



Westminster
Presbyterian
CHURCH
— *worship well* —

October 18, 2009
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Casey FitzGerald

Some Children See Him

Alfred Burt

*Some children see Him lily white,
The Baby Jesus born this night,
Some children see Him lily white,
With tresses soft and fair.*

*Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
The Lord of heav'n to earth come down;
Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
With dark and heavy hair.*

*Some children see Him almond-eyed,
This Saviour whom we kneel beside,
Some children see Him almond-eyed,
With skin of yellow hue.*

*Some children see Him dark as they,
Sweet Mary's son to whom we pray:
Some children see Him dark as they,
And, ah! they love Him, too!*

*The children in each different place
Will see the baby Jesus' face
Like theirs, but bright with heav'nly grace,
And filled with holy light.*

*O lay aside each earthly thing,
And with thy heart as offering,
Come worship now the infant King,
'Tis love that's born tonight!*

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: Who are we?

People: We are children of God, the family of faith.

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

**People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.
In life and death we belong to God.**

Leader: Children of God, welcome home. Let us worship God together.

+*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

God Is Here!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

**We confess that we have too often acted as if we can earn your love
and have forgotten your free gift of grace.**

**We want to impress you and others,
but we have lost our way.**

**Forgive us when we forget that we are your children
and find our identity in the messages of our culture
rather than your Word.**

**Help us to live as your heirs, children who belong to you,
who love us more than we can understand.**

**Show us how to love and trust you with all our hearts.
In the name of Christ, our Savior and 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
(UNPRINTED)**

Patrick Hunnicutt

Although we have turned away from God, God has not turned away from us.
 Instead, God sent Jesus Christ to restore our broken humanity.
 Jesus lived completely for God, giving himself for our sakes,
 even to the point of dying for us.
 In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and by grace
 we are invited to live a life of faith,
 Conforming our lives to Christ's life,
 Forgiving others as we have been forgiven.
 And so, through Christ, the image of God is now restored.
 Thanks be to God!

+*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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Patrick Hunnicutt

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 497**

With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing

St. CLEMENT

+ WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

ANTHEM

P. Tchesnokoff

Salvation is created, in midst of the earth, O God, O our God. Alleluia.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Old Testament, p. 163
Matthew 19:13-15 New Testament, p. 21
1 Corinthians 13:11 New Testament, p. 186

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

To Such as These: Casey W. FitzGerald

The Children of God at Westminster

"...but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" Matthew 19:14

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.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Frank Fraser

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH



***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 430**

DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers will seat worshipers.

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Leading in worship today are Casey W. FitzGerald, Associate Pastor; Patrick Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor; Paul T. Stetsenko, Director of Music Ministries; Westminster Choir; Frank Fraser, Stewardship Minute for Mission.

Today in the 11:00 a.m. service we welcome the following new members into our church family:

Jim Ewalt
David Hoover
John & Anita Deegan
Susie Tappouni

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

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Gloria Horning in memory of Roland, Beryl and June Horning.

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Elders Karen Olson (main), Anne Pickett (library)
Ushers: Steve French (captain), Prue Mason, Bill McCulla, Caroline Jackson, Mike and Robin McFarland, Nancy McIver, Shirley Miles, Tom Paulsen, Anne Pickett
Bus Driver: Jill Ewell
Counters: Diane French, and Marydel and Bill Kemp

Transport Assistance and flower delivery are provided by the deacons.

Next Sunday
October 25, 2009
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Lectionary Passages

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Hebrew 7:23-28

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Mark 10:46-52

Sermon

John Calvin And The Life Of The Mind At Westminster

Larry Hayward

Text: Romans 12:1-2

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.*

Those joining Westminster will be received by the session TODAY, **October 18** in the Johnson Parlor and presented to the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

A Visitor Inquirer's Class will be held **Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Johnson Parlor.

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 18, 2009

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

NEWS & NOTES

† **The Adult Crossings** class will not meet today, October 18. Class will meet next Sunday, October 25, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for a double-session.

† **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:** Put your best face forward! A great Pictorial Directory has EVERYONE in it! If you missed the portraits dates in August and October, there are still some openings for Tuesday, November 3. Contact the Call Center 1-800-866-2263. You can have your picture taken at another church in the area working with Olan Mills - contact Molly Roden (mjroden@aol.com, 703-751-5129). Portraits taken at other 'Olan Mills' churches will be added consecutively to our directory. Also, you may submit a digital photo for inclusion in our directory. Submitted photos will be placed following the professional portraits.

† **We need pictures of Westminster members in action!** If you have digital photos of church events, mission activities, classes, or group fun, please send them (or bring your photo card) to LeAnne at lperkowski@wpc-alex.org.

† **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 Westminster Room, 9:30 – 10:50 a.m.:** Come to the 2nd 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.

II. **TODAY 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. Come on October 22, when we will look at Mary, the mother of Jesus, both in the New Testament and Christian tradition, including a video program with a New Testament scholar.

† Dr. Sujin Pak, professor of church history at Duke University's Divinity School, will speak about "**Calvin and the Jews**" from 10:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday morning, November 7, in the Haverkamp Room, taking questions. Calvin wanted Christianity to adhere to what he believed were the spiritual principles of Judaism. The program is sponsored by the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington, of which Westminster is a sponsoring church. Members and friends, including Jewish friends, are cordially invited. This program is in remembrance of the 500th anniversary of Protestant Reformer John Calvin's birth. Registration is strongly encouraged, but not required. Contact mhill@reformedinstitute.org or 703-518-5125 to register.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

† The Moss family invites the congregation to join them for the second annual **BA 5k Run & 1k Walk on November 7, 2009**, at Cameron Run Regional Park. The event will benefit the Sydney Moss Fund, a charitable fund established to support biliary atresia (BA) research at the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Liver Center. Last year's event raised \$30,000 for Johns Hopkins, where doctors are devoted to finding the root cause of BA, a rare and serious liver disease that affects newborns, including their daughter, Sydney. For more information or to make a donation, go to www.ba5k.org or email Lindsay Moss at ba5krun@gmail.com. Start time is 8 a.m.

† **The Celtic Cross Ringers**, under the direction of Dr. Shirley Shelley, is looking for people to participate in a fun-loving group of bell ringers. We meet every Monday night in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Ringers do not have to read music to be a member of our group. We have fun practicing and making beautiful music together and we participate in the Sunday morning services at various times during the year. Please contact Bill or Marydel Kemp (703) 938-2413 or e-mail wfmlkemp@verizon.net if you are interested in being a part of this wonderful ensemble. Our first rehearsal is October 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

† 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.
- **A new fellowship circle for mothers of young children** will begin next month on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor. Contact chair Sarah Goldstein at sarahbillups@yahoo.com or 703-647-9221.

† Singles

- **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. We are pleased to welcome Patricia Lyons to our roundtable to lead a discussion on C.S. Lewis.

† Westminster Travelers

- **If you received a questionnaire in the mail** regarding future Travelers outings, please return it to the church office as soon as possible.
- **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.
- **Monday, November 9;** 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Antietam Battlefield Museum & Driving tour;** Sharpsburg, MD; lunch at Yellow Brick Bank Restaurant, Shepherdstown, WV. \$5 plus lunch.

† SUNDAY YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

- **Middle School Youth Café** (9:45 a.m.; 6th and 7th grade in the Middle School room): We continue our encounters of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Please come!
- **Senior High View Tube** (9:45 a.m.; 9th-12th grade, SH room): We've had great turnout for our morning movie-inspired discussions about faith and life. Last week, we probed our family relationships in *Dan and Real Life – where is God when bad things happen?* This week, we'll focus on *Rain*. You've never seen it or heard of it, but you'll be glad you came.
- **Youth Handbell Choir** (4:00 – 4:30; Sanctuary): All middle school and senior high ringers are welcome!
- **Middle School Bowling Trip!** (4:45-6:15): Wii Bowling is fun, sure, but nothing beats the real thing...actual bowling balls hitting actual pins. Nothing beats real faith, either – actual lives encountering an actual God. So, meet us at 4:45 at US Bowl on 100 S. Pickett, and pick up there as well at 6:15. \$10 donations helpful. (Note: handbell participants will leave from the church together at 4:30).

- **Senior High** (7:00 - 8:30, youth room): Last week we shared some tasty food at srekkurdduF...this week, we'll watch some of the film, *King Corn*, and probe how our food is made, what it is made of, and how we choose to eat it. (See Mark 7: 18-20!)

YOUTH DINNER AND DESSERT AUCTION! On Saturday, November 7th, (6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall) Join the congregation as we celebrate the joy of desserts in support of our youth mission trips. We'll enjoy a great meal together, and then bid on some amazing desserts prepared by the sweet-toothed among us. Prices are \$5 per family for a meal, \$20 max per family. If you can, please RSVP with the church office, and let us know if you plan to bring something for bid or sale. See you there!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & SERVICE

† **Alexandria Gets "Fresh"** - Tuesday, October 21 there will be a screening of *Fresh*, a documentary about sustainable food production at the GW Masonic Memorial. From 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., you can enjoy local food samples from Kingsbury Chocolates, Grape + Bean, Cheesetique, Food Matters, Mom Made Foods, and more. After the movie Rob Krupicka will moderate a panel discussion with Joel Salatin, a Virginia farmer featured in the film, local chefs and merchants who promote eating locally grown foods and other experts.

Please come and please invite others to come. There is a voluntary contribution of \$10 that will go to support the Alive Food Bank and to provide it with locally produced fresh food.

† **Shop at Whole Foods October 21 to support ALIVE!** – Whole Foods in Alexandria will donate 5% of total sales on Wednesday, October 21 to help stock Alive's food bank.

† **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 Fellowship Hall or with Eric Weiss at ericweiss@winchendon.com or 703-960-0978.

† This year's **Fall Cleanup** will take place from 8-11a.m. on Saturday, November 21. We will perform general cleanup of the outside grounds, as well as selected cleanup jobs inside. Coffee and bagels will be provided. Bring work gloves, a rake, pruning sheers and your enthusiasm. Contact Ken Niemann at k.niemann@wpc-alex.org or Building and Grounds at bg@wpc-alex.org with any questions.

† **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 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
10:15 a.m.	New Member/Session	Johnson Parlor
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Brownie Troop	Room 306
4:00 p.m.	Youth Handbells	Sanctuary
4:45 p.m.	Middle School Fellowship	US Bowl
6:00 p.m.	Vespers	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Room 405
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop	Room 103/105

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 p.m.	Celtic Cross Ringers	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 129 Committee	Westminster Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:30 a.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104
11:00 a.m.	Staff Meetings	Haverkamp Room
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 129	Room 404
7:30 p.m.	Faith on Tap Shirlington	Capitol City Brewing
7:30 p.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104
7:30 p.m.	New Member Committee	Johnson Parlor
7:30 p.m.	Foundation Board	Haverkamp Room
7:30 p.m.	Spirit Lake Meeting	Westminster Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:30 p.m.	Carol Choir	Room 106/103/105
6:00 p.m.	Beginning Bells	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	A & F Committee	Westminster Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 a.m.	Chronicle Mailing	Westminster Room
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Haverkamp Room
6:30 p.m.	Westminster Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Parents Night	Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m.	AA	Room 103/105
8:00 p.m.	Westminster Choir	Room 112

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

11:00 a.m.	Mornings for Moms	Room 304
7:00 p.m.	Chamber Group Rehearsals	Sanctuary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

	Energize Alexandria	Offsite
9:00 a.m.	AA	Room 103/105
9:30 a.m.	Sinfonietta	Room 112
9:30 a.m.	Bag Lunch Soup Prep	Fellowship Hall Kitchen

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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.	Confirmation Class	Room 401
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
3:00 p.m.	Adult Crossings	Room 103/105
4:00 p.m.	Youth Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Fellowship	Room 401/Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Vespers	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Room 405