



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
CHURCH  
— *worship well* —

November 22, 2009  
Christ the King/Reign of Christ  
11:00 a.m.

# GATHERING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Prelude on "Ich ruf" zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ" J. S. Bach*

Leader: God's Spirit comes  
**People:** As Holy Fire and burns within us,  
Leader: As Holy Wind and cleanses us within,  
**People:** As Holy Light and leads us in darkness,  
Leader: As Holy Truth and dispels our ignorance,  
**People:** As Holy Power and enables our weakness,  
Leader: As Holy Life and dwells in us.  
**People:** God's Holy Spirit convicts us,  
Leader: Converts us,  
**People:** Consecrates us,  
Leader: Until we are set from the service of ourselves  
**People:** To be God's servants to the world.

## +\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 447

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

## \*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*

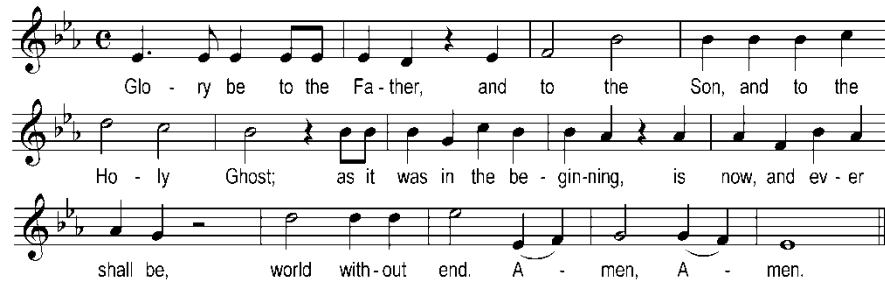
## \*KYRIE ELEISON

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**



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***

**ANTHEM** *I Will Arise And Go To Jesus* John Carter, arr.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.  
I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.  
Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
true believer and true repentance, every grace that bring you nigh.  
Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 12:41-48 New Testament, p.75

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Patrick A. Hunnicutt

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

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION 424**

*O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising*

**SERMON** *Why Mission at Westminster?*

Larry R. Hayward

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required..."

(Luke 12:48)

***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Christ Jesus,  
Though he was in the form of God,  
Did not regard equality with God  
As something to be exploited,  
But emptied himself,  
Taking the form of a slave,  
Being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
He humbled himself  
And became obedient to the point of death—  
Even death on a cross.

(continued...)

**Therefore God also highly exalted him**  
And gave him the name that is above every name,  
So that at the name of Jesus  
Every knee should bend,  
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
And every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
**Jesus Christ is Lord!**  
Amen. (Philippians 2:5-11)

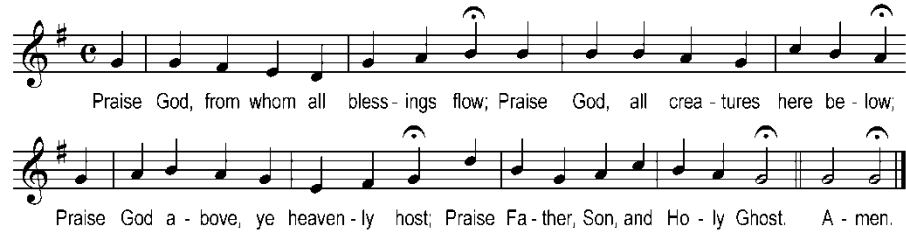
**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Kathy Stenzel

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Dorian Toccata

**\*DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Casey W. FitzGerald

***SENDING***

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 420**  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\*Those who are able, please stand. +Ushers will seat worshippers.

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**Leading in worship** today are Larry R. Hayward, Pastor; Casey W. FitzGerald, Associate Pastor; Patrick A. Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor; Paul T. Stetsenko, Director of Music Ministries; Kathy Stenzel, Bag Lunch Program Minute for Mission.

**The Congregation is invited to Coffee Hour** after worship. Coffee Hour is hosted by the Flying Solo Singles.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary today** are given by Barbara Studenmund in memory of her parents Betsy and Ross Studenmund, and Elise Hardy in memory of her husband Jim Hardy.

**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:** Frank Fraser (main), Priscilla Goodwin (library)  
**Ushers:** Mike Luhman (captain), Bill and Marilyn Eckert, Brian Folkerts, Tom French, Herm and Judy Gibb, Gale Grindstaff, George and Janet Harris  
**Bus Driver:** John Wilson  
**Counters:** Carolyn Carmack, Judy Harper and Chris Van Horne

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

<b>Next Sunday</b> November 29, 2009 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent		<b>Worship</b> 8:30 a.m. Chapel 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
<b>Lectionary Passages</b>		
Jeremiah 33:14-16 I Thessalonians 3:9-13		Psalm 25:1-10 Luke 21:25-26
<b>Sermon</b> <i>Advent Won</i> Rev. Patrick A. Hunnicutt		

### 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. The next class will be held on **Sunday, December 6 at 9:45 a.m.**

The Membership Class is offered on the second Sunday of every month. *This class focuses on activities at Westminster and the meaning of membership.* The next Membership Class will be held **Sunday, December 13 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Johnson Parlor.

Following the Inquirer and Membership Classes, those joining Westminster will be received by the session **Sunday, December 20** 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, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

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

## NEWS & NOTES

Westminster will participate in an **Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service** with Agudas Achim Congregation and Trinity United Methodist Church. The service will take place Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Reverend Lisa Ann Barbery, Associate Pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church will preach.

† **Church Office Hours for Thanksgiving:** The office closes at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, and will reopen the following Monday, November 30.

† **Thank you** to all who have submitted your pledges. To date, we have received 245 pledges totaling \$944,027. We need everyone's support to be sure this "healthy tree" that is our church continues to bear good fruit. Please submit your 2010 pledge online ([www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org)), with the pledge cards in the pews or by contacting Nancy Bea, Church Administrator, at [Nbea@wpc-alex.org](mailto:Nbea@wpc-alex.org). Thank you for your generosity and support.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Go to [www.wpc-alex.org](http://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. Look forward to our Advent Lecture Series on "**Stories of Jesus' Birth and Infancy: What do They Convey?**" **December 6 and 13, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Haverkamp Room**, with Jeffrey Hensley, former professor of theology, Virginia Seminary. Explore the rich theological and spiritual meanings and significance of these narratives in Matthew and Luke, which go far beyond the surface readings we usually give them in the Christmas season.
- II. **Next Sunday in the Haverkamp Room, 9:45-10:45 a.m. next Sunday, November 29 : " Faith in Action: An Overview of the WPC Local Mission Program"** led by Elder Rita Grazda, Chair of WPC's Local Missions Committee, and members involved in the program. Find out why the Local Missions Committee chooses particular organizations and activities for support and involvement, the importance of personal participation, and how you can take part.
- III. **In the Westminster Room, 9:30 – 10:50 a.m.: "Introduction to the Psalms"**, a Bible study from the DISCIPLE Program with DVD, Bible reading, and discussion led by Connie Ring, J.D., and Kathy Harkness, M.A. through December 13.
- IV. **Today in 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.

† ***Dream.Think.Be.Do***, a study for young adults, will resume again in January. Join us in the Bride's Room then for some great discussion! Contact Casey FitzGerald at [cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org](mailto:cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org) for more details.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP**

† **Westminster's Annual Boxwood Workshop**: Plan now to come to the Fellowship Hall Tuesday, December 1 or Wednesday, December 2 at either 9:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. to make boxwood wreaths, centerpieces, tabletop trees, candlestick arrangements, kissing balls, and more. Extra boxwood, pine roping, poinsettias, bows, balsam wreaths, and other materials are also available to take home. Cost of making boxwood items ranges from \$10 for kissing balls to \$25 for boxwood wreaths. Most others are \$17 or \$18. To sign up or get more information, call Madeline Ramsey at 703-379-7458, or e-mail at [CBramse44@aol.com](mailto:CBramse44@aol.com) by November 27 to hold your place and be sure enough materials are on hand. \$5 deposit due with registration. This is a really fun way to start the Advent/Christmas season, and we hope you can join us.

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

- **Tuesday, November 24**: Come to our **monthly Potluck** in the Johnson Parlor at 7:00 p.m. for food, fellowship and to decorate the Chrismon Tree! Please bring a salad, entrée, or dessert to share. We will also make sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program (materials provided).
- **Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day**: Join your Flying Solo friends for Thanksgiving dinner at the historic Mount Vernon Inn. Our reservation is for 10 people at 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Nancy Hall Berens at [nhallberens@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nhallberens@wpc-alex.org) ASAP to see if any spaces have opened up.
- **Sunday, December 6**: We will go **Christmas shopping** after church for the Adopt-a-Family program. If you can't make the shopping trip but would still like to participate, you may either make a contribution or you may sign up to buy one of the gifts on the list. Contact Nancy Harper at [ngharp1@verizon.net](mailto:ngharp1@verizon.net).
- Save the date! Our annual **Christmas Party** will be held on **December 12** at 5:00 p.m.

† **Men's Retreat**: Sign-up for the Men of Westminster annual retreat continues today in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Our retreat leader will be Dr. Eric Springsted, Interim Pastor at Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and is on the faculty of the Reformed Institute of Washington. The retreat will take place the second weekend of February 2010 (Friday, February 12 – Sunday, February 14). All men are welcome.

### † **Westminster Travelers**

- **Friday, December 4**; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. *Written in Bone*; Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.
- **Friday, December 11**; 5:45 - 10:45 p.m. U.S. Army Band Holiday Concert.
- **Wednesday, December 16**; 2:30 - 8:30 p.m. Radio City Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes at Patriot Center; \$48. (Waiting List.) Call the church office to reserve a space.

### † Women's Ministry

- **Women's Book Groups** All women are invited to read *Gardens of Water* by Alan Drew and discuss it tomorrow, Monday, November 23, at 11:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor.
- **Women's Bible Study Helps** for December circle meetings are available in the folder in the church library.

### † WEEKEND YOUTH HAPPENINGS (11/22/09):

- Please note that there is no confirmation or youth café/SH Viewtube this morning; nor are there Sunday fellowships, as we have participated together in yesterday's Help the Homeless Walk-a-thon on the National Mall. Thanks everyone!
- Youth Handbells and Youth Ensemble ARE meeting today at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & SERVICE

† Save your Christmas shopping for Westminster's **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING BAZAAR** December 6 and 13 in Fellowship Hall. Catch the true spirit of Christmas by doing your Christmas shopping at the Westminster Mission Committee's Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar in Fellowship Hall following both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Honor friends, family members and co-workers by giving gifts in their name to charities supported by Westminster's Mission Committees. Cards will be available from Westminster or the organization involved to give to the person you are honoring by your gift. As in the past, beautiful woolens and ceramics from Peru and delicious coffee, tea and chocolates will be available for purchase. Also this is primary time to provide continuing support for Westminster's United Orphanage & Academy. Catalogs listing all of the items that will be available this year will be found in the narthex, the church office and the entrance to the education building commencing November 22. Get in the spirit!

† **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.

† **An Important Community Discussion: Mental Health-Lifeline to Sanity.** November 23 at the Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center -2460 Eisenhower Avenue. Alexandria will provide an overview of the mental health system in the City and State. Reception at 6:30 p.m., buffet at 6:45 p.m., program at 7:15 p.m. For questions, information or directions: contact Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or agendaalexandria@aol.com.

† **Adopt a Family.** You can make Christmas special for a family in need. The Child and Family Network Center is a neighborhood program aimed at providing education and other services to at-risk children and families. Information on the families will be provided so that gifts can meet basic needs for clothing and ensure that toys/items are developmentally appropriate. Please contact Craig and Stacey Lewis at lewiscestga@aol.com.

## CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST**

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
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m.	New Member Brunch	Smyles'
3:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den 4	Room 405
4:00 p.m.	Adult Crossings	Room 103/105
4:00 p.m.	Youth Bells	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Youth Ensemble	Room 112

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

11:00 a.m.	Book Group	Johnson Parlor
6:30 p.m.	Celtic Cross Ringers	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Book Group	Johnson Parlor
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 129 Committee	Room 404

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

9:30 a.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Life Committee	Westminster Room
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meetings	Haverkamp Room
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 129	Room 404
7:30 p.m.	Crafts Class	Room 104

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

1:00 p.m.	Office Closes	
7:30 p.m.	Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service	Trinity UOC

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

OFFICE CLOSED

12:30 p.m.	Flying Solo Dineout	Mt. Vernon Inn
8:00 p.m.	AA	Room 103/105

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

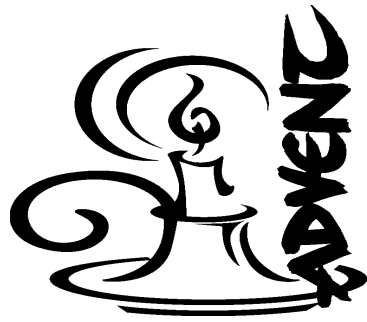
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### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

9:00 a.m.	AA	Room 103/105
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### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall



## Advent Schedule 2009

### **Sunday, November 29 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
Rev. Patrick A Hunnicutt preaching
- 6:00 p.m. Vespers in the Sanctuary

### **Sunday, December 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
Cantata, "Sleepers Awake! A Voice Astounds Us"  
with orchestra, choir and soloists
- Alternative Gift Bazaar in Fellowship Hall following both services

### **Sunday, December 13 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
Dr. Larry R. Hayward preaching
- Alternative Gift Bazaar in Fellowship Hall following both services
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Pageant
- 5:45 p.m. Congregational Dinner

### **Sunday, December 20 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

#### **Festival Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
Special Music with the Commonwealth Brass  
Dr. Larry R Hayward preaching
- No 9:45 Church School

### **Monday, December 21**

- 7:30 p.m. Longest Night Service, Chapel  
Rev. Casey FitzGerald preaching

### **Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

- 5:00 p.m. Community Christmas Eve Service  
Story, Song and Candlelight
- 9:30 p.m. Pre-service concert
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship with communion  
Westminster Choir with harp and flute  
Dr. Larry R. Hayward preaching