



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

October 11, 2009
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Song of Stewardship Paul Stetsenko

Can I stand among my treasures that this life has given me and never share my blessings with the world of poverty? Can I take so much from God's hand of the richness of this life without a thought for others in their pain and strife? No! I must share! I can do nothing less, I must care, and I must share.

Leader: Our God is the power behind all things:

**People: Behind the energy of the storm,
Behind the heat of a million suns.**

Leader: Our God is the power behind all minds:

**People: Behind the ability to think and reason,
Behind all understanding of truth.**

Leader: Our God is the power behind the cross of Christ:

**People: Behind the weakness, the torture and the death,
Behind the unconquerable love.**

Leader: Let us, through Christ, worship and adore our God.

+*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 422

BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patrick Hunnicutt

People: Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

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.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

Help us amend what we are,

And direct what we shall be,

So that we may delight in your will

And walk in your ways,

To the glory of your holy name.

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: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
Nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
Nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his steadfast love
Toward those who stand in awe of him:
As far as the east is from the west,
So far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children
So the Lord has compassion for those
Who stand in awe of Him. 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*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.

*BAPTISMAL HYMN 391 (Stanzas 1, 5, 6)

Take My Life

HENDON

+ WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Give Alms of Thy Goods

Christopher Tye

Give alms of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man, and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee. (*Offertory sentence, Book of Common Prayer, from Tobit 4*)

SCRIPTURE

I Chronicles 29:6-18

Old Testament, p. 386

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

Giving And Tithing At Westminster Larry R. Hayward

“...for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord.” (I Chronicles 29:9)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Casey W. FitzGerald

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christine Eustis

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lay Up For Yourself

Ned Rorem

Do not lay up for yourself, treasures on earth...But lay up for yourself treasures in Heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (*Matt 6:19-21*)

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 391** (Stanzas 3 and 4)

Take My Life

HENDON

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 428**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

***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; Christine Eustis, Minute for Mission; Mara Winn, Elder for Baptism.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Lyndsay Elizabeth Lang, born March 4, 2009 to Clifford and Rebekah Lang.

The Congregation is invited to Coffee Hour after worship. Coffee Hour is hosted by Rachel Circle.

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Jon and Bea Hurt in memory of Thomas and Frances Brown and David and Constance Hurt; and Mark Sither in memory of his mother, Barbara Hammond Sither, and in honor of his father, Rev. Allen E. Sither.

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: Elders Ken Niemann (main), and Elizabeth O'Brien (library)
Ushers: Mike Luhman (captain), George and Janet Harris, Joan McCulla, Susan Kelly, Marti Klein, Linc Cummings, Laura Kopp, Gwen Lockhart and Judy Mahanes
Bus Driver: Don Smyles
Counters: Becky and John Davies, and Laura Schneider

Transport Assistance and flower delivery are provided by the deacons.

Next Sunday October 18, 2009 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Worship 8:30 a.m. Chapel 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Vespers
Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Hebrew 5:1-10	Lectionary Passages	Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c Mark 10:35-45
Sermon <i>God's Children at Westminster</i> Casey W. FitzGerald Text: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 19:13-15		

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 New Member Class will be held **TODAY 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, OCTOBER 11, 2009

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

NEWS & NOTES

† **Lost and Found** will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for the next few weeks. Please stop by to check for your lost items. After October 25, items will be donated to a local charity.

† **The church office will be closed tomorrow**, Monday, October 12, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

† **Bach Vespers, Sundays at 6 p.m.** continue in the Sanctuary through November 8. Experience a worship service as the early Christians did, with old liturgies and ancient rites – the framework for J.S. Bach's transcendent music.

† **Pictorial Directory:** Olan Mills will be placing reminder calls to everyone who has made an appointment for the October photo dates. Contact Olan Mills 800-866-2263 to make or change appointments for October 14-17 and November 3. There are still openings! For alternative dates, contact Molly Roden at mjroden@aol.com; 703-751-5129.

† **As a precaution** to the threat of both H1N1 and other flu types, many area hospitals have instituted new restrictions on visitors. We recommend people contact a hospital before trying to visit a patient to find out what restrictions are in place.

† The Personnel Committee is seeking someone for the part-time position of **Director of Westminster Travelers**. For more information, please go to our website, www.wpc-alex.org and click on the "About Us" tab and look for Jobs.

If you have questions, want more details or would like to submit resume, please contact the Personnel Committee, c/o Rosa Fullerton at rosa_fullerton@comcast.net. The deadline for resumes is Friday, October 30th.

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**

- I. **Today in the Haverkamp Room, 9:45 -10:45 a.m.: "God: The Great Provider"** presented by Beth Norcross, M.A., M.T.S.; Retired Staff, U.S. Senate's National Parks and Forests Subcommittee; Author of curriculum on National Parks to accompany Ken Burns' PBS program; Lecturer in eco-theology, Wesley Seminary. Look at new ways for relating to the earth and its resources based on new insights from the Bible.
- II. **Today in the Westminster Room, 9:30 – 10:50 a.m.:** Come to the 1st session of **"Introduction to the Psalms"**, a ten week Bible study from the DISCIPLE Program with DVD, Bible reading, and discussion led by Connie Ring, J.D., and Kathy Harkness, M.A. Purchase a study book for \$10 and register in class today. Explore testimonies of grace, glory, beauty, and sorrow in this poetry collection.
- III. **Next Sunday in the Haverkamp Room, 9:45-10:45 a.m.:** **"Music and Social Justice"** taught by Dr. Eileen Guenther, Church Music Professor, Wesley Seminary; President of the American Guild of Organists. Listen to the types of music that have made powerful differences in the lives of people calling for justice, beginning with Negro Spirituals, each week through November 22, except November 1, when we will have a speaker on climate change.

† **Young Adults *Dream, Think, Be, Do*:** Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Bride's Room. The next few sessions will include the following topics: Jesus, Risk, Thinking Theologically, and Taking the Bible Seriously. Come and join us for stimulating conversation!

† All women are invited to come to any session of **Women in the New Testament** led By Casey Fitzgerald and Clara Beth Van de Water on Thursday mornings from 9:30- 11:00 a.m. in the Haverkamp Room with fellowship from 9:00-9:30 a.m. for those who arrive early. On October 15 we will look at examples of women as disciples and leaders. If you need childcare, contact Casey ASAP at cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org or 703-54-4766 # 101.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

† **Women’s Ministry**

- **Women’s Book Groups** All women are invited to read *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery and discuss it on October 26 at 11:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor.
- **“Women of the New Testament”**: See Adult Education section.

<p>Elizabeth Circle Tuesday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. Location: Johnson Parlor</p>	<p>Hannah Circle Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m. Location: Johnson Parlor Hostess: Gayle Longest</p>
<p>Miriam Circle Wednesday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. Location: Goodwin House Hostess: Margaret Baldwin</p>	<p>Rachel Circle Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m. Location: 4631 Strathblane Pl. Hostess: Robin McFarland</p>
<p>Ruth Circle Wednesday, October 14, 9:30 a.m. Location: Johnson Parlor Hostess: Nancie Williams</p>	<p>Sarah Circle Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m. Location: Haverkamp Room Hostess: Christine Eustis</p>
<p>Young Women's Circle Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m. Location: Johnson Parlor Hostesses: Betsy Preston and Adrienne Griffin</p>	

† **Singles**

- **Tomorrow, 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.
- **Saturday, October 24: Fall Foliage Hike.**...right in our own backyard! Meet at church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to Theodore Roosevelt Island on the GW Parkway for an easy hike around this beautiful island which stands as a memorial to our 26th President and his dedication to conservation.
- **Tuesday, October 27:** Our **monthly Potluck** in the Johnson Parlor at 7:00 p.m. is a time of food and fellowship. Please bring a salad, entrée, or dessert to share. We will make sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program (materials provided). Please bring a can of food for ALIVE!
- **Sunday, November 15** is the date for our next **Singles Roundtable** lunch and discussion to be held following the 11:00 worship service. Watch for details!

† **Westminster Travelers**

- **Thursday, October 15: *Inherit the Wind***, Aldersgate Church Community Theater; depart at 7 p.m. \$1. (New event, not advertised in Westminster Chronicle.)
- **Thursday, October 29: *Art of Murder***. Little Theatre of Alexandria; depart at 7 p.m. \$1. Senior adults may reserve a ticket to these dress rehearsals by calling the Westminster office.

† SUNDAY YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

- **Middle School Youth Café** (9:45 a.m.; 6th and 7th grade in the Middle School room): This is a year-long class focused on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Please come!
- **Senior High View Tube** (9:45 a.m.; 9th-12th grade, Senior High room): We've had great turnout for our morning movie-inspired discussions about faith and life. Last week, we probed God's role in our lives through the intensity of *I Am Legend*. This week, we will delve into family via *Dan in Real Life* (starring Steve Carell).
- **Youth Handbell Choir** (4:00- 4:30 p.m.; Sanctuary): All middle school and senior high ringers are welcome!
- **Middle School Fellowship** (4:30-6:00 p.m.; youth rooms): There's been a great spirit to our gatherings, so join this one! If the weather is good, we'll head outside to enjoy it with some spirited large group games and some quieter small group activities and discussions.
- **Senior High Fellowship** (7:00 -8:30 p.m.): Last week was all about sharing music. This week, we'll share food! We'll meet at the church at 7 and head to a mystery location (or more!) for a meal. Please bring \$10.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & SERVICE

† **Energize Alexandria** on Saturday, October 24. This is a new project to provide energy efficiency upgrades to Alexandria homeowners in need. We'll help weatherize their homes by weather-stripping doors and windows, installing CFLs and programmable thermostats. We will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. and should be done by noon. Sign up in Friendship Hall or with Eric Weiss at ericweiss@winchendon.com or 703-960-0978.

† **Kenya Mission Trip** February 8-22, 2010 - applications are available. There are about five spaces left. For questions or to receive more information contact Henri Rush at rhcavusa@aol.com. The next meeting will be at 12:30 p.m., October 25 in the Haverkamp Room.

† **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. Sign up for a specific week or be part of a pool called upon as needed. 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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
9:45 a.m.	Inquirers Class	Johnson Parlor
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m.	Youth Handbells	Sanctuary
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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

COLUMBUS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 a.m.	Bag Lunch	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Flying Solo Dineout	Ramparts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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
7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Westminster Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

	Directory Pictures	Westminster Room
12:00 p.m.	Chronicle Deadline	
5:30 p.m.	Carol Choir	Room 106/103/105
6:00 p.m.	Beginning Bells	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Deacon Huddle	Haverkamp Room
7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep Meeting	Room 401
7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee	Room 103/105

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

	Directory Pictures	Westminster Room
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Haverkamp Room
9:30 a.m.	BH Garden Club	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Westminster Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Craft Class	Room 104
8:00 p.m.	AA	Room 103/105
8:00 p.m.	Westminster Choir	Room 112

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

	Directory Pictures	Westminster Room
9:00 a.m.	AA	Room 103/105
9:30 a.m.	Sinfonietta	Room 112

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
2:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Brownie Troop	Room 306
4:00 p.m.	Youth Bells	Sanctuary
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
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop	Room 103/105