 703-751-5129.

† **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) and the upcoming Chronicle.

† **Blessing of the Animals:** Sunday, October 4, 3:00 p.m. on the WPC Grounds. Join us as we honor God's creatures who have blessed our homes and families.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Go to www.wpc-alex.org, click on Education, then Adults and Young Adults for a complete list of fall programs, or pick up a gold colored flyer from the literature rack.

† **Sunday morning classes for adults** meet from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

- 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. Through October 4.
- 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. Through October 4.
- III. In the Haverkamp Room October 13 only: "**God the Great Provider**" presented by Beth Norcross, M.A., M.T.S., Retired Staff, U.S. Senate's National Parks and Forest Subcommittee; Lecturer in Geo-Theology, Wesley Seminary. Look at how Biblical writers understood God as the Great Provider of life's needs and at new insights for relating to the earth and its resources.
- IV. **Register now for "Introduction to Psalms"** led by Connie Ring, J.D., and Kathy Harkness, M.A., Sunday mornings from October 11 to December 13 **from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m.** 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, or to register contact Clara Beth Van de Water at 703-549-4766 extension 120 or cvandewater@wpc-alex.org. Registration forms can be found online under Adult Education or in the literature rack. Forms can be turned in to Clara Beth's mailbox. Directions for the class can be found on the form for purchasing and picking up the guide.

† **Young Adults *Dream, Think, Be, Do***: Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. continues in the Bride's Room. "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.

† **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 or 703-549-4766 extension 120 or Cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org or 703-549-4766 extension 101.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

† ***Becoming Calvin***, a new play by Ann Timmons, will be performed as a staged reading 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 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. It is free; no reservation required. Go to www.reformedinstitute.com for details and directions.

† **Concert with a Cause**: The Potomac River Chorale will present a concert at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (321 S. Fairfax St.) on Sunday, September 27th at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free, and an offering will be received to support the work of the Arlandria Health Clinic. The Potomac River Chorale is one of Washington's newest professional chamber choruses, and will present a concert of standard American folk songs and spirituals as well as some selections from legendary American composers such as Randall Thompson and Howard Hanson.

† **Women's Ministry**

- **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 tomorrow 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. No registration required.
- 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.
- **"Women of the New Testament"**: See Adult Education section.

† **Young Adults**

The next **Young Adult Potluck Brunch** will be held on Sunday, October 4, in the Haverkamp Room at 12:15 p.m.

† 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 or 703-549-4766 as soon as possible.*
- **Monday, October 12:** Our monthly **Dine-Out** will be at Ramparts Tavern and Grill located at 1700 Fern Street in Alexandria. Monday is half-price burger night at Ramparts so join us for fun conversation and fellowship! Meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. to carpool or meet us there around 7:15 p.m.

† 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!

- **Middle School Youth Café** (9:45 a.m.): Come to our first class of the year! We will meet in the MS Room this morning. (6th and 7th grade)
- **Senior High View Tube** (9:45 a.m.): Our high school discussion class last week had us Enchanted. This week: Juno!
- **No Middle School fellowship today:** We've been busy this weekend with the Last Saturday food distribution and the Potluck dinner.
- **Senior High Music Night** (Part I): Tonight (5:30-8:00), we're joining up with PCUSA youth groups from all across the Presbytery to hear the Jon Lloyd Band. This is Part I of a two-week discussion of music and our faith. Hope you can participate!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & SERVICE

† **New Helping Initiative: The Member Response Team** is seeking to provide a hands-on way to help out church families in need. To supplement other support, we are asking for volunteers to buy specific requested items. If you would be willing to purchase about \$25 worth of goods in a given week for a member family in need, please contact the program coordinator, Martha Girard, at mcgirard@pbs.org. She will email you the list of items, which can be brought to the church on Sunday. We will provide a designated space for the donations. You may sign up for a specific week or be part of a pool called upon as needed. We hope to launch this pilot program this coming week, with the first drop-off of items on Sunday, October 4. Another way of helping is the grocery store gift cards. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plates in an envelope to the attention of Eileen Jinks, Pastoral Care Coordinator.

The MRT encourages members experiencing particular needs to contact Larry Hayward or Eileen Jinks, pastoral care coordinator, to confidentially discuss their situation.

† The **Westminster-George Mason tutoring program** is seeking volunteers to tutor elementary school students on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 2:35-3:35. Substitute tutors are also needed to fill in as needed. Training for new tutors will be held in the school library on October 6, and tutoring begins the following week. Please contact Elizabeth O'Brien at 703-684-3980 or elizabethbobrien@aol.com if you would like to volunteer.

† Important Organizational Meeting for the February **Kenya Mission Trip TODAY at 12:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room.** There will be an extremely important organizational meeting for the February 8-22 mission trip to Kenya on September 27 at 12:30 PM in the Haverkamp Room. There will be application forms at the meeting. These forms will be due following the meeting together with a \$1,000.00 deposit from all those planning to participate. Also at this meeting we will determine the roles that different participants will undertake on behalf of the group. Additional information on visa requirements and shots recommended will also be available. Please plan on attending this meeting if you are considering participating in the trip so we can get off to a good start.

CALENDAR

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 rd Floor
9:45 a.m.	Young Adult Class	Bride's Room
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
12:15 p.m.	Flying Solo Steering Committee	Room 208
12:30 p.m.	Kenya Trip Meeting	Haverkamp Room
4:00 p.m.	Adult Crossings	Room 103/105
5:30 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Lower Lobby

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:00 a.m.	Book Group	Johnson Parlor
7:30 p.m.	Book Group	Johnson Parlor

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meetings	Haverkamp Room
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 129	Room 404
7:30 p.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:30 p.m.	Carol Choir	Room 106/103/105
6:00 p.m.	Beginning Bells	Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:30 p.m.	Westminster Ringers	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation	Room 401
7:00 p.m.	RI Rehearsal	Haverkamp Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Room 103/105
8:00 p.m.	Westminster Choir	Room 112

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

11:00 a.m.	Singles Retreat	Colonial Williamsburg
	Mornings for Moms	Room 304

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

	Singles Retreat	Colonial Williamsburg
9:00 a.m.	AA	Room 103/105
9:30 a.m.	Sinfonietta	Choir Room
10:00 a.m.	Murdock Memorial Service	Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Fraser/Robinson Wedding	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4-WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m.	Young Adult Potluck Brunch	Haverkamp Room
3:00 p.m.	Blessing of Animals	Grounds
4:00 p.m.	Adult Crossings	Room 103/105
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Fellowship	Room 401/Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Vespers	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Lower Lobby