



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

January 10, 2010
Baptism of the Lord
11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fantasia on the chorale "Come Holy Spirit"

J. S. Bach

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders;
The Lord, over mighty waters.
**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
People: And in God's temple all say "Glory."
**All: May the Lord give strength to all people.
May the Lord bless us with peace!**

+*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 292

All Beautiful the March of Days

FOREST GREEN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of our world. We have followed too much the desires and fears of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Please 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**

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**

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly Your com - mand o - bey - ing.
 With this child we now draw near in re - sponse to Your own say - ing
 that to You it shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.

+WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD SPOKEN AND SUNG

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Westminster Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Casey FitzGerald

Kindergartners and 1st graders are invited to leave for Children and Worship after the Children’s Sermon.

“Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.” (Luke 2: 21-22)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles

***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**

SENDING

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 321**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

SONG 13

***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; Patrick A. Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor; Casey W. FitzGerald, Associate Pastor; Paul T. Stetsenko, Director of Music Ministries; Westminster Choir; Karen Olson, soprano soloist; David Moser, Elder for Baptism.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **Scripture** is set to music by Paul Stetsenko.

"I Wonder as I Wander" had its origins in a song fragment collected on July 16, 1933 by folklorist and singer John Jacob Niles in the town of Murphy in Appalachian North Carolina. Niles wrote: "A girl had stepped out to the edge of the little platform attached to the automobile. She began to sing. Her clothes were unbelievable dirty and ragged, and she, too, was unwashed. Her ash-blond hair hung down in long skeins.... But, best of all, she was beautiful, and in her untutored way, she could sing. She smiled as she sang, smiled rather sadly, and sang only a single line of a song."

The **melody of the hymn "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"** comes from a short instrumental interlude by Orlando Gibbons' in his edition of *"Hymnes and Songs of the Church"* (1623). The older liturgies were mostly sung, not spoken; thus instrumental interludes served as transitions between two larger canticles or segments of liturgy. In this collection, this interlude was printed as No. 13, hence the modern name of the tune, *Song 13*.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Ryan Baetcke, born June 16, 2009, to Philip and Marceline Baetcke.

The small Dutch Cradle crosses on the pulpit Bible marker today have been placed in honor of Elizabeth Linda Beck, born December 5, 2009 to Jennifer Davies and Edward Beck, and in honor of Andrew Campbell Hines, born December 23, 2009 to Reisa and David Hines.

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by the Neureiter Family in memory of James Finley, beloved father and grandpa; and Karen L. Olson, in memory of her father, Oscar E. Olson, Jr.

Following the service today, the congregation is invited to Fellowship Hall, where a retirement luncheon will be held for Sandy Calhoun and Nancy Jane Wilke commemorating their work with Westminster's Senior Ministries.

Text and audio from past sermons can be found online on the church website, www.wpc-alex.org/sermons.

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

Greeter: Emily Zimmerman (main), Patty Chamberlain (library)
Ushers: Ken Niemann (captain), Mike McFarland, Robin McFarland, Shirley Miles, Tom Paulsen, Anne Pickett, Pat Prosperi, Beth Richardson, Sheff Richey and Andrew Riley
Bus Driver: John Wilson
Counters: Molly Roden, Olga Puspoki, Gwen Lockhart, Barbara Wyman

Transport Assistance and flower delivery are provided by the deacons

Next Sunday
January 17, 2009
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Lectionary Passages

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Psalm 36:5-10
John 2:1-11

Sermon

To Capture Alive
Dr. Larry R. Hayward

VISITOR INFORMATION

If you would like to learn more about our Church and the Presbyterian faith, we invite you to attend our *Visitor Inquirers' Class*, which is held on the first Sunday of every month.

The *Membership Class* is offered on the second Sunday of every month. This class focuses on activities at Westminster and the meaning of membership.

There will be a **combined Inquirer and Membership Class tomorrow, Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Johnson Parlor.

Following the Inquirer and Membership Classes, those joining Westminster will be received by the session **next Sunday, January 17** 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: **Gail Donley** at nsegail1@gmail.com; **David Moser** at moserd@gao.gov; or **Larry Hayward** at lhayward@wpc-alex.org.

THE WESTMINSTER UPDATE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010

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

BACH VESPERS AT WESTMINSTER

(Christmastide I)

Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

NEWS & NOTES

† **The congregation is invited to a special reception** in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service today, to recognize Sandy Calhoun and Nancy Jane Wilke. Sandy retired in June after 24 years of service as Director of Seniors' Ministries. Since then she has continued to lead the Westminster Travelers along with Nancy Jane, who has volunteered her time as co-director for many years. Please join us as we honor them and their service to seniors in our congregation and our community.

† **Thank you** to all who have submitted your pledges. To date, we have received 342 pledges totaling \$1,178,084. Our total goal of \$1,250,604 is within reach, but we need everyone's support. Please submit your 2010 pledge online (www.wpc-alex.org), with the pledge cards in the pews or by contacting Nancy Bea, Church Administrator, at Nbea@wpc-alex.org. Thank you for your generosity and support.

† **Registration for Westminster Weekday Preschool's** 2010-2011 school year will begin for in-house applicants (church members) on January 13. Additional information is found on the website www.wpc-alex.org under the *Education* link. You may also contact Carolyn Burke, Director, at preschooldirector@wpc-alex.org.

† **Offering Envelopes** for 2010 are available to be picked up in Fellowship Hall for those who requested them. You may still request offering envelopes by contacting Nancy Bea in the church office or at nbea@wpc-alex.org.

† **Sanctuary Flowers for 2010:** January 24, February 7 and 28, March 7, 14 and 28 are Sundays for which no one has yet signed up to donate the sanctuary flowers. If you would like to give flower arrangements to beautify our service and to honor or memorialize a loved one, please consider a donation. One arrangement is \$60, two will be \$120. Your name and dedication will appear in the bulletin. Contact LeAnne Perkowski (lperkowski@wpc-alex.org) in the church office for more information or to participate.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- † **Sunday morning classes for adults** meet from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. as follows:
- I. **“Relating to Fellow Christians from Other Cultures,”** today, January 24, and 31, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Haverkamp Room, with Rev. Jacques Hadler, who teaches pastoral care and directs field work at Virginia Theological Seminary. He will discuss experiences and issues in encountering Christians from varied cultures and backgrounds, both here and abroad.
 - II. **“Humble Christianity Faces the World”**, January 17, 9:45 a.m., Haverkamp Room, with Dr. Larry Hayward. He will use examples, such as Obama's Nobel Prize speech, commentator David Brook's column on the speech, and Commentator Michael Gerson's column on the Ugandan anti-homosexuality law. It relates to Rev. Hadler's class topic.

III. **“The Questions of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Science and the Meaning of Life,”** a four-part video series, today through January 31, Westminster Room. Elder Louise Anderson is hosting. Lewis and Freud are brought together in debate through storytelling, enactments, interviews, and discussion based on a book and course by Harvard University psychiatrist Dr. Armand Nicholi, and highly recommended by Dr. Patricia Lyons, St. Stephens and St. Agnes School.

For more information about the above classes, contact Clara Beth Van de Water, cvandewater@wpc-alex.org or 703-548-8868. No registration is necessary.

† ***Dream.Think.Be.Do***, a study for young adults, returns today and continues on Sunday mornings through February 7. Today’s topic is “Thinking Theologically.” Join us in the Bride’s Room then for some great discussion! Contact Casey FitzGerald at cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org for more details.

† **"Song of Songs"** a Tuesday evening class, February 2- March 9, from 7:30- 9:00 p.m., will be taught by Rev. Hayward and Rabbi Moline in rooms 103-105 at WPC. Participants are asked to sign up through the church office. Attendees are also asked to read a text by Benjamin Segal *The Song of Songs: A Woman in Love*. It can be ordered from gefenpublishing.com. To register for this class, contact LeAnne Perkowski at 703-549-4766 or lperkowski@wpc-alex.org.

† **The Reformed Institute** is presenting two speakers on Saturday, January 23, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Dr. Christian Smith on **“Passing on the Faith in an Unsettled Culture”** and Dr. Richard Osmer on **“Passing on the Faith in the Reformed Tradition: Old Resources and New Strategies”**, at National Presbyterian Church in D.C. The event is free; open to all adults, and preceded by a continental breakfast at 9:00 a. m. Dr. Smith directs the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture at Notre Dame. Dr. Osmer teaches at Princeton Seminary. Registration is desired, but not required. Contact Mary Hill at www.reformedinsitute.org if you would like childcare.

“An Educated Laity: an Obsolete Idea?” will be taught by Dr. Bruce Douglass, Director of the Reformed Institute, on second Saturdays, 10:00 a. m.-12:15 p.m., from February – June at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean. The idea of theologically informed and Biblically literate church members is part of our Reformed Tradition, but called into question by our fast paced society. Can we include learning in our practice of Christianity? The fee is \$75, but WPC will subsidize participants, bringing the cost to \$50. Register with Mary Hill at 703-518-5125 or www.reformedinstitute.org. Contact Clara Beth about the subsidy, and to let her know that you have enrolled. The first class will be February 13.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

† **The 37th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Program** will be held Friday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred Street. The program will include music by the Men’s Choir of Metropolitan AME Church and guest speaker Rev. Quardricos Driskell, Associate Pastor at Beulah Baptist Church.

† **Calling all Westminster artists and musicians!** The Congregational Life committee is seeking artists and performers for our second annual Coffee Cafe to be held on Saturday, February 27 at 7:30 pm. This is a showcase of music and arts in a coffee house setting! If you are interested in showing your art or performing, please contact Nancy Hall Berens at nhallberens@wpc-alex.org.

† **Flying Solo Singles (40s and above):**

- **Tomorrow, January 11:** Our monthly **Dine-Out** in January will take us to Chez Andree, a favorite local French restaurant since 1964, located at 10 East Glebe Road. Meet at church at 7:00 pm if you'd like to carpool, otherwise meet us at the restaurant about 7:15. Come join other singles from Westminster to enjoy good food and fellowship!
- **Tuesday, January 26:** Join the Flying Solo Singles for our monthly **Potluck** at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor to enjoy dinner together. Please bring a dish to share and a can of food for the ALIVE! basket in the education wing entrance.
- **Sunday, February 7:** Annual **Super Bowl Party** at Nancy Harper's home in Alexandria starting at 5:30 p.m. Details to come!

† **Men's Retreat:** Friday, February 12 – Sunday, February 14. Sign-up for the Men of Westminster retreat will continue through Sunday, January 31. Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service to sign a reservation form, or just to get more information about the retreat. Our retreat leader is Rev. Eric Springsted, who received his Master of Divinity and PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary, and who is on the faculty of the Reformed Institute of Washington. The topic for the retreat will be St. Augustine and the Journey of a Soul. All men are welcome.

† **Westminster Travelers**

- **Thursday, January 14** "Scapino", Little Theatre of Alexandria. Departing at 7:00 p.m. To reserve your ticket, call the church office. Please let us know if you will be riding the church bus or meeting us at the theater. Cost is \$1.
- **Wednesday, January 27** We will spend the morning at the National Gallery of Art, getting some walking exercise while we soak up the culture. Departure from the church is 9:15 a.m. We will eat lunch at the cafeteria. Call the church office to reserve your space. Cost is \$1.

† **Women's Ministry**

- **Women's Book Groups** will meet on Monday, January 23 in Johnson Parlor to discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford, at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- **A New Friendship Circle** for Bible study and fellowship will meet this Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m., Johnson Parlor. This new "Mary" Circle is for mothers of young children. Contact Sarah Goldstein at sarahbillups@yahoo.com.
- Presbyterian Women may pick up **Circle Bible study helps** for the January lesson in a folder in the Pera library.

Elizabeth Circle Tuesday, January 12, 10:00 a.m. Location: Johnson Parlor	Miriam Circle Wednesday, January 13, 10:00 a.m. Location: Goodwin House
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Mary Circle - Mothers with Young Children
Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Johnson Parlor

Rachel Circle Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m. Location: 408 Gibbon St.	Ruth Circle Wednesday, January 13, 9:30 a.m. Location: Johnson Parlor
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Sarah Circle
Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Haverkamp Room

† Young Adults

- **Faith on Tap** will meet at the Capitol City Brewing Company on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a beverage and lively discussion.
- **Potluck Brunches Continue in February.** The next brunch will be held February 7.

† Youth Happenings:

- **Confirmation Class, Middle School Youth Café and Senior High ViewTube** are back in session beginning this week, Sundays beginning at 9:45 a.m.
- **Middle School Ice Skating tonight** at the Pentagon Row rink (1201 S. Joyce, Arlington). Skating costs \$5. Join us from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- **Senior High Mall Manhunt tonight** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.! Meet us in the Pentagon City Food Court, and search for characters blending into the crowd.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & SERVICE

† **MRT Shoppers' Program Continues** The "shoppers' program," piloted by the Member Response Team this past fall, has received a good response and we thank all who have participated so generously. The program continues and we need shopper volunteers each week. If you would be willing to purchase about \$25 worth of requested grocery and household items in a given week for a 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. You may sign up for a specific week or be part of a pool called upon as needed. Thank you for your help.

† **Carpenter's Shelter** is excited to launch a new financial literacy program beginning in early January. A comprehensive curriculum will introduce clients to sound financial practices and empower them to take hold of their personal finances and get back on their feet. To help them meet their goals, Carpenter's Shelter is recruiting volunteer mentors to provide support, accountability, and guidance. Mentors are needed to work with shelter residents on Thursday nights and Aftercare clients on Saturday mornings. Contact Allison Clausen for more information at allisonclausen@carpentersshelter.org or call 703-548-7500 extension 205.

† **Kenya Mission Trip** February 8-22, 2010. For questions or to receive more information contact Henri Rush at rhcavusa@aol.com.

† **The Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH)** is holding a volunteer orientation the evening of January 12 at 7:00 p.m. AACH's mission is to help homeless families and women gain an independent, self-sufficient life. Among the many volunteer opportunities are working with the kids in Sullivan House by reading, playing games and doing other activities together; child care assistance on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to allow parents to participate in other AACH programs; micro-business facilitation by teaching about owning and managing a small business, and mentoring the participants. Please contact Beth Richardson at 703-370-7522 or bethlyone@aol.com for more information.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10—BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship	Johnson Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Adult Ed	Haverkamp/Westminster Rms.
9:45 a.m.	Church School	3 rd Floor
9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 401
9:45 a.m.	Middle School Youth Café	Room 404
9:45 a.m.	Senior High ViewTube	Room 405
9:45 a.m.	Young Adults Study	Bride's Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Calhoun/Wilke Retirement Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
2:15 p.m.	Brownie Troop 3999	Room 306/305
4:00 p.m.	Youth Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Fellowship	Pentagon Row Ice Rink
6:00 p.m.	Vespers	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Pentagon City Mall
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 4215	Room 103/105

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 p.m.	Celtic Cross Ringers	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Flying Solo Dineout	Chez Andree
7:00 p.m.	Inquirer/New Member Class	Johnson Parlor

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 a.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104
12:15 p.m.	Preschool Meeting	Westminster Room
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meetings	Haverkamp Room
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 129 Court of Honor	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Westminster Room
7:30 p.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

12:00 p.m.	Chronicle Deadline	
5:30 p.m.	Carol Choir	Room 106/103/105
6:30 p.m.	Deacon Potluck	Matthews Home
6:30 p.m.	Senior Services of Alexandria Board	Haverkamp Room
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Teacher Meeting	Room 405
7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting	Westminster Room
7:30 p.m.	Preschool Board	Nursery

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

6:30 p.m.	Westminster Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Service Unit 60-08	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	COM Team Meeting	Haverkamp Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Room 103/105
8:00 p.m.	Westminster Choir	Room 112

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Office Open

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 a.m.	AA	Room 103/105
10:00 a.m.	Presbytery	First Presbyterian Arlington

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship	Johnson Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Adult Ed	Haverkamp/Westminster Rms.
9:45 a.m.	Church School	3 rd Floor
9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 401
9:45 a.m.	Middle School Youth Café	Room 404
9:45 a.m.	Senior High ViewTube	Room 405
9:45 a.m.	Young Adults Study	Bride's Room
10:15 a.m.	New Member Meeting with Session	Johnson Parlor
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m.	Youth Bells	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Fellowship	Rm. 401/Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Vespers	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship	Room 405